

Lawsuits Mount Against Xarelto as Pradaxa, Another Blood thinner, Settles for \$650 Million *The law firm of Hissey Kientz, LLP is currently offering free lawsuit evaluations to individuals who may have sustained injuries related to using Xarelto.*

Xarelto, a blood-thinning drug produced by Bayer Healthcare AG, has been hit with dozens of lawsuits as momentum picks up for possible mass tort litigation. The claims center on allegations that Xarelto drug makers didn't provide adequate warnings about potential bleeding side effects, and failed to provide sufficient information about the lack of a reversal agent to control bleeding.

Xarelto is a new generation of anticoagulant (blood thinner) in a class known as "Direct Xa inhibitors," designed to reduce the risk of blood clots and strokes. Bayer and Johnson & Johnson have championed Xarelto as the new alternative to Coumadin (warfarin) – the go-to blood thinner for years. Coumadin requires regular monitoring during treatment, while Xarelto does not. However, Xarelto lacks a reversal agent to counteract the blood thinning effects of the drug, leaving doctors unable to stop bleeding that may occur. Coumadin has a reversal agent.

Almost 4,000 lawsuits related to a similar blood thinner, Pradaxa, recently settled for \$650 million. Pradaxa plaintiffs sought damages for uncontrolled or fatal bleeding and claimed that Pradaxa manufacturer Boehringer Ingelheim failed to warn about those risks. Like Xarelto, Pradaxa also has no reversal agent to counteract its blood thinning effects.

Despite the mounting litigation and similarity to Pradaxa, Bayer and Johnson & Johnson are still seeking expanded FDA approvals, allowing them to market the blood thinner to a wider population of users. The FDA has rejected three previous attempts to expand Xarelto use, expressing concern about uncontrolled bleeding events linked to the drug.

Many plaintiffs are pushing for a Xarelto recall until a reversal agent is available.

Patients who have experienced uncontrolled bleeding or other similar side effects from using Xarelto may wish to speak to a lawyer to find out if they are eligible to file a lawsuit. For more information about whether you may have a case, contact the attorneys at Hissey Kientz, LLP by calling toll-free at 1-866-275-4454 or by email at [info\(at\)hkllp\(dot\)com](mailto:info(at)hkllp(dot)com).

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