

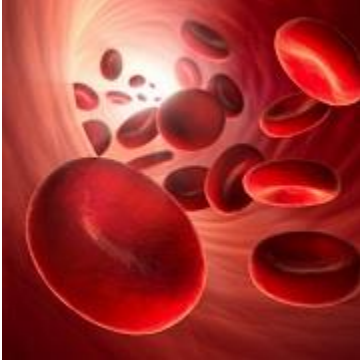


Zimmer Hip Implant Caused Metallosis, Judge Rules



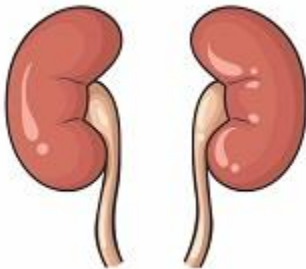
Zimmer Biomet Inc. has been ordered to pay over \$2 million to a New Mexico man who suffered [metallosis from a defective hip implant](#). The judge in the case ruled that the hip device suffered from design flaws and was not properly tested before being released onto the market, causing cobalt particles to build up in the plaintiff's bloodstream. The plaintiff has undergone two revision surgeries and will endure lifelong complications as a result of metal poisoning.

First Xarelto Case Against Johnson & Johnson Goes to Trial



A New Orleans man is taking Johnson & Johnson and Bayer to trial over the potentially fatal [bleeding risks of Xarelto](#). The case—the first trial of over 18,000 patient lawsuits against the company—alleges that the manufacturers falsely marketed Xarelto as more effective at preventing strokes than Coumadin, placing patients at unnecessary risk of internal bleeding. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has issued numerous warnings about the medication, and has linked Xarelto to at least 370 deaths.

Lawsuits Against Makers of Heartburn Medications Continue to Grow



A new case against the makers of Nexium, Prilosec, and Prevacid has been added to the growing number of [proton pump inhibitor lawsuits](#). The most recent product liability suit alleges that AstraZeneca, Procter & Gamble, and Takeda Pharmaceuticals failed to warn consumers about the increased risk of kidney injuries. It's also alleged the companies withheld key research linking the popular acid reflux drugs with chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal failure.

Study Shows Motorcycle Helmets Reduce Spinal Cord Injury Rates



Researchers have concluded that motorcycle riders who do not wear helmets are at double the [risk of spinal cord injuries](#) than helmeted riders. The University of Wisconsin study examined five years' worth of data about motorcycle accident victims. Researchers found that cervical spine fractures were more than twice as likely to occur in patients who were not wearing helmets. The data also showed that helmeted riders had both shorter hospital stays and much lower mortality rates than riders who chose not to wear helmets.

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