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Pergolide

Well, folks - the rumor is true. This is from a National Institute of Health web site, posted yesterday:

<http://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/dailymed/drugInfo.cfm?id=54508>

It will take a while for the drug to make it to distributors and from there to the vets.

The future of compounded pergolide from bulk is uncertain. Although the FDA has taken the stand that compounding must be done from approved drugs, the legality of that opinion has been questioned:

<<http://www.cov.com/files/Publication/bf009d35-3d55-4608-9d69-fa4a26a30c10/Prese\ntation/PublicationAttachment/5140f663-b9a9-4136-a6c9-ff2d7d4d2ff1/679.pdf>>

<http://www.courthousenews.com/2011/10/11/40528.htm>

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- Pergolide is indicated in the treatment of PPID or Cushing's Disease
- In 2007, pergolide was withdrawn from the market for human consumption
- Pergolide has been used "off label" for horses

This issue may ultimately play out in the courts.

On the flip side, it would be nice to see stability data on the Prascend. There are significant stability questions with the compounded products and our need to use very high doses in some horses may be at least partially related to that. Back in the days before Permax was pulled off the market, we did encounter horses that were poorly controlled on the compounds but responded to a lower dose of the Permax.

There's a lot to work through here. As always, input from our members/owners will be invaluable.

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