

FDA: Georgia pharmacy recalling all sterile drugs

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(AP)—The Food and Drug Administration says a Georgia compounding pharmacy that distributed a drug linked to eye infections is now recalling all of its injectable medicines following a federal inspection.

Clinical Specialties Compounding Pharmacy issued a recall Monday on dozens of lots of the Roche drug [Avastin](#) after receiving reports of [eye infections](#) in five patients treated with the medication. The Augusta, Ga.-based pharmacy repackages the drug in small doses to treat macular degeneration, a common vision disorder in seniors.

Avastin is approved for cancer, but many eye doctors say it is effective for macular degeneration.

The FDA said Thursday that its inspectors found issues at the pharmacy that raise questions about the sterility of its drugs. The company voluntarily agreed to recall all of its sterile products.

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