

MEDIA ADVISORY

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ORTHO EVRA CLASS ACTION COMMENCED IN CANADA

LONDON, ONTARIO – The law firm Siskinds ^{LLP} launched a class action today against Janssen-Ortho Inc. regarding its contraceptive skin patch Ortho Evra.

Ortho Evra was first approved for marketing and sale in Canada as a contraceptive patch in 2002. Since then, sales of Ortho Evra have been strong.

On November 10, 2005, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced new prescribing information for the brand of Ortho Evra patch marketed in the United States. The U.S. prescribing information was revised to include a new, bolded warning alerting health care providers that the amount of estrogen delivered through the skin produces a higher estrogen exposure than when taking the typical birth control pill and that greater exposure to estrogen may increase the risk of blood clots.

On November 28, 2005, Health Canada issued a warning advising consumers that it is in the process of reviewing whether any product labelling changes are required for the Canadian version of Ortho Evra. On March 30, 2006, Health Canada issued an advisory that it is currently reviewing the results of two studies looking at the risk of serious side effects when using Ortho Evra and continuing to monitor the safety of using of Ortho Evra.

The Statement of Claim alleges that Janssen-Ortho Inc. failed to adequately warn patients and physicians that Ortho Evra has been associated with an increased risk of developing blood clots, pulmonary emboli, strokes, heart attacks and/or deep vein thrombosis. Michael Peerless, a partner with Siskinds ^{LLP}, says "We believe that through this lawsuit Janssen-Ortho will be required to explain to Canadian consumers what it knew about the risks associated with Ortho Evra and when it first became aware of those risks. In this case, as with all of these types of cases our firm is involved in, we are concerned about whether Canadians were adequately warned of the risks associated with using the product in question."

It is too early at this stage to quantify the claims of potential class members, but it is anticipated that the amount is significant. Canadians using Ortho Evra are encouraged to visit www.classaction.ca or to call 1-800-461-6166. Quebec residents can contact Claude Desmeules at (418) 694-2009.

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