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First biologic treatment for moderate-to-severe atopic dermatitis now available in Canada

TORONTO, ONTARIO – February 12th, 2018 - Eczema Society of Canada (ESC) is pleased to report that the first biologic drug for the treatment of adult patients with moderate-to-severe atopic dermatitis (AD) – whose disease is not adequately controlled with topical prescription therapies or when those therapies are not advisable, is now available in Canada.

ESC understands the negative impact AD can have on quality of life, and the need for more choice in treatment.

“Moderate-to-severe atopic dermatitis has significant quality of life impact and can be a burdensome disease for sufferers,” says Amanda Cresswell-Melville, Executive Director, Eczema Society of Canada. “Sufferers often experience insatiable itch; painful rashes that bleed, ooze and crust; lack of sleep and missed days of work. New treatment options for the moderate-to-severe patient population is a very exciting development.”

AD, a common form of eczema, is a chronic inflammatory disease with symptoms that include itch, skin dryness and rash. Moderate-to-severe AD can include: intense, persistent itching and skin dryness; redness; and rash that can crack, crust, bleed and ooze. Intense itch is one of the most burdensome symptoms for patients and significantly impacts quality of life.

About Dupixent™

Dupixent™ is a human monoclonal antibody that is designed to specifically inhibit overactive signaling of two key proteins, IL-4 and IL-13, which are believed to be major drivers of the persistent underlying inflammation in atopic dermatitis. If you would like to learn more about Dupixent™, speak with your dermatologist.

About Eczema Society of Canada

Eczema Society of Canada/ Société canadienne de l'eczéma is a registered Canadian charity dedicated to improving the lives of Canadians living with eczema, through a mission of education, support, awareness, advocacy and research. For more information, visit www.eczemahelp.ca

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