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## Health Canada Approval of Dupixent™ offers new hope for adults with moderate-to-severe atopic dermatitis

TORONTO, ONTARIO - December 12, 2017 - Eczema Society of Canada (ESC) is pleased to report that on December 4th 2017, Sanofi Genzyme announced the Health Canada approval for Dupixent™ (dupilumab), a 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.

This is the first biologic therapy in Canada indicated for AD, and provides patients with more choice for this debilitating, chronic condition. For years, ESC has heard from Canadians about the negative impact AD can have on quality of life, and the often desperate need for more choice in treatment.

“Canadians with moderate-to-severe atopic dermatitis often cope with chronic, intense, and sometimes unbearable symptoms that significantly impact their daily lives,” says Amanda Cresswell-Melville, Executive Director of the Eczema Society of Canada. “Dupilumab provides an option to patients unlike anything they’ve ever had before, and this a significant breakthrough for patients.”



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](http://www.eczemahelp.ca)

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