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Sodium pentobarbital shortage ends



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CLEVELAND--A prolonged shortage of pain killers and euthanasia drugs was averted after the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) stepped in to allow the country's only maker of sodium pentobarbital to continue operations.

The action comes in the wake of an FDA shutdown of Ganes Chemical in late December 1999, which caused a temporary, nationwide shortage of the active ingredient used for euthanasia solutions.

The halt in production of the active ingredient in euthanasia injections and pain medications prevented other companies from making products such as Sleepaway, Euthanasia-6, Socumb, Beauthanasia-D and Euthasol, causing a shortage that threatened to create a crisis by ...

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