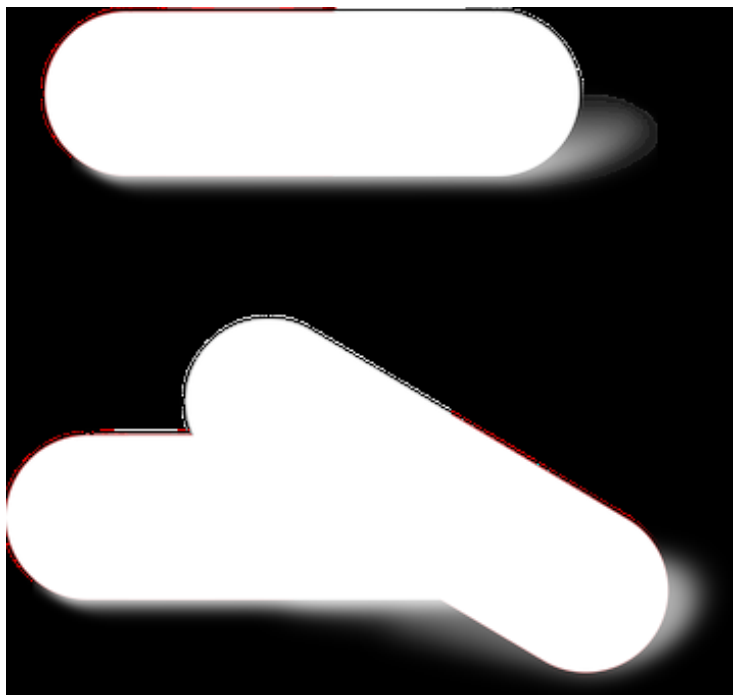


Generic blood cancer drug launched by Natco

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Natco Pharma will market generic pomalidomide capsules under its brand name Pomalid in India.



Natco Pharma has launched a generic version of pomalidomide capsules, used in treatment of a type of blood cancer, in India.

Pomalidomide is a thalidomide analogue indicated, in combination with dexamethasone, for patients with multiple myeloma who have received at least two prior therapies including lenalidomide and a proteasome inhibitor and have demonstrated disease progression on or within 60 days of completion of the last therapy. Multiple myeloma is a cancer formed by malignant plasma cells.

Natco has launched pomalidomide capsules in strengths of 1 mg, 2 mg and 4 mg in India. Pomalidomide is sold by Celgene Inc., in the USA, under the brand name POMALYST.

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Natco Pharma addresses opportunities across the oncology, CNS, gastrointestinal, migraine and anti-depressant segments, each of which is growing in size and scope.