

Subject: Teva launches generic version of Cialis® (tadalafil)

Teva has announced the exclusive first-to-file launch of a generic version of Eli Lilly's Cialis (tadalafil) tablets (2.5 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg, 20 mg) in the United States. Cialis is used for the treatment of erectile dysfunction (ED) and/or the signs and symptoms of benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH).¹

The availability of generic tadalafil will offer an affordable treatment option for the estimated 30 million men affected by ED. Many of those affected also have symptomatic BPH, which is estimated to affect 15 million men in the U.S.

Medications approved for the treatment of ED are frequently seen in workers' compensation for patients utilizing opioids because the long-term use of opioids may cause decreased testosterone levels, ultimately resulting in ED.

The Impact

The release of tadalafil is anticipated to bring cost saving as well as price competition now that two medications in this class will be available as a generic. Sildenafil, the generic for Viagra®, became available in December 2017.

As with all newly approved medications, First Script will continue to monitor and review appropriateness to the injury.

For more information, please contact your Account Manager or Account Pharmacist.

¹https://www.tevapharm.com/news/teva_announces_exclusive_first_to_file_launch_of_a_generic_version_of_cialis_in_the_united_states_09_18.aspx