International Congress of Nephrology and XIth Latin American Congress of Nephrology

The International Congress of Nephrology and XIth Latin American Congress of Nephrology will be held May 2 to 6, 1999, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, with the Argentine Society of Nephrology as host society. The deadline for abstracts is September 22, 1998. For more information, contact the XVth International Congress of Nephrology, Secretariat of the Congress, Ayacucho 937, 19 G, 1111 Buenos Aires, Argentina. Telephone/fax: 54-1-812-1021; e-mail: bayfem@ibm.net.

Third International Conference on Continuous Renal Replacement Therapies

The Third International Conference on Continuous Renal Replacement Therapies will be held March 5 to 7, 1998, at the Hotel del Coronado in San Diego, California. This international symposium provides a forum for multidisciplinary interactions between physicians, nurses, support personnel, and industry involved in the care of the critically ill patient. The conference focuses on disseminating information on the latest developments and research in the rapidly changing field of ICU medicine and CRRT, with an opportunity for networking and access to international experts from nephrology, critical care, nursing, and industry. Time-efficient instruction methods include: invited lectures; panel discussions; debates; oral and poster presentations; and interactive and hands-on workshops. Major topics to be addressed include: evolving concepts in the management of the critically ill patient; practice of CRRT and standardization of care; renal replacement and renal support; and experience and controversies with CRRT. For information, contact Shirley Kelkey, Complete Conference Management, 1660 Hotel Circle North, #220, San Diego, CA 92108. Telephone: (619) 299-6673; fax: (619) 299-6675; e-mail: c-c-m@worldnet.att.net.

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The Third European Peritoneal Dialysis Meeting will be held in Edinburgh, Scotland, on April 5–7, 1998. The meeting will focus on maintaining longevity in peritoneal dialysis. The scientific programme will include state-of-the-art lectures and symposia, free communications and poster sessions. There will also be a workshop on animal models in peritoneal dialysis and continuing medical education sessions. The second announcement, call for abstracts, and registration will be sent out in August. Dr. R. I. Winney is the local organizer and can be contacted at the Department of Renal Medicine, Royal Infirmary NHS Trust, Lauriston Place, Edinburgh EH3 9YW Scotland. Telephone: +44-131-536-2305/6; fax +44-131-536-1541; e-mail: R. J. Winney@ed.ac.uk. For further information, please contact Ms. Margaret Sherry, In-Conference Ltd, The Stables, 10B Broughton Street Lane, Edinburgh EH1 2LY Scotland. Telephone: +44-131-556-9245; fax +44-131-556-9638; e-mail: 100256.1750@compuserve.com.

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XVII World Congress of The Transplantation Society

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The second meeting of the International Society for Apheresis (ISFA) will be held April 15 to 18, 1999, in Saarbrücken, Germany. The ISFA was founded in April 1996 in Kyoto, Japan. The program will include more than 15 main topics. Plenary sessions, symposia, workshops, and oral and poster sessions are planned. Main topics include clinical results, new aspects, immunomodulation in plasmapheresis, selective separation methods, and bioreactors. Costs and benefits of plasmapheresis will also be discussed. For more information, contact Dr. Rolf Bambauer, Congress President, Talstrasse 49, 66424 Hombrug/Saar, Germany, Telephone: 06841/2081; fax: 06841/61183.

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- Neoral® demonstrates intrasubject variability of drug exposure (%CV) [measured by the area under the concentration-vs.-time curve] in renal transplant recipients of 9% to 21% compared to 19% to 26% for Sandimmune® (cyclosporine).

- Neoral provides increased bioavailability with adverse events comparable to those of Sandimmune when the dosage of the two drugs is adjusted to achieve the same cyclosporine blood trough concentrations.

- Routine monitoring is required and dosage adjustments may be necessary in both de novo patients and maintenance patients converted from Sandimmune to Neoral®.

- Neoral and Sandimmune are not bioequivalent and cannot be used interchangeably without physician supervision.

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**NEORAL®**

cyclosporine capsules and oral solution for microemulsion

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*The principal adverse reactions of cyclosporine therapy are renal dysfunction, tremor, hirsutism, hypertension, and gum hyperplasia.*

*For de novo patients, start with the same Neoral dosage you would use with Sandimmune. For maintenance patients, conversion to Neoral is generally safe and well tolerated: Start with a simple 1:1 dosage conversion to Neoral (see boxed warning). Adjust the Neoral dosage to attain preconversion blood trough concentrations. The daily dose of Neoral should always be given in two divided doses (b.i.d.).

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**Reference**


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