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FDA: Medtronic Drug Pump Flawed

The Food and Drug Administration said Medtronic Inc.'s SynchroMed II drug pump has a battery design issue that could be life-threatening. The problem relates to the formation of a film within the pump's battery that could hurt the battery's performance and stop the therapy.

The FDA has received at least 55 reports of problems with the SynchroMed II pump.

The SynchroMed II pump, recalled this past July, is an implantable device that delivers drugs directly into the spinal fluid to treat chronic pain and spasticity.

At least 55 reports of problems with the pump have been made, including one death due to drug withdrawal. There are an estimated 139,653 SynchroMed II pump implant patients worldwide. New batteries that correct the issue and have been approved by the FDA are available.

The attorneys at Messa & Associates are experienced at handling cases involving pharmaceutical and medical device injuries. Our extremely skilled team of attorneys and medical experts are dedicated to ensuring you receive proper compensation for your injuries. For more information or if you have been seriously injured by Medtronic's SynchroMed II drug pump, please contact us at **1-877-MessaLaw** or visit us at www.messalaw.com.

Consumer News:
The Recall Report

All lots of five types of packages of non-sterile alcohol prep pads manufactured by Professional Disposables International Inc. have been recalled because of detection of Bacillus cereus bacteria. The bacteria also triggered the company, Triad's recall of their alcohol prep products.

Messa & Associates has handled dozens of cases involving recalled products which have caused significant injuries and death. If you or a loved one has suffered serious injuries as a result of using this or any other recalled product, please contact us at **1-877-MessaLaw**.

Messa Gives Back…

This summer, Messa & Associates supported the Walk for Hope and other local organizations that make a difference in our community and around the world.

City of Hope
WALK FOR HOPE
WOMEN'S CANCERS WOMEN'S CURES

For more information on these and other organizations Messa & Associates supports, please visit our Web site at www.messalaw.com.

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SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Ovarian cancer is a disease in which malignant or cancerous cells are found in the ovaries. There are more than 30 types of the disease and the most common symptoms include bloating, loss of appetite, pelvic or abdominal pain, frequent urination and fatigue.

In most cases, ovarian cancer is not detected during routine pelvic exams unless the doctor notes that the ovary is enlarged. Common risks factors include genetic predisposition, personal or family history of breast, ovarian or colon cancer, increasing age and undesired infertility.

Unfortunately, because pelvic exams do not detect cancer ovarian, most women are not diagnosed until they are at an advanced-stage of the disease (Stage III). Therefore, awareness is key in detecting this disease. Women experiencing symptoms that they think may be related to ovarian cancer or those who are at risk for the disease should talk to their doctor about being screened.

Messa & Associates has represented many families in cases involving the delay and misdiagnosis of cancer that results in worsened conditions or death. If you or a loved one has suffered serious injury or death as a result of the delay or misdiagnosis of ovarian or any other type of cancer, please contact us at **1-877-MessaLaw** or visit us at www.messalaw.com to discuss your case.

WE REMEMBER THE VICTIMS OF SEPTEMBER 11TH

Recent Settlement and Verdicts

Johnson, Mary Alice v. Posel Corporation, et al.

$350,000 settlement for a woman who fell down steps as she exited a retail store and was unable to access the handrail due to display racks that had been placed on the landing in the front of the store's exit.

She suffered a spiral fracture to her left leg which required surgery. She also suffered back injuries.

Health Alert: Drug Watch

The Food and Drug Administration has issued a warning to Celexa (citalopram) patients that high doses of the antidepressant could trigger changes in a patient's heart rhythm. In some cases, the abnormal rhythms could be fatal.

As a result, the FDA has revised the label lowering the approved maximum dose of the drug to 40 mg per day.

If you or a loved one has taken the antidepressant Celexa and suffered a serious heart condition or death as a result, please contact Messa & Associates to discuss your case at **1-877-MessaLaw** or www.messalaw.com.

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