

## Second hypertension drug recalled due to contamination

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(HealthDay)—Another hypertension drug is being recalled due to

contamination that could pose a cancer risk, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration says.

Certain lots of irbesartan are being recalled by SciGen because they contain an industrial chemical that is a suspected carcinogen, *CNN* reported. The recalled drugs have "Westminster Pharmaceuticals" and "GSMS Inc." on the label.

Another heart drug, valsartan, was recalled recently due to contamination with possible cancer-causing chemicals, *CNN* reported.

Not all medicines that contain valsartan or irbesartan are being recalled. The new recall covers only about 1 percent of irbesartan drug products available in the United States, according to the FDA.

**More information:** [CNN Article](#)  
[FDA Recall Alert](#)

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