

Jonathan Rosenfeld's Nursing Homes Abuse Blog

Zinc From Denture Creams Has Been Linked To Neurological Disease

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In the wake yesterday's announcement from GlaxoSmithKline that they will stop the manufacture, distribution and advertising of their well-known denture adhesive product **Super PoliGrip**, we have been inundated with calls from concerned clients and their families who are concerned about the health risks and their legal rights.

At the heart of the matter is zinc, a metallic chemical element, that is commonly used in everyday products from sunscreens to vitamins. With respect to denture adhesives, like Super Poligrip and Fixodent, some recent studies have demonstrated that the zinc found in denture adhesives may leach out into the body resulting in elevated zinc levels.

Elevated zinc levels in the body are believed to be responsible for neurological problems and neuropathy. A blood test can confirm if the zinc levels have reached toxic levels. Unfortunately, research has also demonstrated that the effects of zinc poisoning may be permanent and irreversible.

Common physical symptoms of zinc poisoning may include:

- Numbness in hands, feet, arms or legs
- Tingling in the hands, feet, arms or legs
- Inability to move arms or legs
- Pain in arms or legs
- Frequent falls

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PoliGrip and Proctor & Gamble's Fixodent compose a large portion of the denture adhesion cream market composed of more than 30 million denture users. However, never in the long-term history of these products, has GlaxoSmithKline or Proctor & Gamble given any warning to the consumer that the use of their products could be dangerous.

What remains clear at this point, is that a generation has been betrayed by drug companies that they had put their trust in--- to provide a safe and fairly labeled product.

If you believe you or your loved one sustained an injury or death related to zinc poisoning from a PoliGrip product (Super PoliGrip Original, Super PoliGrip Ultra Fresh or Super PoliGrip Extra Care) or Fixodent, we would be honored to speak with you regarding your legal rights. At this time, there may be several legal avenues to recover damages for injuries including: an individual lawsuit or joining a 'class action' involving the Denture Cream Products Liability Multidistrict Litigation.

As with every case we have handled for more than 30 years, all legal consultations are free and confidential. (888) 424-5757

Resources:

Study Finds a Possible Link Between Denture Cream and Imbalance, ABC News, May 5, 2009

Study cites danger of zinc poisoning from denture creams, Times-Standard, July 12, 2009

Glaxo to remove zinc from denture cream, ABC News, February 18, 2010

GSK Consumer Healthcare warns consumers of potential health risks associated with long-term excessive use of zinc-containing denture adhesives

Two suits claim zinc in P&G's Fixodent causes harm, BusinessCourier, March 20, 2009

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