

Merck, Sanofi Pasteur ending JV to market vaccines in Europe

March 8 2016, by The Associated Press

Merck and Sanofi Pasteur are ending their partnership, begun in 1994, to market the drugmakers' vaccines in Europe.

The joint venture currently sells 25 vaccines in 19 European countries, including Merck & Co.'s shingles vaccine Zostavax and Sanofi Pasteur's influenza vaccine Intanza.

In a joint statement, they said the 50/50 joint venture has had commercial and public health success, but that it's "in our best interests to manage our vaccine product portfolios independently."

Merck, of Kenilworth, New Jersey, and Sanofi Pasteur, part of France's Sanofi SA, are among the world's top vaccine makers. They compete on most vaccines, including ones for many pediatric illnesses, hepatitis A and pneumonia and related bacterial infections.

The companies expect to complete the separation by year's end and are working out terms.

© 2016 The Associated Press. All rights reserved.

Citation: Merck, Sanofi Pasteur ending JV to market vaccines in Europe (2016, March 8)
retrieved 19 September 2024 from
<https://medicalxpress.com/news/2016-03-merck-sanofi-pasteur-jv-vaccines.html>

This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private

study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.