

Drug Injury Watch: June 2014 Benicar FDA Drug Safety Communication: Did It Decrease Or Increase Public Concern About The Risk Of Cardiovascular Death

Benicar, Azor, Tribenzor, Benicar HCT, And Other Blood Pressure Medicines Containing Olmesartan: Cardiovascular Mortality In Not A Side Effect Risk, Or Is It

(Posted by Tom Lamb at www.DrugInjuryWatch.com on June 30, 2014)

SUMMARY: Four years ago, in June 2010, the FDA issued a Drug Safety Communication letting doctors and patients know that patients with Type 2 diabetes taking Benicar might have a higher rate of death from a cardiovascular cause compared to patients taking a placebo.

In June 2014 FDA announced that the agency had completed its safety review of Benicar, finding no clear evidence of increased cardiovascular risks in diabetic patients.

So does this mean that Benicar is **not** associated with cardiovascular-related deaths, at all?

A well-regarded medical journalist covering cardiology news, Larry Husten, takes issue with that conclusion in his June 24, 2014 article "FDA Ends Olmesartan Safety Review, But...".

[\[Read this article in full at original source\]](#)

Earlier Benicar articles by attorney Tom Lamb on the [Side Effects Blog](#):

- [Benicar \(Olmesartan\) Associated With Sprue-Like Enteropathy, Which Is A Chronic / Severe Diarrhea Condition That Can Be Misdiagnosed As Celiac Disease](#)
- [Benicar-Induced Enteropathy: Recently Found / New Possible Cause Of Villous Atrophy: Symptoms And Diagnosis](#)
- [Blood Pressure Drug Benicar Causes Serious Intestinal Side Effects Such As Chronic And Severe Diarrhea Months Or Years After Starting Drug](#)
- [Benicar Cardiovascular-Related Deaths: FDA Safety Review Which Started In June 2010 Is Still Ongoing In August 2013](#)

Attorney [Tom Lamb](#) represents people in personal injury and wrongful death cases involving unsafe prescription drugs or medication errors. The above article was posted originally on his blog, **Drug Injury Watch** – with live links and readers' Comments.
<http://www.DrugInjuryWatch.com>