# Safety Alert

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# Medroxyprogesterone – Risk of meningioma

# EDA performs label update to include the following:

## Special warnings and precautions for use

#### Meningioma

Meningiomas have been reported following long-term administration of progestins, including MPA. MPA should be discontinued if a meningioma is diagnosed. Caution is advised when recommending medroxyprogesterone to patients with a history of meningioma.

# **Background:**

## **Therapeutic Indication**

- Carcinoma
- Endometriosis
- Contraception (ovulation suppression)

#### **Meningioma**

A meningioma is a tumor that grows from the membranes that surround the brain and spinal cord, called the meninges. A meningioma is not a brain tumor, but it may press on the nearby brain, nerves and vessels. Meningioma is the most common type of tumor that forms in the head.

Most meningiomas grow very slowly. They can grow over many years without causing symptoms. But sometimes, their effects on nearby brain tissue, nerves or vessels may cause serious disability.

<u>References:</u> EMA <u>(Click here)</u>