

Are You Entitled To Benefits?

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Low-T (Testosterone) Medication Lawsuits

New studies found that Low-T (testosterone) treatments have led to an increase in heart issues in men using them.

Issues that may have been caused by these treatments include:

- **Heart Attack**
- **Stroke**
- **Death**
- **Pulmonary Embolism**
- **Deep Vein Thrombosis**



Medical Evidence Against Low-T Treatments

The latest study, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, studied almost 9,000 men over the course of three years who were all taking testosterone treatments. They found these men to be more likely to suffer from a stroke, heart attack and related death. This is the second study to indicate the dangers of the following medications:

Androgel, Fortesta, Delatestryl, Depo-Testosterone, Striant, Testopel, Androderm, Bio-T-Gel, Testim and Axirom.

Practice Areas

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- Product Liability
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Do you have a case?

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Due to the recent studies, some physicians are being more cautious in prescribing low testosterone treatments. The marketing of these treatments is directed at the consumers however, not the physician. This leads to many consumers wanting the treatment even if their physician does not think they need it.

Causes of Low-T

Low-T is caused by a condition in which males cannot produce enough testosterone on their own which is called hypogonadism. This is normally caused by:

- **Genetics**
- **Radiation therapy** (such as the type used in cancer treatment)
- **Infection**
- **Injury**
- **Liver and kidney disease**

It can lead to underdeveloped muscles, sex organs, infertility and erectile dysfunction. These medications have been prescribed to men who have these issues and do not have hypogonadism. Many of the symptoms that have been treated with the use of these products are things that happen naturally to men as they age. There are safer ways to restore testosterone to higher levels that are safer than these treatments.

Do you have a case?

If you are or were undergoing treatments for Low-T and suffered any of the health complications listed above, you should retain an attorney to guide you through the legal system and fight for your rights. Don't wait until it is too late. Call Michael J. O'Connor & Associates for your **free** case evaluation.

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Gardasil

Gardasil was designed to protect against four types of HPV in young females and males, ages 9-26, according to Gardasil.com. Seventy-five percent of cervical cancer cases are linked to two types of HPV that Gardasil protects against. However, Gardasil has very dangerous side effects that can potentially be life threatening. Some people who have had the vaccine have experienced **paralysis, seizures, blood clots, anaphylactic shock, miscarriages, coma, Bells palsy and death**, according to ClassAction.org. Have you or a loved one experienced side effects from the Gardasil vaccine?



Lipitor

Lipitor, which is a drug classified as a statin, was developed to help treat high cholesterol. Medical studies found that women who use Lipitor are at a high risk of developing diabetes. In 1996 the FDA approved Lipitor, but the label did not sufficiently address this risk. It wasn't until 2012 that the FDA required the manufacturer, Pfizer, to change the label. Individuals who have unfortunately developed Type-2 diabetes as a result of using Lipitor have reported symptoms such as **blurred vision, frequent headaches, frequent urination, tingling and numbness in hands or feet, among others.**



GranuFlo & NaturaLyte

Individuals who were receiving dialysis treatments could be eligible to receive benefits from a class action lawsuit against Fresenius Medical Care. GranuFlo and NaturaLyte, both manufactured by Fresenius Medical Care, could possibly lead to **heart attack, stroke, cardiac arrest, irregular heartbeats and death.** Fresenius Medical Care failed to include these risks on their warning label. Don't hesitate to call for a free case evaluation if you or a loved one has been affected by either of these dialysis treatments.



da Vinci Surgical Robot

Have you undergone surgery by a doctor who used the da Vinci surgical robot? It is a robot-like machine operated by the surgeon to assist him or her in more intricate procedures. A defect of the da Vinci surgical robot, manufactured by Intuitive Surgical, Inc., may be problematic to patients and possibly increasing chances of them suffering **burn wounds.** Other injuries that could be caused by the da Vinci surgical robot are **perforate blood vessels or organs, excessive internal bleeding and death.**

Congratulations to our Winter Giveaway Winner!

We would like to congratulate Scott Siegfried of Lehigh County. He was the winner of the Michael J. O'Connor & Associates Winter Giveaway. He won a Google Android Tablet. Participants had to either "Like" the Michael J. O'Connor & Associates Facebook page, send our marketing director an e-mail or call in to be entered to win. Keep watching our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/mjoclaw) for our next giveaway.



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Motorcycle News

Motorcycle Learners Permits Affected by Changes to Act 126

Are you or someone you know looking to receive your motorcycle learner's permit? As of February 21, 2014, a new law is in effect that may affect you. A person who is applying for their motorcycle learner's permit is only allowed to re-apply three times within a five-year period according to the PA Department of Transportation. You must successfully pass the motorcycle knowledge test each time. PennDOT is also prohibited from renewing a person's motorcycle learner's permit.

Free classes are offered through the PA Motorcycle Safety Program (PAMSP) to anyone who resides in PA with a motorcycle learner's permit or a motorcycle license.



The law change was put into effect to help keep all motorists safe. We always want riders to be safe, but unfortunately, we know that is not always the case. If you or a loved one has been injured in a motorcycle accident, don't hesitate to call. Call us today and let us help you get the compensation you deserve.

A Healthy, Happy 2014 for the MJOC Team

The Michael J. O'Connor & Associates team kicked off 2014 the right way, the healthy way. Every Monday morning healthy snacks are provided, such as various types of fruit and yogurt, so the attorneys and staff have healthy snacks throughout the week. A blender was brought in by a staff member for anyone who wants to whip up a yummy smoothie by adding juices such as orange juice or pineapple juice.



The attorneys and staff are also partaking in an aerobics class two times a week. The class is led by Amy Marnell. Amy is a marketing instructor at the Schuylkill Technology Center and is the daughter of our estate paralegal, Sue Kester. Amy comes to our Frackville office when the work day is over to lead us in a workout

that really gets the heart rate going and the blood pumping. The workouts include yoga, aerobics and toning.

We are looking forward to a happy and healthy 2014!

Fruit Salad with Pudding

Our resident chef and receptionist, Patti Dmytrow, has recommended the perfect spring dessert. This dessert is always an office favorite for birthday treats.

Ingredients:

1 (29 ounce) can peach slices, undrained
1 (20 ounce) can pineapple chunks, undrained
1 (3 1/8 ounce) box dry vanilla instant pudding mix
1 lb. strawberries, stemmed and quartered
1 banana, sliced
1/2 pint blueberries
1 bunch grapes

Directions:

In a large bowl, combine:

- Peaches
- Pineapples
- Vanilla Pudding mix.

(Include the juices from the cans)

Mix well until the pudding is dissolved.

Stir in strawberries, banana, blueberries, and grapes.

Chill in the refrigerator.

Nutrition Information:

Approximately 74 calories per serving.
This recipe will serve roughly 15 servings.



Enjoy!

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