Pfizer Completes Pneumococcal Pneumonia Case Accrual For CAPiTA, Adult Vaccine Clinical Trial Of Prevenar 13*

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Top-line Results Expected in Early 2014

NEW YORK, N.Y., August 29 – Pfizer Inc. (NYSE:PFE) announced today the completion of pneumonia case accrual in the Community-Acquired Pneumonia Immunization Trial in Adults (CAPiTA) 65 years of age and older. CAPiTA, the largest trial of its kind, was designed to evaluate whether Prevenar 13* (Pneumococcal polysaccharide conjugate vaccine [13-valent, adsorbed]) is effective in preventing community-acquired pneumonia (CAP) caused by the 13 pneumococcal serotypes included in the vaccine. It is an event-driven clinical study, meaning that a pre-specified number of community-acquired, vaccine-type pneumococcal pneumonia cases have to occur among study participants before the results can be determined.

As specified in the study protocol, all remaining suspected cases currently in review will be fully processed to allow the database to be locked. This case processing will take several months to complete and will be performed by Julius Clinical, a spin-off of the Julius Center for Health Sciences and Primary Care, a division of the University Medical Center Utrecht in the Netherlands, where the study is being conducted. Pfizer will be blinded to the data during this period. Once unblinding occurs, Pfizer, Julius Clinical, and the primary investigator will review the data and disclose the top-line results, which is expected to occur in early 2014.

About CAPiTA

The approval of Prevnar 13 for use in adult 50 years and older, under the United States Food and Drug Administration's accelerated approval program, was based on the surrogate endpoint of immunogenicity. To fulfill regulatory commitments under this program, Pfizer initiated the CAPiTA study, which is intended to determine the effectiveness in the prevention of pneumococcal pneumonia. CAPiTA is the largest double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled efficacy trial in the prevention of CAP. It involves approximately 85,000 subjects aged 65 years and older and is the first ever conducted with a conjugated vaccine to evaluate at this scale. The trial was conducted by the University Medical Center Utrecht, the Netherlands. Fifty-eight sentinel hospitals are utilized for surveillance of CAP and invasive pneumococcal disease (IPD). The primary outcome measure for CAPiTA is related to the efficacy of Prevenar 13 and its ability to prevent a first episode of vaccine-type CAP caused by the 13 pneumococcal serotypes contained in the vaccine. Secondary endpoints evaluate the ability of Prevenar 13 to prevent a first episode of vaccine-type IPD and prevent a first episode of non-bacteremic/non-invasive vaccine-type CAP. Despite current vaccination efforts, there are believed to be approximately 440,000 cases of pneumococcal pneumonia annually in the U.S. alone, which results in 25,000

About Prevenar 13

Prevenar 13 was first introduced for use in infants and young children in December 2009 in Europe and is now approved for such use in more than 120 countries worldwide, including the U.S. and Japan. It is the most widely used pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) in the world, and more than 575 million doses of Prevenar/Prevenar 13 have been distributed worldwide. In addition, Prevenar 13 is approved for use in adults 50 years of age and older in more than 90 countries, and is also approved in the U.S. and European Union (EU) for use in older children and adolescents aged 6 to 17 years. Recently, Prevenar 13 was also approved in the EU for use in adults 18 to 49 years of age, making it the only pneumococcal vaccine in the EU approved to help protect against IPD from infancy through adulthood.

About CAP and PD

CAP is the most common type of pneumonia,⁴ and affects people outside the health care setting. In older adults, the most common bacterial cause of CAP is *Streptococcus pneumoniae*

(S. pneumoniae), and pneumococcal CAP is one of the leading causes of death and hospitalization worldwide. 5

Pneumococcal disease (PD)is a group of illnesses caused by the bacterium *S. pneumoniae*, also known as pneumococcus.⁶ It includes invasive manifestations such as bacteremia (bacteria in the blood) and meningitis (infection of the tissues surrounding the brain and spinal cord), as well as non-invasive infections such as pneumonia.⁷ PD can affect people of all ages, but infants and young children, older adults and individuals with immunocompromising or certain chronic medical conditions (e.g., asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes and cardiovascular disease) are at heightened risk of infection.^{8,9}

U.S. Indication for Prevnar 13

- Prevnar 13 is a vaccine approved for children 6 weeks through 17 years of age for the prevention of invasive disease caused by 13 *S. pneumoniae* strains (1, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 18C, 19A, 19F, and 23F), and for children 6 weeks through 5 years for the prevention of otitis media caused by 7 of the 13 strains (4, 6B, 9V, 14, 18C, 19F, and 23F)¹⁰
- Based upon immune responses to the vaccine, Prevnar 13 is also approved for adults 50 years of age and older for the prevention of pneumococcal pneumonia and invasive disease caused by the 13 vaccine strains
- Prevnar 13 is not 100% effective and will only help protect against the 13 strains included in the vaccine
- Effectiveness when given less than 5 years after a pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine is not known

Important Safety Information

- Prevnar 13 should not be given to anyone with a history of severe allergic reaction to any component of Prevnar 13 or any diphtheria toxoid—containing vaccine
- Children and adults with weakened immune systems (e.g., HIV infection, leukemia) may have a reduced immune response
- A temporary pause of breathing following vaccination has been observed in some infants born prematurely
- The most commonly reported serious adverse events in infants and toddlers were bronchiolitis (an infection of the lungs) (0.9%), gastroenteritis (inflammation of the stomach and small intestine) (0.9%), and pneumonia (0.9%)
- In children 6 weeks through 17 years, the most common side effects were tenderness, redness, or swelling at the injection site, irritability, decreased appetite, decreased or increased sleep, and fever. Most commonly reported side effects in children 5 years through 17 years also included hives
- In adults, immune responses to Prevnar 13 were reduced when given with injected seasonal flu vaccine
- In adults, the common side effects were pain, redness, or swelling at the injection site, limitation of arm movement, fatigue, headache, muscle pain, joint pain, decreased appetite, chills, or rash
- Ask your health care provider about the risks and benefits of Prevnar 13. Only a health care provider can decide if Prevnar 13 is right for you or your child

For the full prescribing information for Prevenar 13, please click here http://labeling.pfizer.com/ShowLabeling.aspx?id=501.

About Julius Clinical

Julius Clinical was established as a spin-off from the Julius Center for Health Sciences and Primary Care at the University Medical Center Utrecht, the Netherlands. As a prominent institution in the Netherlands, the Julius Center carries out scientific research, provides education, and offers expertise and facilities in clinical health sciences. Julius Clinical (which still has strong ties with the Julius Center today) is a unique academic research organization (ARO) that combines strong scientific leadership and operational excellence to conduct innovative national and global clinical trials. Julius Clinical offers high quality clinical operations of complex clinical trials through continuous process improvement. To learn more, please visit www.juliusclinical.com.

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A further description of risks and uncertainties can be found in Pfizer's Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 and in its reports on Form 10-Q and Form 8-K.

*Trademark. Prevnar 13[®] is the trade name in the United States, Canada, and Taiwan.

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