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Revonto® arrives in Tanzania and El Salvador

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Revonto® (dantrolene sodium for injection) – 102 Cartons (6 vials/carton, 20mg per 65mL vial)

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Hospital ward in El Salvador

AmeriCares' partners FUSAL (Fundación Salvadoreña Para la Salud y el Desarrollo Humano) in El Salvador and Bugando Medical Centre in Tanzania are pleased to have received a shipment of Revonto. Revonto is used as an antidote to treat a condition known as malignant hyperthermia, a rare, but potentially fatal reaction to certain inhaled gas anesthetics. "This is a potentially life-saving medicine that is very rarely available in El Salvador. Because this critical medicine is relatively uncommon, we're communicating with the larger referral hospitals that we work with to ensure that the medicine is used in the correct setting in a very efficient manner," says Francisco Avaral, a program director from FUSAL. "It's very important to us that this medicine be distributed to institutions that will utilize it effectively should a patient have a life-threatening reaction [malignant hyperthermia] during surgery"

FUSAL operates 6 comprehensive health and nutrition programs, one primary health clinic, and 2 Ministry of Health programs, which directly benefit more than 160,000 Salvadorans on a day-to-day basis. FUSAL, in close collaboration with Ministry of Health, distributes some of the medical aid it receives from AmeriCares to public health outposts, clinics and hospitals throughout the country. Overall, FUSAL's humanitarian efforts reach more than 1,600 hospitals, clinics, rural health posts, and children's and nursing homes, making it a visible and valuable pillar of public health in El Salvador.



Entrance to Bugando Medical Center, Tanzania

In Tanzania the drug was welcomed with equal enthusiasm at the Bugando Medical Centre (BMC).

“This is a very important and life saving drug for our facility. The drug is expensive and sometimes not available on the Ministry of Health’s essential drug list and in the Central Medical Store Department (MSD) where all drugs and other medical devices are subsidized by the Government,” said Francisco Chibunda, a pharmacist at BMC.

This donation was received by Dr. Mheta (physician) and Dr. Matasha (anesthesiologist) who were excited to receive this life saving drug. Dr. Matasha thanked AmeriCares for the assistance, saying, “It will help patients because it is free of charge and I will not be worried using the drug to assist any patient in need, regardless of economical status”. Chibunda added, “It is our hope that this relationship will be strengthened for the benefit of Tanzanians. On behalf of the Hospital Director General and the community at large I would like to express my gratitude to US WorldMeds for its support.”

AmeriCares has partnered with BMC since 1995, the longest partnership AmeriCares has maintained on the continent. BMC is located in Mwanza in the north of Tanzania, on the shores of Lake Victoria. The hospital serves a catchment area of 14 million people. It is a 900 bed consultant hospital with a staff of 1,000 people. BMC treats over 200,000 outpatients and 40,000 inpatients annually.

About AmeriCares

AmeriCares is a nonprofit global health and disaster relief organization which delivers medicines, medical supplies and aid to people in need around the world and across the United States. Since it was established in 1982, AmeriCares has distributed more than \$10 billion in humanitarian aid to 147 countries. For more information, log onto www.AmeriCares.org

About US WorldMeds

US WorldMeds is a specialty pharmaceutical company that develops, licenses and commercializes unique medical therapies that address unmet patient needs. US WorldMeds' products include treatments for malignant hyperthermia, migraine and cluster headache, and cervical dystonia in adults. An additional product, Lofexidine, is well under clinical development for relief of opiate detoxification withdrawal symptoms. To learn more about US WorldMeds, please visit www.usworldmeds.com.

Important Safety Information for Revonto

Revonto is indicated, along with appropriate supportive measures, for the management of fulminant hypermetabolism of skeletal muscle characteristic of malignant hyperthermia crises in patients of all ages. It is also indicated preoperatively and sometimes postoperatively, to prevent or attenuate the development of clinical and laboratory signs of malignant hyperthermia in individuals judged to be malignant hyperthermia susceptible. Malignant hyperthermia is life threatening and requires immediate medical attention and treatment. Fatal and non-fatal liver disorders of an idiosyncratic or hypersensitivity type may occur with dantrolene sodium therapy. There have been reports of thrombophlebitis following administration of intravenous dantrolene. There have been rare reports of urticaria and erythema possibly associated with the administration of i.v. dantrolene sodium.

CONTRAINDICATIONS: None

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