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On behalf of the attorneys and staff at
Messa & Associates, P.C., we wish you a
Happy New Year!

FDA Investigates Radiation Overdose at Hospitals Nationwide

More than 300 patients may have received an overdose of radiation from a special type of CT scan used to image the brain.

The Food and Drug Administration says the radiation overdoses occurred at three hospitals in Los Angeles and one hospital in Huntsville, Alabama.

The FDA says there could be many more cases at hospitals nationwide as the investigation unfolds.

The scan in question is called a "perfusion CT." After an injection, a brain scan is taken to examine blood

vessels. Perfusion CT is typically done to diagnose a stroke or aneurysm.

Patients at the four hospitals who received excess radiation, were exposed to the equivalent of several thousand X-rays as opposed to a fraction of that amount.

The FDA has sent alerts to hospitals and health care facilities nationwide that perform these specialized CT scans, asking them to double check the machines in order to assure they are configured correctly.

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RECENT SETTLEMENTS

\$144,000 settlement for a man who was involved in a motor vehicle accident when a transportation van ran his vehicle off the road and into a tree. The accident led to an arthroscopic surgery on his knee for a damaged meniscus.

1 million partial settlement involving a motor vehicle accident due to a shopping center's negligence in Plymouth Meeting, Pa. The owners and the property management company of the center failed to maintain proper landscaping and signage causing obstruction of vision for both drivers. The negligence caused an accident resulting in traumatic aortic dissection and multiple orthopedic fractures for the defendant.



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"Philadelphia's Finest Attorneys."



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What are the most important factors for a Newsweek reader to take into account when choosing a lawyer?

Having to choose a lawyer means you or a loved one's life has changed due to someone else's negligence - which is stressful on many levels. That's why Messa & Associates, P.C., is here to help with experienced injury lawyers armed with powerful resources, the tenacity to fight for your interests, the sympathy to provide real understanding and counsel with a history of proven results. Knowing that Messa & Associates, P.C., is on your side makes an unfortunate experience easier to bear.

When Messa & Associates, P.C., handles a client's case, we consider the client and their case the most significant and fight to insure the best possible outcome.

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Recent Recalls

Volvo is recalling certain vehicles sold in the United States because the fuel pump can develop cracks in the fuel pump flange when exposed to certain climate conditions. These cracks can occur in particularly hot climates, over time and in combination with varying fuel quality.

Owners of these models may notice fuel smell and/or a fuel leak which, in the presence of an ignition source, could result in a fire.

Vehicles affected:

Vehicle Make / Model / Model Year(s):

VOLVO / S60 2001-2004
VOLVO / S80 2002-2005
VOLVO / V70 2001-2004
VOLVO / XC70 2001-2004
VOLVO / XC90 2003-2005

If you or someone you know has a model number affected by the recall, a dealer will inspect the fuel pump installed and replace it with a part of a modified design - *free of charge* - starting in January 2010. Owners may call Volvo at 866-637-3774.

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