

# CONSUMER MEDIA RELEASE

# Young Australians with Pompe Disease now able to access treatment via the Life Saving Drugs Program

MYOZYME<sup>®</sup> (Alglucosidase Alfa), for treatment of Juvenile Late-Onset Pompe Disease, available through the LSDP from 1 February 2015

**17 February: 2015:** For the first time, young Australians (aged 2-18 years) whose lives are impacted by Late Onset Pompe Disease (LOPD) now have government-funded access to enzyme replacement therapy with Myozyme.

Myozyme is used to treat patients who have Pompe disease, a rare inherited disorder. People with Pompe disease have low levels of an enzyme called alpha-glucosidase. This enzyme helps the body control levels of glycogen (a type of carbohydrate).

Glycogen provides the body with energy, but in Pompe disease the levels of glycogen builds up in certain tissues, particularly the muscles, including the heart and diaphragm (the main breathing muscle under the lungs). The progressive build-up of glycogen causes a wide range of symptoms, including an enlarged heart, breathing difficulties and muscle weakness. The disease can appear at birth (the 'infantile-onset' form) but also later in life (the 'late-onset' form). Myozyme is an enzyme replacement therapy intended to restore enzyme activity to a level which will remove the accumulated glycogen and prevent further build-up of glycogen.

"This is a great outcome for young people with Pompe disease; access to treatment will give them an opportunity to live a full and independent life. Genzyme would also like to thank the Department of Health", said Genzyme Managing Director, Andre Turenne.

Genzyme look forward to working with the Department to extend access to therapy for adults with LOPD.

## About Genzyme, a Sanofi company

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