

Question:

In relation to the latest news about Reldesemtiv, I wanted to ask you if they have been told if it is going to be a drug that's compatible with Spinraza. I suppose that in theory the two drugs together have to do more, but I do not know if they have told you anything.

Answer:

When I spoke to my representative at Cytokinetics, they told me that if and when Reldesemtiv goes to a phase 3 pivotal trial, their hopes are to enroll as many patients that are actively going through the Spinraza treatments. Since Reldesemtiv works at the muscular level, and Spinraza works at the cellular level, they believe they can show promising results.

Personal Opinion:

This would be the best time to start talking to your doctor's about Cytokinetic's Reldesemtiv. The possible phase three pivotal trial will offer some of us an opportunity to possibly participate, but bear in mind, there are many inclusion and exclusion criteria that will have to be met. My best guess would be that most of us will probably not meet the criteria necessary to participate in this trial, but I would still take the time to talk to your doctors to find out exactly what their opinions are. We'll know more as the possible pivotal trial gets closer to starting.

Question:

How much will Reldesemtiv cost?

Answer:

When I spoke to the doctor at Cytokinetics, I never asked them the question regarding cost because I know for a fact that they are unable to discuss this issue until everything is finished with the possible phase 3 pivotal trial and the approval from the FDA to take this to the treatment level.

Personal Opinion:

My gut feeling tells me that it will be substantially less money since this is going to be an oral medication that we take by mouth one time. I'm not saying that they won't increase the amount of dosing in the future, but right now, they're telling me that this is going to be a one time oral dose. Given the fact that you don't have to go into the hospital and undergo fluoroscopic guidance, and since there is no intrathecal injection involved, my guess would be that the cost will be much less. Again, I will try to get a more definitive answer in the future, but it's still too early to be discussing cost.

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