

DANGEROUS PRODUCT LIST

Infuse Bone Graft Off-Label Surgery - Manufactured and sold by Medtronic, Inc., the Infuse Bone Graft has been approved only for use in lower spine-repair surgery to promote bone growth. Infuse has been linked to dozens of cases of fatalities or life-threatening complications when used off-label in surgeries on the upper spine and neck.

Yaz/Yasmin Oral Contraceptives - Women taking the oral contraceptives Yasmin and Yaz have experienced blood clots, deep vein thrombosis, strokes, gall bladder damage, and in some cases have died.

Zicam Cold Remedy - On June 17, 2009, the FDA warned consumers to stop using Zicam, a popular homeopathic cold remedy, because it can damage or destroy the sense of smell. The FDA had received 130 reports of people losing their sense of smell after using one of the Zicam nasal products, which include Zicam Cold Remedy and Zicam Cold Remedy Swabs.

Zimmer Hip Recall - Zimmer Holdings, the nation's largest producer of orthopedic devices, has recalled its Durom cup, a hip socket, due to a high failure rate. The medical device was first sold in the U.S. in 2006 and has been implanted in 12,000 patients.

Magnetix Toy Recall - Magtastik and Magnetix Pre-School Magnetic Toys are animal, vehicle, or building toys embedded with magnets that allow the parts to connect to large, colored metal balls. The embedded magnets can detach over time. When more than one magnet is swallowed or aspirated by a young child, the powerful magnets attract to one another, causing intestinal perforations and blockages, which can be fatal.

Park to Reverse Transmission Defects - Multiple vehicles, including certain Ford and Chrysler cars and SUVs, have faulty automatic transmission shift selectors which can cause them to unexpectedly move backwards.

Vehicle Fires - Millions of Ford trucks and SUVs were equipped with faulty cruise control switches which have caused hundreds of fires. If you are vehicle owner who was injured or incurred substantial property losses as a result of a vehicle fire you need **MOONEY & ASSOCIATES**. If you are an owner of a vehicle produced by other manufacturers and have suffered catastrophic burns in accidents due to defective fuel tanks you need **MOONEY & ASSOCIATES**.

Yamaha Rhino Accidents - The four-wheel, side-by-side Rhino manufactured by Yamaha Motor Corporation has become one of the most popular recreational off-road vehicles in the U.S. Nearly 60 riders have been killed and hundreds seriously injured in Rhino accidents. Plaintiffs charge that the Rhino contains multiple design flaws rendering it unstable and prone to rolling over, even when driven on flat ground at low speeds. Plaintiffs further allege that the Rhino is equipped with defective doors, inadequate seat belts, and a dangerous roll cage.

Insulin Syringes - Tyco Healthcare Group LP (Covidien), has recalled one lot of ReliOn sterile, single-use hypodermic syringes sold at Wal-Mart and Sam's Clubs stores. The syringes were recalled because of the potential that they are mislabeled and potentially contain more than twice the intended dose. Patients are advised of the serious health risks associated with receiving the high dose including, hypoglycemia and death.

Hernia Mesh – Hernia mesh is used to repair ventral (incisional) hernias. Incisional hernias are usually caused by the thinning or stretching of scar tissue that forms after surgery. A hernia occurs when part of an internal organ pushes through an opening in the organ's wall and often presents itself as a painful lump in the abdomen or groin. Hernia Mesh is inserted into the body through a small incision made by the doctor and placed behind the hernia. The “memory recoil ring” opens the patch after it has been inserted into the body. The patch then lays flat against the inner body cavity, preventing the hernia from pushing through the weakened tissue wall. Some Mesh Patch can break, however, leading to bowel perforations, sepsis, and chronic intestinal fistulae. These are very serious conditions that pose a pronounced health risk to affected patients. Symptoms may include severe pain, nausea, vomiting, or a large bulge at the site of the previous surgery.

Heparin Contamination - Health officials are investigating cases of people across the country getting sick after being exposed to dangerous bacteria that contaminated heparin-filled syringes in several states. The syringes are used by patients for the home treatment of cancer and other sicknesses. Heparin is a blood thinner; in the case of these contaminated syringes, the drug is used to clear out catheters and IV lines after they have been used to treat sick patients. The contaminated syringes contain a bacteria called *Serratia marcescens*. Infections of *Serratia marcescens* can be very serious and cause high fevers and chills. Most of the people who were infected with the bacteria had to be hospitalized. If children are infected, meningitis can result.

Avandia® - is a drug used by millions of Americans to treat diabetes. Avandia is specifically used to treat type II diabetes mellitus (non-insulin-dependent, “age-onset” diabetes) by combating insulin resistance. In May of 2007, however, researchers announced that Avandia users may be at serious risk of heart attack and cardiovascular disease.

