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# How are GranuFlo and NaturaLyte used in hemodialysis treatment?

<u>GranuFlo and NaturaLyte</u> are acid concentrates manufactured by Fresenius Medical Care (FMC) that are diluted to become components of dialysate. Dialysate is used during hemodialysis treatment to neutralize acid buildup in the blood.

# What is the difference between GranuFlo and NaturaLyte?

GranuFlo and NaturaLyte are both dialysate solutions used during hemodialysis treatment. GranuFlo is a dry acid, while NaturaLyte is a liquid formulation.

### Why did the FDA recall GranuFlo and NaturaLyte products?

In March 2012, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a <u>recall of GranuFlo and NaturaLyte</u> products based on a leaked internal memo from the manufacturers Fresenius Medical Care (FMC). The FMC memo included evidence that high bicarbonate levels caused by GranuFlo and NaturaLyte products led to patients experiencing <u>heart attacks</u>, strokes, and other serious side effects. Fresenius Medical Care did not issue the same warning to the thousands of dialysis clinics not owned by FMC.

#### What are the side effects caused by GranuFlo and NaturaLyte?

GranuFlo and NaturaLyte <u>side effects</u> include heart attack, low blood pressure (hypotension), myocardial infarction, <u>stroke</u>, metabolic alkalosis, and cardiopulmonary arrest.

# Am I eligible to file a GranuFlo or NaturaLyte lawsuit?

If you or a loved one experienced heart attack, stroke, or other side effects from hemodialysis treatment with GranuFlo or NaturaLyte, contact the <u>lawyers</u> at Hissey Kientz, LLP for a free case evaluation. You can reach us by calling toll-free at 1-866-275-4454, or by filling out our <u>free contact form</u>.