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Value-Based Pricing for Drugs Theme and Variations

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In December 2017, the US Food and Drug Administration approved voretigene neparvovec-rzyl (Luxturna), a onetime genetic treatment manufactured by Spark Therapeutics that must be injected into the eye and can improve the vision of individuals with biallelic *RPE65* mutation-associated retinal dystrophy, a rare genetic condition that affects approximately 1000 to 2000 people in the United States each year. The therapy was priced \$850 000 per treatment, just below the million dollar threshold some had anticipated.





