



PVTA E- News

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New and Improved Pfizer product: Dexdomitor

What's in a name? Dexdomitor contains dexmedetomidine, the active molecule. This product is a purified version of Domitor (medetomidine). Domitor contains two enantiomers the dexmedetomidine and levomedetomidine. These are stereo isomers that are nonsuperimposable complete mirror images of each other; much as one's right and left hands are the same, but opposite. The dexmedetomidine is the active molecule and levomedetomidine is considered to be pharmacologically inactive.

In Dexdomitor, the levomedetomidine has been removed. This results in a purified product, making more active drug available to the animal. The concentration of Dexdomitor is 0.5mg/ml as compared to Domitor which is 1mg/ml; therefore if you used 100ug/kg of Domitor, you would use 50ug/kg of Dexdomitor. Don't be confused!! If you have Domitor dosing chart already made up in your clinic- No worries. The volume used for Domitor is the SAME volume that would be used for Dexdomitor. The Dexdomitor has been formulated so that the dose volumes are equivalent.

The formulation is not the only thing different. The Dexdomitor is FDA approved for use in cats 12 weeks of age and older for sedation and analgesia, something that Domitor did not have. In dogs, the Dexdomitor has more flexible dosing options for both Sedation & Analgesia and Preanesthetic dosing.

Dexdomitor is fully reversible in dogs with Antisedan. At this time there is **no** label claim for the use of Antisedan as a reversal agent in cats. The dose volume of Antisedan will not change when using the Dexdomitor in dogs either, again this is due to the equivalent dose volumes of Dexdomitor and Domitor.



If you need more information on the Dexdomitor contact Pfizer Animal Health at 800-366-5288.

PVTA Spring Continuing Education Conference

On April 19, 2008, we invites you to attend its 2008 Spring Conference at Harcum College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. The program will offer 6 hours of approved continuing education credit, high-quality speakers presenting on topics that will sharpen your skills in veterinary practice, and an opportunity to network with colleagues and friends. We hope you will join us!

Ms. Garnetta Santiago, MA, LVT a Consulting Lecturer for Hill's Pet Nutrition will be speaking about Charting a Course: Implementing a Plan for Weight Management in the Obese Patient for both dogs and cats.

Our second speaker of the day is Vickie Byard, CVT, VTS (Dentistry). Ms. Byard is the President-Elect, Academy of Veterinary Dental Technicians and will be speaking about The Dos and Don'ts of Veterinary Dentistry, The Importance of Intra-oral Radiology, and Gaining Your VTS in Dentistry.

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