Fosamax® - is a drug that has been on the market for almost 10 years, has been linked to osteonecrosis of the jaw. Otherwise known as “dead jaw,” osteonecrosis is a severe condition in which the jaw dies and is unable to regenerate, eventually leading to extreme pain and exposed bone in the mouth. Fosamax is an oral drug used in the treatment of osteoporosis (bone loss) in post-menopausal women; to increase bone mass in men with osteoporosis; and to treat Paget's disease (a life-long chronic condition that results in abnormal bone growth). Osteonecrosis of the jaw is a painful, deteriorative condition that involves soft-tissue swelling in the mouth, infection, loosening of the teeth, drainage, and exposed bone. It is often the result of blood not properly reaching the bone. Fosamax is a type of bisphosphonate drug. There are several other bisphosphonate drugs on the market, all of which have been linked to osteonecrosis of the jaw.

Ortho Evra® – this is the number one prescribed birth control brand in the United States and is known as a "transdermal contraceptive system." Ortho Evra is a birth control patch that is applied to the arms, torso, abdomen, or buttocks once a week and offers “the same efficacy as the Pill with even greater simplicity.” Studies show that women using the Ortho Evra patch are at an increased risk for fatal blood clots compared to women taking birth control pills. Serious adverse side effects include blood clots or cardiovascular complications, specifically a thrombotic or embolic clot requiring hospitalization.

Digitek® - The Food and Drug Administration has issued a Class I recall on April 25, 2008, of the drug after reports of serious adverse reactions and digitalis toxicity in some users. Digitek is used to treat congestive heart failure and atrial fibrillation/atrial flutter, which are types of fast heartbeats. The recall applied to all oral strength tablets of Digitek. The recall was due to Digitek tablets containing twice the approved level of active ingredient, which led to heart patients getting huge doses of a potentially lethal drug. Digitalis toxicity can cause a number of ailments, including severe cardiac impairment and death and results when someone is exposed to an overdose of the active ingredient in Digitek and other, similar drugs.

Trasyolol - use of Trasyolol during open heart surgery requiring use of the heart/lung machine was associated with an increased risk of kidney dysfunction, kidney failure requiring dialysis and death. Trasyolol is a drug given to patients intravenously during open heart surgery to reduce the potential for bleeding requiring blood transfusions.

Hip Implants - Zimmer designed the Durom Cup for use in young, active patients who are likely to outlive a conventional hip prosthesis. It has been discovered that many patients receiving this defective device often experienced crippling pain following surgery, leaving them more disabled than they had been before the procedure. It is estimated that a large percentage of patients receiving the Durom Cup will need to undergo additional surgery to have this defective component replaced.

Knee Replacements – attorneys at our firm have handled a variety of cases against different knee replacement manufacturers. If you or someone you know have undergone a total knee replacement and you required another surgery within a few years of the initial implant to either repair or replace the initial implant, contact our office to discuss whether you may have a potential case to pursue.

Medtronic Defibrillator Defective Sprint Fidelis Lead - The Sprint Fidelis lead have been used in implantable Medtronic defibrillators since 2004, and most patients who received the devices since then have the faulty leads. Sprint Fidelis leads were used only in cardiac defibrillators -- or complex devices with defibrillation capacity -- and not in conventional pacemakers. Some patients with congestive heart failure use devices that included this defibrillation ability, and those were among the machines that use the Sprint Fidelis lead.

Rhino ATVs - Yamaha Motor Company’s popular “Rhino” All-Terrain-Vehicle (ATV) may pose serious and life-threatening risks to both its drivers and passengers. Lawsuits

have been filed alleging that the Rhino is prone to rollover accidents, and because of defects in its design, may result in broken or crushed arms, legs, feet, and ankles. Rhino injuries can be so severe they have required amputation of affected limbs. Some victims have been caught under the chassis in Rhino rollover accidents and died.

Napoleon Fireplace Inserts - About 1,200 Napoleon propane gas fireplace inserts, manufactured in Canada by Wolf Steel USA of Crittenden, Ky., have been recalled because the glass cover can break when ignition is delayed due to built-up propane. The company has received a report of a shattered glass cover that resulted in injuries. The inserts were sold by authorized Napoleon fireplace hearth dealers around the country between July 2002 and September 2008.

Toro Power Sweep Electric Blowers - About 900,000 Toro Power Sweep electric blowers, made in the U.S. by The Toro Company, of Bloomington, Minn., have been recalled because the blower's impeller can break, resulting in pieces of plastic flying out of the blower. This poses a risk of serious injury to consumers. The company has received 162 reports of broken impellers, including 28 reports of injuries resulting from projected impeller pieces. The recalled product, with the model No. 51586, was made between 2000 and 2002. The electric blowers were sold at Toro dealers and various mass retailers nationwide including The Home Depot, Lowes, Target and Kmart stores from January 2000 through late December 2002.

This list can not include every possible product on the market that may pose a danger to you or your family. If a product has caused you harm, do not hesitate to contact our office for a free consultation to discuss your claims.

You can also look to see if a product has been recalled by looking at several Internet websites including, but not limited to, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission at <http://www.cpsc.gov/>, <http://www.recalls.gov/>, Baby Center for children's products at <http://www.babycenter.com/product-recall-finder>, and Public Citizen at <http://www.citizen.org/>.

Never discontinue taking your medications without first consulting with your doctor.