<u>Drug Injury Watch: Mirapex / Requip / Neupro: Significant Increased Risk Of Compulsive Behaviors -- Gambling, Shopping, And Sex -- For These Parkinsons And Restless Leg Drugs</u>

These Impulse Side Effects, As Seen In Adverse Drug Events Reports, Are Much Higher Than Previously Thought According To New Medical Journal Article

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SUMMARY: Based on their findings about impulse control problems associated with these "dopamine agonists" drugs, some drug safety researchers think there should be a heightened warning about unusual side effects in the form of compulsive behaviors involving gambling, shopping, and sex added to the drug labels for Mirapex, Requip, Neupro, and other medications used for Parkinson's disease and restless leg syndrome.

These findings are set forth is this new medical journal article, "Reports of Pathological Gambling, Hypersexuality, and Compulsive Shopping Associated With Dopamine Receptor Agonist Drugs", which was published online October 20, 2014 by the medical journal *JAMA Internal Medicine*.

In fact, some patients have sued the manufacturer of Mirapex, Boehringer Ingelheim, alleging that this Parkinson's disease drug triggered their pathological gambling which resulted in significant economic damages and other losses.

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