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## **Message From SIR President: FDA Has Authorized Guerbet to Import Lipiodol**

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Guerbet LLC, a U.S. subsidiary located in Bloomington, Ind., acquired the Ethiodol NDA (new drug application) from Nycomed US Inc., effective May 7, 2010. Guerbet is working with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to resume manufacturing of Ethiodol in the near future to ensure continued availability for U.S. patients.

During this interim period, Guerbet, in conjunction with the FDA, is initiating a temporary importation of LIPIODOL ULTRA-FLUIDE, ethyl esters of iodized fatty acids of poppy seed oil, to the U.S. market. See the [Dear Healthcare Professional Letter \(PDF - 318KB\)](#)<sup>1</sup> for additional information. Please note that supplies may be somewhat limited for the next month or two.

The Society of Interventional Radiology will continue its active discussions with Guerbet USA and FDA to find a reliable permanent new source of Ethiodol. The Society effort is being coordinated by SIR member David Eschelman, MD, FSIR, at Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, Pa. The SIR leadership thanks Dr. Eschelman for his continued efforts on this important issue.

We will continue to provide members with more information as it becomes available. If you have questions or comments, please contact Tricia McClenny, SIR interim executive director, via email at [comm@SIRweb.org](mailto:comm@SIRweb.org).

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/DrugSafety/DrugShortages/UCM213187.pdf>