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### American Regent announces the availability of Betamethasone Sodium Phosphate and Betamethasone Acetate Injectable Suspension, USP

**Shirley, NY – (May 4, 2010):** American Regent, Inc. purchased PharmaForce Inc. (Columbus, OH) on December 29, 2009 and is pleased to announce that Betamethasone Sodium Phosphate and Betamethasone Acetate Injectable Suspension, USP is now available under the American Regent label with a new NDC.

**It is the first and only generic equivalent to Celestone® Soluspan®†. It is “AB” rated and is Latex Free.**

Product	Strength	NDC Number	Shelf Pack
Betamethasone Sodium Phosphate and Betamethasone Acetate Injectable Suspension, USP	30 mg*/ 5 mL (6 mg*/ mL) Multiple Dose Vial	<b>0517-0720-01</b>  Previous NDC:40042-048-05	1

Headquartered in Shirley, NY, American Regent, Inc., distributes over 80 pharmaceutical products under the PharmaForce or their own label, including Venofer (iron sucrose injection, USP) the #1 selling IV iron therapy in the U.S. For more information about this product or other American Regent or PharmaForce products, please contact our customer service department at 1-800-645-1706.

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\*Betamethasone 6 mg/mL as Betamethasone Sodium Phosphate 3 mg/mL, and Betamethasone Acetate 3 mg/mL.  
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### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

As with any potent corticosteroid, adverse events have been associated with Betamethasone Sodium Phosphate and Betamethasone Acetate Injectable Suspension, USP, including fluid and electrolyte disturbances, as well as adverse reactions involving the following systems: allergic reactions, cardiovascular, dermatologic, endocrine, gastrointestinal, metabolic, musculoskeletal, neurological/psychiatric, and ophthalmic. Corticosteroids may also affect immune response. Rare instances of anaphylactoid reactions have occurred in patients receiving corticosteroid therapy. **Betamethasone Sodium Phosphate and Betamethasone Acetate Injectable Suspension, USP should not be administered intravenously or used in systemic fungal infections. Vaccination administration of live or live, attenuated vaccines is contraindicated in patients receiving immunosuppressive doses of corticosteroids.** Patients should be warned not to discontinue the use of corticosteroids abruptly or without medical supervision, to advise any medical attendants that they are taking corticosteroids and to seek medical advice at once should they develop fever or other signs of infections. Persons who are on corticosteroids should be warned to avoid exposure to chicken pox or measles and to seek medical advice without delay if exposed.

See accompanying Full Prescribing Information