

# Know Your Source.



## Buying Medical Devices Online Can Be Tricky.

Anyone can create an appealing illusion on a Web page.

**Be wary if the product:**

- Has not been cleared for sale by the FDA;
- Claims to diagnose or treat more than one illness, e.g., cancer, arthritis, anemia;
- Is made by one laboratory only and sold directly to the public.

**Avoid buying from sites:**

- That uses words like “new cure;”
- With impressive-sounding terminology that can hide bad science;
- Without a U.S. address and phone number.



U.S. Food and Drug Administration

For more information about online medical device purchases, contact the U.S. Food and Drug Administration at [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov) and click on “Buying Medicines and Medical Products Online,” or call 1-888-INFOFDA (1-888-463-6332).

*A public service message from the FDA and the CybeRx-Smart Safety Coalition:  
Working to provide information about online medications*