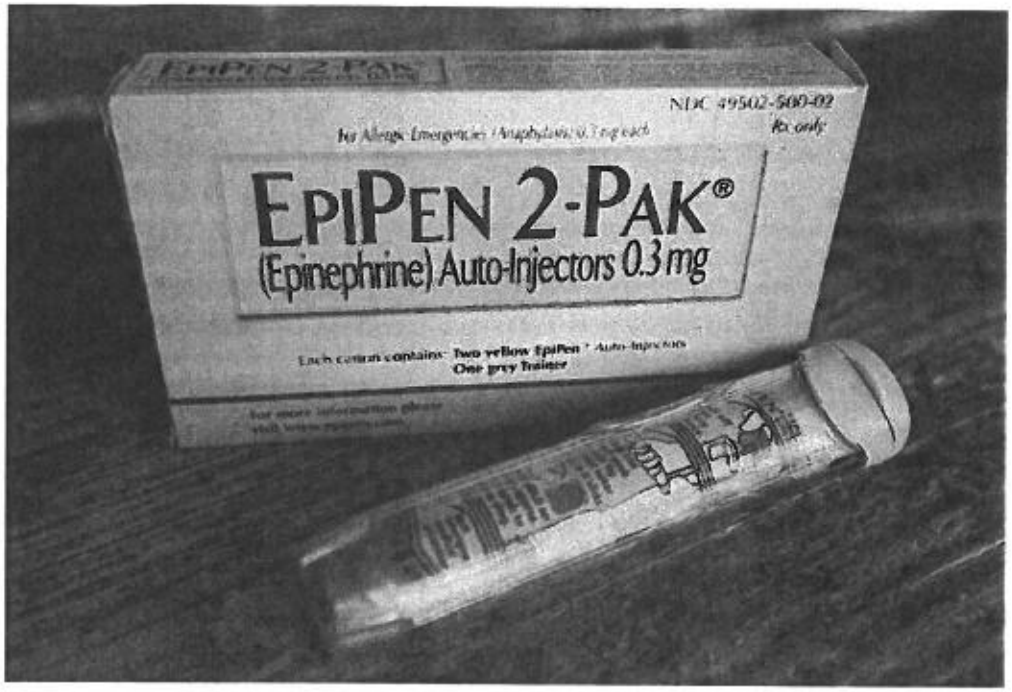
'Defective part' prompts EpiPen recall: FDA



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"While the number of reported failures is small, EpiPen products that potentially contain a defective part are being recalled because of the potential for life-threatening risk if a severe allergic reaction goes untreated," the federal agency said in an **announcement Friday**.

The 13 lots of potentially defective EpiPen and EpiPen Jr products, made by Meridian Medical Technologies and distributed by Mylan Specialty, were distributed between Dec. 17, 2015 and July 1, 2016.