

FDA warns of infections tied to Tennessee pharmacy

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(AP)—Government health officials are investigating several health problems reported with potentially contaminated medications made by a Tennessee specialty pharmacy.

The <u>Food and Drug Administration</u> says it has received seven reports involving patients who received steroid injections from Main Street Family Pharmacy, a compounding pharmacy in Newbern, Tenn.

The injections contain the same drug at the center of last year's <u>deadly</u> <u>outbreak</u> of <u>fungal meningitis</u>. More than 55 people have died and over 740 others have been sickened after receiving contaminated injections from a Massachusetts compounding pharmacy. The steroids are usually used to treat pain.

The FDA says that at least one of the seven cases appears to be a fungal infection. The government recommends doctors stop using any sterile drugs distributed by the pharmacy.

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