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# Phenylpropanolamine: banned in Brazil 17 years ago

Rumors about the presence of the substance in various medications circulate in social networks and messaging applications. Is not true.

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A chain in the social networks on phenylpropanolamine has returned to circulate in applications of exchange of messages like Whatsapp. The text provides information that the substance called phenylpropalamine, suspended by Anvisa in 2000, through Resolution RDC 96/2000 ([http://portal.anvisa.gov.br/documents/33880/2568070/res0096\\_08\\_11\\_2000.pdf/cb1bd687-6e6e-4de6-b7a0-fa8ac272a48d](http://portal.anvisa.gov.br/documents/33880/2568070/res0096_08_11_2000.pdf/cb1bd687-6e6e-4de6-b7a0-fa8ac272a48d)), is still present in 22 drugs.

The message even directs people to stop using the products, mostly intended for the treatment of flu symptoms. However, everything is just a rumor. For 17 years, phenylpropanolamine no longer exists in the national market.

## Truth About Phenylpropanolamine

The substance was used in some drugs available in the market, but was banned from Brazil and the rest of the world for almost 17 years. At the time, this ingredient was withdrawn from the market after the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the United States drug agency, found that the substance was causing fatal brain hemorrhage in some users. In Brazil, no cases were recorded and the suspension was preventive.

Currently no drug available on the Brazilian market has phenylpropanolamine. **Check out Resolution RDC 96/2000 ([http://portal.anvisa.gov.br/documents/33880/2568070/res0096\\_08\\_11\\_2000.pdf/cb1bd687-6e6e-4de6-b7a0-fa8ac272a48d](http://portal.anvisa.gov.br/documents/33880/2568070/res0096_08_11_2000.pdf/cb1bd687-6e6e-4de6-b7a0-fa8ac272a48d)) that banned the substance.** ([http://portal.anvisa.gov.br/documents/33880/2568070/res0096\\_08\\_11\\_2000.pdf/cb1bd687-6e6e-4de6-b7a0-fa8ac272a48d](http://portal.anvisa.gov.br/documents/33880/2568070/res0096_08_11_2000.pdf/cb1bd687-6e6e-4de6-b7a0-fa8ac272a48d))

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