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Controversial Diabetic Medicine Under Fire

Avandia, a controversial diabetes medicine, has patients suffering heart attacks and heart failure each month. Confidential government reports that recommend the drug be removed from the market, have just been released by The New York Times.

The reports claim that if every diabetic now taking Avandia were instead given a similar pill called Actos, about 500 heart attacks and 300 cases of heart failure would be averted every month because Avandia can hurt the heart.

Avandia, manufactured by GlaxoSmith-Kline, was intended to treat Type 2 diabetes, also known as rosiglitazone and was linked to 304 deaths during the third quarter of 2009.

The internal F.D.A. reports are part of a fierce debate within the agency over what

to do about Avandia. Some agency officials want the drug withdrawn because they believe there is a safer alternative; others insist that studies of the drug provide contradictory information and that Avandia should continue to be an option for doctors and patients. GlaxoSmithKline said that it had studied Avandia extensively and that “scientific evidence simply does not establish that Avandia increases” the risk of heart attacks



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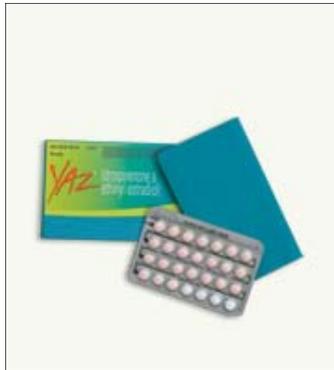


Toyota's recent recall of millions of vehicles for sticking accelerator pedals may get drivers wondering: What should you do if a vehicle is accelerating uncontrollably?

If the pedal starts to feel sticky but isn't yet stuck, stop driving and call a dealer to arrange for your vehicle to be picked up, Toyota says. But if the pedal is stuck in a depressed position, here is what the driver can do:

- Shift the transmission to neutral
- Turn off the ignition switch
- Apply the brakes and pull over

YAZ Birth Control Possibly Linked to Hazardous Side Effects



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Studies have shown that the ingredients contained in YAZ®, Yasmin® and Ocella® have been linked to various forms of severe side-effects. Reportedly, these side-effects include: heart attack, stroke, deep vein thrombosis (also known as DVT or blood clots), internal organ damage (including gallbladder damage), myocardial infarction and pulmonary embolism.

Recently, a large number of YAZ lawsuits have been designated as Mass Tort or Multidistrict Litigation (MDL) cases. Studies show that one of the more serious YAZ, Yasmin, and Ocella side effects is Deep Vein Thrombosis, or DVT. DVT is a condition characterized by the presence of a blood clot in a vein, usually in the legs or pelvis. DVT does not always show symptoms, but may cause swelling and pain in the affected extremities. If the blood clot dislodges and travels to the lungs, it may cause a Pulmonary Embolism.

If you feel you have experienced any side-effects from taking YAZ or Yasmin (or the generic brand, Ocella), you can contact Stark & Stark and speak to one of the Mass Tort/ Pharmaceutical Litigation attorneys, free of charge, who can help assess any claims that you might have against the YAZ, Yasmin or Ocella manufacturers.

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RECENT SETTLEMENTS & VERDICTS

\$954,000 jury verdict for Mr. Agresta who slipped and fell on ice at the Springton Point condominium Association sidewalk where his family resides in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania. The sidewalk was a common element under the control of the townhouse community; however, was contracted by Wentworth Property Management to maintain.

Agresta had pre-existing spinal stenosis and the fall caused neurologic injuries on top of his underlying degenerative condition. As a consequence from the trauma, with his underlying condition, Agresta underwent a C3 to C7 cervical laminectomy with instrumented fusion.

There was no wage loss claim and the out of pocket medical bills totaled approximately \$44,000. Agresta was found 10% negligent; Springton Point Condominium association was found 40% at fault while the Wentworth Property Corporation was found 50% at fault. Two other defendants settled out, one before the trial and one after the trial started. The total money with delay damages is approximately \$1.1 million.

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