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New FDA Warnings Suggest Correlation Between Topomax And Birth Defects Including: Cleft Lip & Cleft Palate

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A new **FDA warning** was recently published which warns women of childbearing age that their use of Topomax (and other generic variations known as topiramate) significantly increases their chances of giving birth to a child with mouth-related birth defects.

Topiramate is a widely used prescription medication used to control epilepsy and severe headaches.

Women taking Topomax were more than three times more likely to give birth to a child with birth defects related to a child's mouth such as: cleft lip or cleft palate compared with women taking other brands of epilepsy drugs. Researchers estimate that infants born to women taking Topomax have a 1.4% chance of a having a birth defect relating to their mouth.

As a result of the new disclosures, the FDA is requiring Johnson & Johnson, the manufacturer of Topomax and other generic Topomax manufacturers to incorporate stronger warnings about use and pregnancy.

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Children born facial deformities frequently face difficulties during their formative years as other children may ridicule for no reason. Making matters more difficult is that many children faces a series of surgical procedures to remedy deformities.

Depending on the location of the deformity, children may have to wait through adolescence to undergo some of the cosmetic surgery procedures due to the fact that some procedures may be unreasonable to perform during periods of substantial growth and development.

As we learn more about the correlation between Topomax usage and the development of cleft lip and cleft palate, [Rosenfeld Injury Lawyers](#) remain committed to protecting the legal rights of infants and children impacted by this dangerous drug—Topomax. Many of our expected lawsuits and claims against Topomax manufacturers Johnson & Johnson and McNeil will focus on the companied knowledge of birth defects in related studies performed both on animals and trial-groups.

If you believe your child's birth defects may be related to Topomax use, please don't delay--give us a call for free legal consultation today regarding your potential Topomax lawsuit or Topomax claim. Our legal consultations are always free and confidential. (888) 424-5757

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