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EVEN MORE PASSIONATE. INNOVATIVE AND **AMBITIOUS**

"Today, an exciting new adventure begins.

NOVELIA®: A PRODUCT FOR PATIENTS CREATED FROM PATIENTS' NEEDS

The development of Nemera's multidose preservative-free eyedropper illustrates perfectly our patient-oriented innovation process.

Patients suffer because of preservatives in eye drops

Scientific research shows that preservatives cause irritations and other side effects to the eye, thus jeopardizing adherence to treatments.

> DEVELOP A BRIEF STARTING WITH THE PATIENT

We decided to develop a brand-new preservative-free device which would be simple and patient-friendly, able to handle new viscous drugs, affordable, easy-to-fill and above all, safe for patients.



100 eyedropper patients with chronic eye treatments were interviewed in July 2011. Novelia® colored tip was rated as the preferred preservative-free multidose eyedropper!







The best design to make eye drops safe

Creativity meetings were organized and concepts generated freely. After a "quick kill" of unpractical solutions, a comparison matrix was set up for decision-making. 3D mock-ups were produced for testing by healthy patient volunteers.



Verified product performance and user interface

The selected Novelia® concept was a standard squeezable bottle, dispensing the drops while maintaining sterility. Its one-way valve was easy for patients to actuate but strong enough to prevent contamination. After the first patients' tests, a blue tip was introduced to improve the "precision" of drop delivery felt by the patients and then retested for validation.

> DESIGN FOR MANUFACTURING

We performed a full review to create a detailed manufacturing-compliant design including a verification plan to avoid risks of non-quality. As it is impossible to test filters at 100% during production to fully guarantee the safety of the patient, we selected a patented alternative venting technology to replace formulation in the bottle by non-contaminated air.



PROVEN EFFICACY 4,800 products have been tested from November 2009 to assess Novelia's sterility performance.

A reliable process to guarantee quality

The cooperation between the Innovation Center and La Verpillière plant teams which started during Step 3 became evident. A pilot assembly machine was developed with associated injection molds in order to assess the design robustness and de-risk the industrial process.



Mass production for the benefit of patients

The La Verpillière plant teams now take the lead with the support of the innovation team on the product functionality. A high-speed assembly line with 100% controls in a brand new clean room started on schedule.

Patients use Novelia® with over 2014 10 products across 4 continents.



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A NEW **IDENTITY**...

A NEW NAME

- From the Greek Emera, meaning day: renewal, fresh hope, life
- From the Hebrew and Arabic Nemer, meaning leopard: swiftness, efficiency, agility

Memera

A NEW LOGO

- Orange for warmth and health
- Italics for dynamism
- · Lower case and roundness for proximity
- The energy of the capital N, a symbol for technology and innovation

FOR A RENEWED **COMMITMENT**



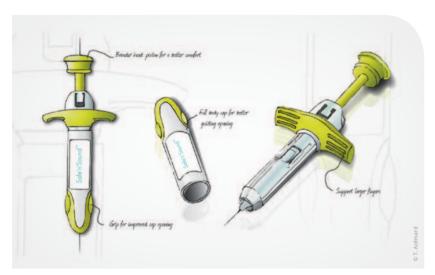
A STRONG BRAND STATEMENT

Our renewed commitment to provide safe and accurate delivery devices. **Even more freedom, comfort and hope of faster recovery for the patients.**

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INNOVATING FOR PATIENTS

Innovating for patients is **at the core of Nemera's mission.** Over 50 engineers & experts work to achieve this at the Innovation Center at La Verpillière near Lyon, France.



Nemera's concepts for an ergonomic Safe'n'Sound®

> The scope of the Innovation Center includes the collection of patients' insights, market watch, concept generation, IP monitoring, regulatory expertise, detailed risk based design, design for manufacturing & support to plants for product life-cycle management & problem solving when appropriate.

Patient insights & human factor studies at the Innovation Center

Technical expertise and patient usability always work hand-in-hand. Along with the many fields of technological expertise (like material, mechanical and manufacturing engineering, math models and other), creative design and usability assessment with laboratori team guarante the final device chain. A strong sures that the and in budget.

are central to product development. The Innovation Center carries real world evaluations, through impartial volunteers and collects user feedback. Sophisticated technologies, like fast camera tracking, give engineers an inside view of the way the device is used, making it safe and accurate for the patient.

