

# SAXENDA<sup>®</sup> REMS

## FDA Required REMS Safety Information

- **Potential risk of medullary thyroid carcinoma**
- **Risk of acute pancreatitis**

### Important Safety Notice

The FDA has required this notice as part of the SAXENDA<sup>®</sup> REMS (Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy) to inform healthcare providers about the following **serious risks of SAXENDA<sup>®</sup> (liraglutide)**:

#### **Potential Risk of Medullary Thyroid Carcinoma**

- Liraglutide causes dose-dependent and treatment-duration-dependent thyroid C-cell tumors at clinically relevant exposures in both genders of rats and mice. It is unknown whether SAXENDA<sup>®</sup> causes thyroid C-cell tumors, including medullary thyroid carcinoma (MTC), in humans, as the human relevance of liraglutide-induced rodent thyroid C-cell tumors has not been determined.

#### **Risk of Acute Pancreatitis**

- Based on spontaneous postmarketing reports, acute pancreatitis, including fatal and non-fatal hemorrhagic or necrotizing pancreatitis, has been observed in patients treated with liraglutide.
- In clinical trials studying SAXENDA<sup>®</sup>, there were more cases of pancreatitis in patients treated with SAXENDA<sup>®</sup> than in patients treated with placebo.

A non-promotional factsheet, reviewed by the FDA, with more detailed safety information about these risks is enclosed. Please visit [www.SAXENDA.com/REMS](http://www.SAXENDA.com/REMS) for more information about the SAXENDA<sup>®</sup> REMS program.

**Indication:** SAXENDA<sup>®</sup> (liraglutide) injection is indicated as an adjunct to a reduced-calorie diet and increased physical activity for chronic weight management in adult patients with an initial body mass index (BMI) of:

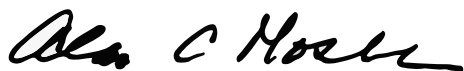
- 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> or greater (obese), or
- 27 kg/m<sup>2</sup> or greater (overweight) in the presence of at least one weight-related comorbid condition (e.g., hypertension, type 2 diabetes mellitus or dyslipidemia).

This letter does not contain the complete safety profile for SAXENDA<sup>®</sup>. Please see the Prescribing Information, including Boxed Warning, and Medication Guide, which are enclosed with this letter.

## Reporting Adverse Events

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Please contact Novo Nordisk at 1-844-363-4448 or contact the FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: SAXENDA® REMS: FDA Required Safety Information

SAXENDA® Full Prescribing Information

SAXENDA® Medication Guide