

## PHYSICIAN RESPONSIBILITY

In most states, physicians are required to comply with FDA and manufacturer warnings about a drug or medical device and are insulated from liability so long as they comply with such warnings. In the current situation, GSK has made public announcements that both it and the FDA continue to believe that the drug is safe. Until either the FDA or GSK retract their previous assertions of safety, physicians may continue to prescribe the medication until such a statement is made, but should refrain from prescribing it if and when either the FDA or GSK issue a statement questioning its safety.

As always, physicians should discuss with their patients the potential side effects/risk factors associated with any drug or medical device.

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