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IONAMIN "15" & "30" NDA 11613 LOG 667 1296

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- II. Ionamin effects: 10-14 hr of appetite appeasement.

EVALUATION: Possibly effective.

COMMENTS: Inadequate documentation regarding blood levels of the preparation following the use of the sustained-release capsule is available to the Panel; the Panel suggests that further studies be conducted to demonstrate the superiority of the sustained release form to the usual form of administration.

DOCUMENTATION: Clinical experience and judgment of the Panel.

## GENERAL COMMENTS

The Panel suggests the deletion from the package insert of the following statement, because it refers to the possible consequences of weight loss, and not to a direct action of the drug:

Ionamin (phentermine resin) is useful and effective in weight control problems requiring safe and predictable appetite appeasement, including:

Arthritis: Weight loss decreases the load on diseased

joints.

Cardiovascular Disease: Loss of weight relieves the work

load on the heart.

Hypertension: Loss of weight frequently is followed by

decrease in blood pressure.

Obstetrics: Weight control decreases risk at delivery.

Gynecology: Weight loss improves surgical risk.

Diabetes: Weight loss aids in controlling the disease.

Dosage of insulin or oral diabetic therapy should be adjusted to cover decreased caloric

intake.

Surgery: Preoperative weight loss improves surgical

risk.

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