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**Akorn Introduces FDA-approved Generic Cetrorelix Acetate for Injection 0.25 mg at ASRM**  
*New generic featured in Booth 1102 at the American Society for Reproductive Medicine Conference (ASRM)*

Gurnee, IL – (PRNewswire) Akorn Operating Company LLC, a specialty pharmaceutical company, is launching the first to market generic Cetrorelix Acetate for Injection 0.25 mg (Cetrorelix) at the 2022 American Society for Reproductive Medicine Conference (ASRM) Conference in Anaheim, California. ASRM brings together leading medical professionals to discover the latest in reproductive medicine, treatments, and patient management. Cetrorelix is the first approved, AP-rated and bioequivalent version of EMD Serono’s Cetrotide®.<sup>1</sup>

“We are pleased to introduce Cetrorelix to attendees at the ASRM conference,” says Akorn President and CEO Douglas Boothe. “As an increasing number of infants are conceived via the use of Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART), Akorn is pleased to offer a lower cost alternative to support patients who undergo this series of treatments. This is a welcome addition to Akorn’s portfolio of over 200 specialty and injectable generics.”

ART is defined as fertility treatments where eggs or embryos are handled for the purpose of establishing a pregnancy.<sup>2</sup>

The FDA granted Akorn a Competitive Generic Therapy (CGT) designation for Cetrorelix, a designation intended to incentivize effective development, efficient review, and timely market entry of drugs for which there is inadequate generic competition. As the first approved applicant with the CGT designation, Akorn became eligible for 180 days of market exclusivity, which the Company secured with this week’s commercial launch of Cetrorelix.

According to IQVIA, U.S. sales of Cetrorelix through June of 2022 were approximately \$63 million with full year U.S. sales projection of approximately \$127 million.

Cetrorelix is used to prevent premature ovulation during controlled ovarian stimulation. Learn more and see full prescribing information at [MyCetrorelix.com](https://www.mycetorelix.com).

**About Cetrorelix**

Cetrorelix is used to prevent premature ovulation during controlled ovarian stimulation.

Cetrorelix blocks the effects of a natural hormone, called gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH). GnRH controls the secretion of another hormone, called luteinizing hormone (LH), which induces ovulation during the menstrual cycle. During hormone treatment for ovarian stimulation, premature ovulation may lead to eggs that are not suitable for fertilization. Cetrorelix Acetate for Injection blocks such undesirable premature ovulation.

Consult your doctor before taking Cetrorelix if you have had severe allergic reactions.

Do not use Cetorelix if you:

- have kidney disease;
- are allergic to cetorelix acetate, mannitol or exogenous peptide hormones (medicines similar to cetorelix acetate for injection); or
- are pregnant, or think that you might be pregnant, or if you are breast-feeding.

### **About Akorn**

Akorn Operating Company LLC, develops, manufactures and markets specialty pharmaceuticals. Since 1971, as an industry leader in generic products in alternate dosage forms such as ophthalmics, injectables, oral liquids, otics, topicals, inhalants and nasal sprays, we focus each day on our mission to improve lives through the quality, availability and affordability of our products. Additional information is available on Akorn's website at [akorn.com](http://akorn.com).

<sup>1</sup>The use of the name "EMD Serono" in this press release refers to the healthcare business of Merck KGaA of Darmstadt, Germany.

<sup>2</sup><https://www.cdc.gov/art/state-specific-surveillance/>