

Troikaa Pharma launches cancer drug

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Troikaa Pharmaceuticals Ltd introduced Trofentyl OTFC, a lozenge or tablet for “breakthrough pains” in cancer patients, according to a company release. The new drug is expected to substantially alleviate the pain suffered by a cancer patient, it said.

The Trofentyl OTFC lozenge, containing the active drug is mounted on a lozenge holder. The lozenge has to be sucked like a lolly-pop from the holder and on feeling any discomfort produced by the drug, it can promptly be removed from the mouth, according to the release.

The lozenges and their holders are indigenously designed and patented.

“The buccal or mouth region offers an attractive route of administration for delivery of drugs that undergo rapid enzymatic degradation within the gut or break down into inactive components in the liver after being swallowed. The challenge is to ensure absorption of the drug through the oral mucosa, the membrane lining our oral cavity,” said Mr Ketan Patel, Managing Director.

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