Drug Injury Watch: A French Medical Study Provides More Support For Apparent Link Between Benicar With Chronic Severe Diarrhea And Substantial Weight Loss Side Effects

Researchers Found An Almost 10-Times Increased Risk Of Severe Intestinal Malabsorption Associated With Benicar After 2-Years Use Compared To Some Other Blood Pressure Medications

(Posted by Tom Lamb at <a href="https://www.DruglnjuryWatch.com">www.DruglnjuryWatch.com</a> on January 12, 2015)

**SUMMARY**: In May 2014 the medical journal *Gastroenterology* published an article, "Severe Malabsorption Associated With Olmesartan: A French Nationwide Cohort Study", which provides some insight concerning the association between Benicar and a side effect that is often initially mistaken for celiac disease.

From the Abstract for this medical journal article about that French Benicar study:

**Conclusion**: [Benicar (olmesartan)] was associated with an increased risk of severe intestinal malabsorption. The increased risk appears after one year of treatment and reaches 9.53 after 2 years of [Benicar (olmesartan)]. ARBs other than [Benicar (olmesartan)] were not associated with an increased risk of severe intestinal malabsorption.

Our law firm is investigating these sprue-like enteropathy cases involving Benicar, Benicar HCT, Azor, and Tribenzor as possible products liability lawsuits against the responsible drug company, Daiichi Sankyo, Inc.

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## Earlier Benicar articles by attorney Tom Lamb on the Side Effects Blog:

- When Someone Using Benicar Is Diagnosed With Celiac Disease They May Have,
   Instead, Developed Drug Induced Sprue-Like Enteropathy Or Intestinal Malabsorption
- June 2014 Benicar FDA Drug Safety Communication: Did It Decrease Or Increase Public
   Concern About The Risk Of Cardiovascular Death
- 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

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.

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