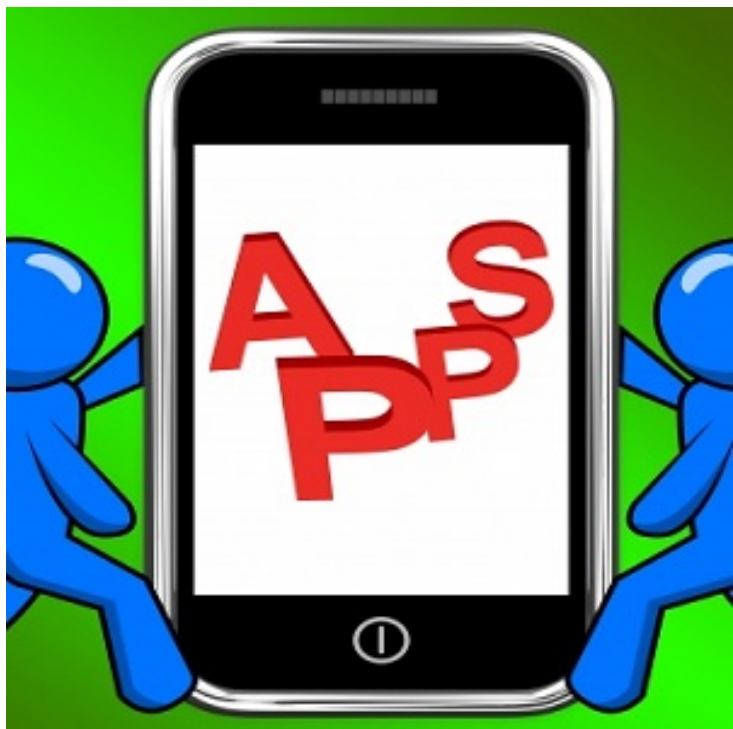


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Singapore: The US FDA has launched the agency's first mobile application (app) enabling public to access information about drug availability and shortages. The app elaborates current drug shortages, resolved shortages and discontinuations of drug products.

In its recent press release, the agency's associate director for drug shortage, Mr Valerie Jensen, said, "The FDA understands that health care professionals and pharmacists need real-time information about drug shortages to make treatment decisions. The new mobile app is an innovative tool that will offer easier and faster access to important drug shortage information."

The agency further said that users could search for a drug's generic name or an active ingredient and can also report issues related to drug shortage or supply to the FDA. The app is available for free download via iTunes (for Apple devices) and the Google Play store (for Android devices) by searching "FDA Drug Shortages."