



Study Says Heartburn Drugs Prilosec and Nexium Lead to Kidney Damage



People who suffer from chronic heartburn may not think twice about popping pills or antacids each day. But for patients taking Prilosec, Nexium, and Prevacid, long-term use of heartburn medications can cause kidney disease and kidney failure. In a recent study published in the *Journal of the American Society of Nephrology*, gastric medications called proton-pump inhibitors (PPIs) that are used to treat acid reflux, stomach infections, and ulcers have been linked to serious kidney damage. After researchers examined five years of patient data, they discovered that 15 percent of people developed [chronic](#)

[kidney disease after taking Prilosec or Nexium](#), identifying a 28 percent increased risk of kidney disease—and a 96 percent higher risk of kidney failure—for PPI users.

Off-Label Use of Invokana for Type 1 Diabetes Can Cause Ketoacidosis



Our attorneys have recently warned about [kidney failure after taking Invokana](#), and now the drug is under fire again for causing more deadly complications in diabetes patients. Recent findings indicate that Invokana increases the risk of ketoacidosis in patients with type 1 diabetes, a condition that causes a buildup of acids (ketones) that can lead to death or hospitalization. Although Invokana was approved by the FDA to treat type 2 diabetes, some doctors prescribe it to type 1 diabetes patients in an attempt to control blood sugar levels. Find out more about the risks if you or someone you know has been prescribed Invokana.

Women Who Use Talc Products Are More Likely to Get Ovarian Cancer



Women in the U.S. have a 1 in 70 chance of suffering from ovarian cancer, with over 20,000 women diagnosed with the condition every year. However, new studies suggest that talc use increases the odds to 1 in 53, as well as increasing the risk of invasive cancer. The news outlets have only recently begun to buzz with the [link between talcum powder and ovarian cancer](#), but researchers have been aware of the link for decades, inciting cancer patients to take legal action. Over 1,000 women are suing Johnson & Johnson, the makers of talc-containing baby powder, and Imerys Talc America, the biggest talc suppliers in the country. Although baby

powder does not require FDA approval since it is considered a cosmetic product, patients are still claiming that they should have been warned of the dangers of the product.

Tackling Underage Drinking Among the Teenagers in Your Life



Did you know that more teenagers are killed every year as a result of drinking alcohol than using other drugs? Even when children under the age of 21 are not killed as a result of drunk-driving crashes or alcohol poisoning, they are still at risk of impaired brain development, alcoholism, and a potential criminal record. Here, learn what parents, siblings, friends, and other adults can do to [prevent underage drinking](#) and help the young drinkers in their lives get help before it's too late.