Proprietary devices and contract development

We apply the same quality-oriented process to the development of proprietary devices and to customized solutions under contract with laboratories. The development quality team guarantees full compliance not only of the final device but of all the development chain. A strong program management ensures that the project is delivered on time and in budget.

"THE
PATIENTS'
VOICE IS
THE KEY DRIVER
OF NEMERA'S
PRODUCT
DEVELOPMENT"

Dimitri Grasswill,





OVER 1,300 EMPLOYEES

OVER 30,000 SQM OF CLEAN ROOM MANUFACTURING Nemera's industrial teams share a belief that the devices they manufacture have an impact on patients' health. That is why quality is so critical to them.

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Every month, this comprehensive quality rating assesses Nemera's four industrial sites' capacity to deliver on time and accurately the world over, to keep operators safe from even minor incidents, and to satisfy customers and patients.

4 PLANTS IN EUROPE & THE USA



- Neuenburg, Germany
- La Verpillière, France
- · Le Tréport, France
- · Buffalo Grove, Illinois, USA

NEMERA INVESTS IN DEVICES GROWTH

LA VERPILLIÈRE AND LE TRÉPORT WERE BOTH **EXTENDED**

EXTENDED IN THE LAST 2 YEARS

INTERVIEW

100% QUALITY FOCUSED IN MANUFACTURING

by Christian Meusinger, Nemera Vice President Quality, Regulatory and Compliance

Why is quality so important for Nemera?

Our Quality is made by people for people who trust the functionality & effectiveness of our products and devices. Quality is the key driver in our organization to ensure that patients will receive the best product and service possible.

What are the differentiating measures you take to secure quality?

Quality is a result of highly capable processes and efficient systems. Based on Risk Assessments we are focusing early on to design capability into our processes in order to minimize process variation and eliminate deviations. Regular trending of our processes along with only developed with eliminating critical denumber of deviations customer satisfaction results and the important processes along with to achieve our goals.

selected product controls are applied to confirm product conformance and performance, unit by unit.

How can you illustrate your achievements in terms of quality?

Significant reductions of customer notifications, up to 30% year on year, are the primary indicator to evaluate how we are doing in our quality performance. We also track other leading indicators only developed with the key objective of eliminating critical defects, reducing the number of deviations and finally ensuring customer satisfaction. Customer survey results and the improvements achieved give us confidence that we are on track to achieve our goals.



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DEVICES ARE KEY TO DRUG **EFFICACY!**

Accurate **dosing** and **ergonomics** contribute to patient adherence to treatment. That is why, at Nemera, we put patients first when **designing**, **developing and manufacturing drug delivery devices**. Whether they are Nemera proprietary or customer owned, they benefit from the utmost care because we know how critical they are for patients' health.

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USER-INDEPENDENT & PRESERVATIVE FREE SPRAYS OF RELIEF

After the SP270, our standard spray pump for ear, nose and throat, **Advancia®** is a new breed of pharmaceutical pump combining user-independence and preservative-free features in one single system. Advancia® offers a new alternative to improve treatment compliance in an increasingly demanding nasal spray market.





SAFETY FROM NEEDLE-STICK INJURIES

Adding a passive automated safety feature to prefilled syringes, Safe'n'Sound® protects patients and caregivers from contamination by blood-borne diseases.

Robust and versatile, it comes in different formats and can be combined with ergonomic accessories.



NOVELIA® PRESERVES THE PATIENTS' EYES NOT THE DRUGS

Because preservatives are harmful to patients' eyes and may jeopardize adherence to treatments, **Novelia®** is the user friendly, preservative-free eye dropper with a precision blue tip.





Dermal - Transdermal GENTLE APPLICATIONS

Sof'Bag™ is a high-performance airless dispensing device designed especially for pharmaceutical gels and creams. It brings precise dosing and protection for topical and transdermal formulations.



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PATIENTS CAN AFFORD EASY BREATHING

Consistency and reliability are critical for respiratory patients. **Inhalia®** is a new generation of valve for pressurized metered dose inhalers (pMDI).



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Rexam Healthcare Devices becomes Nemera

