

[First Fosamax Trial Against Merck In New Jersey State Court Starts In January 2011](#)

This *Rosenberg v. Merck* Case Involves Woman Who Alleges She Developed Osteonecrosis Of The Jaw (ONJ)

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On January 18, 2011 the first Fosamax trial involving bisphosphonate-related osteonecrosis of the jaw (ONJ) started in the Superior Court for Atlantic County.

According to a (now-expected) Merck press release issued on the morning that this *Rosenberg* Fosamax ONJ trial started:

In *Rosenberg v. Merck*, the plaintiff alleges she used FOSAMAX from 1999 to 2006. The plaintiff further alleges she suffered various jaw problems and complications following a tooth extraction in December 2005.

“Unfortunately, the plaintiff had medical problems that cause people to develop jaw problems, regardless of whether they were taking FOSAMAX,” said Christy Jones of Butler, Snow, O’Mara, Stevens & Cannada PLLC, outside counsel for Merck. “She had an extensive history of periodontal and endodontic treatments and she took a number of powerful steroid medications that are known to suppress the body’s immune system and inhibit the body’s ability to heal. The evidence will show that the plaintiff would have experienced dental and jaw-related problems whether she took FOSAMAX or not.”

["Statement on FOSAMAX® \(alendronate Sodium\) Product Liability Trial in New Jersey State Court"](#)

This January 2011 NJ Fosamax trial will be presided over by Judge Carol E. Higbee, who is overseeing the New Jersey state court Fosamax "mass tort" litigation -- which, [as of December 29, 2010, consisted of 397 Fosamax lawsuits filed against Merck](#) alleging that patients who used Fosamax developed [osteonecrosis of the jaw \(ONJ\)](#), such as in the *Rosenberg* case, as well as patients who developed [atypical, low-stress femur fractures](#).

We will monitor the progress of this *Rosenberg* Fosamax trial in New Jersey and report significant developments as they become publicly available.

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