

Gov't adopts 6 measures to plug drug shortage

In order to plug the medication shortage, the government has implemented a number of measures including an early warning system, an inclusive database, the repricing of some drugs, adopting a new tendering system for hospitals, allowing registration of pharmaceutical equivalents, the upgrading of state-owned drugmakers, the creation of an EGP 300 million fund to support the pharmaceutical industry, and the establishment of a blood derivative factory.