



California Drug Safety Notification



Notification Name

U. S. FDA Advises Against Prolonged Use of Magnesium Sulfate to Stop Pre-Term Labor

Notification Date	Notification Warning	Notification Reason
05/30/13	The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is advising health care professionals against using Magnesium Sulfate Injection, USP, for more than 5-7 days to stop pre-term labor in pregnant women.	<p><i>The use of magnesium sulfate injection to stop pre-term labor is off-label, which means that the safety and effectiveness of this use is not established.</i></p> <p><i>Administration of magnesium sulfate injection to pregnant women longer than 5-7 days may lead to low calcium levels and bone problems in the developing baby, including thin bones and fractures.</i></p>

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<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/ucm353333.htm>