

## **AbbVie wins US nod for Parkinson's treatment**

The US Food and Drug Administration approved AbbVie Inc's treatment for Parkinson's disease, three months ahead of the scheduled review date. The treatment, Duopa, is administered using a small portable infusion pump that delivers the drug directly to the small intestine. The combination treatment, comprising carbidopa and levodopa, is the first to be effective for 16 hours as opposed to existing oral formulations that last for up to four hours following a single dose.

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