## Novo Nordisk **CEO Faces** U.S. Test

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In April, Danish drugmaker Novo Nordisk formed what was supposed to be a longterm collaboration to promote its weight-loss drug Wegovy on the telehealth service Hims & Hers.

The deal was Novo Nordisk's bid to grab back market share from the cheaper, knockoff versions that Hims & Hers and other telehealth companies were selling.

But within weeks, Novo Nordisk's partnership crumbled amid a war of words. Novo Nordisk accused Hims & Hers of continuing to deceptively sell large volumes of copycats of Wegovy. Hims & Hers blasted Novo Nordisk, saying Novo Nordisk improperly pressured it to steer patients to brand-name Wegovy.

Hims & Hers is still selling compounded Wegovy, which the Food and Drug Administration allowed while the drug was in shortage, even though

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