

press release

OZEMPIC® is now listed on the Quebec provincial formulary for adults living with type 2 diabetes

MISSISSAUGA, ON – November 14, 2019 - Novo Nordisk is pleased to announce Ozempic® (semaglutide injection) is now publicly listed in the province of Quebec under the Régie de L'assurance Maladie du Québec (RAMQ). Ozempic® is a once-weekly glucagon-like peptide (GLP-1) receptor agonist indicated alongside diet and exercise to improve glycemic control in adults with type 2 diabetes when metformin is inappropriate.¹ Ozempic® can also be used with metformin, sulfonylurea and basal insulin with metformin.¹

This announcement follows the regulatory approval of Ozempic® in January of 2018. Ozempic® was extensively studied in the SUSTAIN clinical trial program, which involved more than 8,000 adults with type 2 diabetes.¹ In the SUSTAIN program, Ozempic® was studied in combination with oral-antidiabetic agents and basal insulin.¹

“Having public access to effective treatment options is essential for people living with type 2 diabetes. When left uncontrolled, diabetes can cause serious health problems that can negatively impact a person’s quality of life,” said Dr. Jean-François Yale, Senior Scientist, Department of Medicine, Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism at McGill University Health Centre (MUHC). “Being able to prescribe Ozempic®, which patients only need to take once a week, is an important step in helping to control the condition and reduce disease management risks.”

“Type 2 diabetes impacts a person's quality of life, and if blood glucose levels remain high, it can also be life-threatening,” says Vicky Chan, Vice President, Clinical Development, Medical and Regulatory Affairs, Novo Nordisk Canada. “We believe that Ozempic® has the potential to further improve the treatment of adults living with type 2 diabetes and we thank the Quebec government for their commitment to offering Canadians with type 2 diabetes innovative treatment options.”

About Ozempic®

Ozempic® is a once-weekly analogue of human GLP-1 designed to mimic natural sugar metabolism by stimulating insulin and suppressing glucagon secretion in a glucose-dependent manner.¹ Ozempic® is available in a prefilled pen, based on the latest

generation of Novo Nordisk prefilled devices. Ozempic® had a well-tolerated profile across the SUSTAIN clinical trial program with the most common adverse events being generally mild to moderate gastrointestinal disorders, which diminished over time.¹

For information about Ozempic®, including important safety information, please visit NovoNordisk.ca or Ozempic.ca.

Ozempic® Coverage

Ozempic® is available through many private insurance plans and publicly reimbursed through the following national and provincial government-sponsored drug benefit programs:

- Non-Insured Health Benefits Program
- Alberta
- Prince Edward Island
- Ontario
- Quebec

About the SUSTAIN clinical trial program

SUSTAIN is a global clinical trial program for Ozempic® comprised of phase 3a clinical trials and a cardiovascular outcomes trial, involving more than 8,000 adults with type 2 diabetes.¹

Ozempic® demonstrated superior glycemic control versus other treatments: sitagliptin (SUSTAIN 2), dulaglutide (SUSTAIN 7) and canagliflozin (SUSTAIN 8).^{1,2,3} The SUSTAIN 7 trial included 1201 patients and was conducted to compare the efficacy and safety of Ozempic® 0.5mg and 1mg once weekly versus dulaglutide 0.75 mg and 1.5 mg once weekly (SUSTAIN 7).¹

Ozempic® demonstrated cardiovascular safety in SUSTAIN 6. In this trial, there was a 26% cardiovascular risk reduction in Ozempic® treated patients with type 2 diabetes at high cardiovascular risk, regardless of event history, gender or age.¹

About Novo Nordisk

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