

# Drugmaker paying \$33M over recalled nonprescription meds

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Johnson & Johnson has reached a \$33 million settlement with 42 states, resolving allegations the health care giant sold numerous nonprescription medicines that didn't meet federal quality requirements for a couple of years.

The [settlement](#) was announced Wednesday by attorneys general in the states. The case dates to 2009, when Johnson & Johnson began dozens of voluntary recalls of popular over-the-counter medicines for children and adults, including Tylenol, Motrin and Benadryl.

Those and several other products, made at J&J factories in Puerto Rico and suburban Philadelphia, were recalled for issues including unpleasant smells, metal shards in [liquid medicines](#) and wrong ingredient levels. Many products weren't available in stores for years.

In a statement, J&J said it was pleased to finalize the settlement and that the recalls were precautionary.

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