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## Plan for Supporting Safe Collection and Proper Disposal of Waste Sharps from Self-Injected Home Medications Tercica, Inc., a member of the Ipsen Group ("Ipsen")

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Ipsen is committed to acting as a responsible corporate citizen in all of its activities and, accordingly, has taken steps to help prevent unintentional needle-stick injuries among our patients, their families and others who may handle sharps used with our self-injected medicines. Our commitment to preventing needle-stick injuries is evidenced by the resources we provide to our patients, including multiple information sources and tools on safe injection techniques and proper syringe disposal.

### Regulations

The State of California recently enacted two laws to address home-generated sharps disposal:

**Senate Bill 1305** prohibits home generated waste sharps to be included in the household trash or recycling containers and requires all sharps waste to be transported in an approved sharps container to a collection center. (September 1, 2008)

**Senate Bill 486** requires pharmaceutical manufacturers that sell or distribute medication that is self-injected at home through the use of hypodermic needles and other similar devices (i.e., sharps) to submit a plan annually to CalRecycle describing how the manufacturer supports the safe collection and proper disposal of the used sharps. (July 1, 2010)

Ipsen submits this Plan for Supporting Safe Collection and Proper Disposal of Waste Sharps from Self-Injected Home Medications (the "Plan") to meet the requirements of SB 486.

### Education and Outreach

Ipsen has posted a copy of this Plan on the company website at [http://www.ipsenus.com/content.php?content\\_id=64](http://www.ipsenus.com/content.php?content_id=64) in order to educate patients and the public regarding the proper disposal of waste sharps.

Proper collection and disposal of waste sharps includes:

- Placing waste sharps in a sharps container such as a red biohazard container, hard plastic containers such a detergent bottles or metal containers such as an empty coffee can. Do not use glass or clear plastic containers.

- Sealing the container using heavy-duty tape and properly disposing it.
- Do not re-cap waste sharps, recycle waste sharps collection containers or put waste sharps containers in the trash or recycling bins.
- Keeping sharps containers out of the reach of children and pets.

Patients and consumers have several options available to them for safely disposing sharps waste. California's CalRecycle website describes a variety of disposal options at <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/homehazwaste/sharps/household.htm>.

If you have any questions about how to dispose of your Ipsen injection device, please call Ipsen through its Patient Access, Care & Education (PACE) program at 866-435-5677.

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## Ipsen's self-injected products

Ipsen currently markets and sells two self-injected medicines in California:

Apokyn® (apomorphine hydrochloride injection)  
Increlex® (mecasermin [rDNA origin] injection)

### Apokyn

Ipsen provides a web page [<http://www.apokyn.com/videos.php>] where patients can find information (videos as well as an instruction manual) about preparing and injecting the Apokyn dose, and cleaning up after the injection. The videos and instructions demonstrate how to safely dispose of used needles, and that used needles should be placed in a sharps container. We advise patients and caregivers to follow the health care professional's instructions for proper disposal of needles, adhering to the local laws that govern medical waste disposal.

Apokyn is distributed through specialty pharmacies, which are contracted to provide appropriate needle disposal methods to patients. The specialty pharmacies have been instructed to provide an Apokyn Package Insert (PI) with each shipment of Apokyn. The Patient PI includes information about proper use and disposal of sharps. The Apokyn Statement of Medical Necessity (SMN) includes a sharps container as part of the prescription filled by the specialty pharmacies. Additionally, through our Patient Access, Care & Education (PACE) program, we offer in-home and in-office injection training and education services conducted by nurses in the Ipsen Nurse Network (INN). These services can be requested through PACE by calling 877-727-6596 (1-877-7APOKYN).

### Increlex

Ipsen provides a web page [<http://www.increlex.com/patient-injecting-increlex.asp>] where patients and their care givers can find information (videos as well as figures and text) about preparing and injecting the Increlex dose, and cleaning up after the injection. We remind them that used syringes should not be re-capped, and that used needles and syringes should be placed in a sharps container. We advise patients and caregivers to

follow the health care professional's instructions for proper disposal of needles and syringes, adhering to the local laws that govern medical waste disposal.

Increlex is distributed through specialty pharmacies, which have been instructed to provide an Increlex Package Insert (PI) with each shipment of Increlex. The Patient PI includes information about proper use and disposal of sharps. We also provide needle safety materials to our patients including sharps containers, Inject-Ease devices and needle clippers. Additionally, through our Patient Access, Care & Education (PACE) program, we offer in-home and in-office injection training and education services conducted by nurses in the Ipsen Nurse Network (INN). These services can be requested through PACE by calling 866-435-5677.