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## **CVS Pharmacy Now Offers "Talking" Prescription** Labels Through its Online Pharmacy for Individuals with Vision Impairments

CVS Pharmacy now provides ScripTalk talking prescription labels for prescriptions ordered for home delivery through its online pharmacy, CVS.com. The ScripTalk labels provide a safe and convenient way to access information on prescription labels for individuals who cannot read standard print. The ScripTalk labels are free to CVS.com pharmacy customers who are blind or visually impaired.

Customers can also obtain a free ScripTalk Reader from Envision America that will enable them to listen to the information on the ScripTalk label. Currently, there are many people that have difficulty reading or understanding the contents and instructions of their prescription medications. The small print and look-alike packaging of medicine vials can lead to confusion, noncompliance and mistakes. En-Vision America has created a solution to this serious issue with **ScripTalk Station**.



For more information visit EnvisionAmerica.com or CVS.com.

## **Stem-Cell Treatment for Blindness Moving Through Patient Testing**



Advanced Cell Technology is testing a stem-cell treatment for blindness that could preserve vision and potentially reverse vision loss.

A new treatment for macular degeneration is close to the next stage of human testing—a noteworthy event not just for the millions of patients it could help, but for its potential to become the first therapy based on embryonic stem cells.

This year, the Boston-area company **Advanced Cell Technology** plans to move its stem-cell treatment for two forms of vision loss into advanced human trials. The company has already reported that the treatment is safe although a full report of the results from the early, safety-focused testing has yet to be published. The planned trials will test whether it is effective. The treatment will be tested both on patients with Stargardt's disease (an inherited form of progressive vision loss that can affect children) and on those with age-related macular degeneration, the leading cause of vision loss among people 65 and older.

For more information about this technology, please talk to your eye doctor.

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