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## **Thalidomide Update**

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010

After having received approval from Health Canada on August 4, 2010, THALOMID® (thalidomide) became commercially available in Canada on November 1, 2010.

During the interim, all patients receiving thalidomide and prescribing physicians were notified of the change in the drug's status and provided with information on questions of distribution and reimbursement.

Now that thalidomide is no longer available through the Health Canada Special Access Program, CANTAP (the Canadian Thalidomide Assistance Program) has also officially closed. THALOMID will only be available through RevAid® registered pharmacies across Canada, the same as those that currently dispense REVLIMID®.

All patients – new and old – once they register with RevAid® will now undergo a reimbursement screen to determine if they have public or private coverage available. Those that do will be obligated to access this coverage. Patients may also be eligible to undergo a financial means test, the new Celgene Assistance Program (CAP), to determine if they are eligible for financial assistance in covering any of the costs associated with accessing THALOMID.

If you have any questions regarding THALOMID, please contact RevAid.  
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