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No known adverse effects reported from use of injectable steroid product

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A single Alabama health care provider was shipped potentially contaminated injectable steroid product from a compounding manufacturer, Main Street Family Pharmacy of Newbern, Tenn. The clinic received the formulation of methylprednisolone acetate (MPA), a preservative-free steroid product, associated with the investigation. MPA is typically used for reducing inflammation.

The Alabama Department of Public Health informed the provider, who has already notified all patients who were administered the product to alert them to any signs and symptoms of complications. At this time, none of these individuals reported any adverse effects associated with the injections.

The Alabama investigation began May 24 after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration was notified of persons who developed complications after administration of the injectable steroid product. Main Street Family Pharmacy issued a voluntary recall of all sterile products.