

HPV - Lawsuit Compensation

Merck - The Vioxx Scandal

Controversial history of HPV vaccine manufacturer

- Vioxx - Merck's painkiller drug was approved by FDA in 1999
- It was withdrawn in 2004 after numerous complaints about cardiac issues
- The drug had been aggressively marketed by Merck
- Doctors who questioned the drug were discredited, there was a "hit-list"
- Eventually, in 2007, Merck agreed to pay \$4.9 billion to settle lawsuits

Vaccine companies - billions of dollars in fines for fraudulent marketing and bribing doctors

- Johnson & Johnson: \$8.9 billion to resolve cancer lawsuits related to talcum powder (2023)
- Merck: \$5 billion to settle lawsuits that painkiller Vioxx caused heart attacks and strokes (2007)
- Pfizer: \$2.3 billion for illegal promotion of pharmaceutical products (2009)
- GlaxoSmithKline: \$3 billion for unlawful promotion of prescription drugs and failure to report safety data (2012)
- AstraZeneca: \$520 million for illegal marketing of antipsychotic drug (2010)
- Sanofi: \$109 million for bribing physicians to prescribe a knee injection (2012)

US - Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP)

History

- Established in 1986
- Provides liability protection to vaccine companies
- 1982 - 1984, vaccine companies (Wyeth/Lederle, now acquired by Pfizer) gradually started increasing prices to cover litigation costs, after private insurers refused to provide insurance
- Government despite tax payer funded vaccine compensation scheme thereby providing liability cover to vaccine companies

US - Vaccine Injury compensation claims for HPV

Summary

- 812 compensation claims
- So far, 167 have been compensated since inception (422 dismissed)
- Over \$100 million in payouts

Examples of compensation claims awarded

- Court awarded over \$ 860,000 in lump sum payments, and several thousand dollars in recurring annual payments, after a woman suffered neurological injury and/or transverse myelitis (2021)
- Lady suffered from neuromyelitis optica (NMO) following administration of flu & HPV shots. Court ordered over \$1 million lump sum and several thousand dollars in recurring payments as compensation (2012)
- A woman developed demyelinating disorders following HPV vaccine. Court awarded damages, including \$1.9 million lump sum and ~\$150,000 in recurring annual payments for life.(2018)
- Court orders over \$38,000 in damages after person suffered from vitiligo following HPV (2019)
- Child suffered systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis following HPV vaccine. Court ordered ~\$1.3 million lump sum & ~\$38k in lifetime annual payments (2017)
- Child suffered from autoimmune limbic encephalitis, intractable epilepsy & developmental delays following HPV shot (2016). Court ordered damages: \$1.5 million lump sum & over 120,000 in recurring annual payments
- \$310,000 in compensation to estate for sudden death following HPV shots (2018)
- \$200,000 in compensation for death due to myocarditis following HPV vaccine (2016)
- \$200,000 in compensation after a woman died of cerebral vasculitis following HPV vaccination (2015)
- \$240,000 in compensation after a woman died due to aplastic anemia following HPV vaccination (2011)

Post HPV Vaccine Medical Conditions for which court has awarded damages

Acetabular labrum tear	Fainting	Pancreatitis
Acute Disseminating Encephalomyelitis (ADEM)	Fatigue	Photophobia
Aggravation of multiple sclerosis (MS)	Guillian-Barre Syndrome (GBS)	Polyarthritis
Aplastic Anemia	Headaches	Polyarthralgia pain syndrome
Autoimmune limbic encephalitis	Henoch Schonlein Purpura	Rheumatoid arthritis
Blood Clots	Hip impingement syndrome	Snapping hip syndrome
Cardiac Arrest	Joint pain	Subarachnoid hemorrhage
Cardiomyopathy	Juvenile Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)	Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis
Cardiac Arrhythmia	Macrophagic Myofasciitis (MFF)	Transverse Myelitis
Cerebral Vasculitis	Myocarditis	Ulcerative Colitis
Demyelinating disorders	Neuromyelitis Optica (NMO)	Urticaria
Demyelinating encephalitis	Neurogenic bladder	Vitiligo
Developmental delays	Neurological Injury	Vomiting
Dizziness	Neutrophilic urticaria	Weston Hurst disease
Epilepsy	Optic Neuritis	Death
Epstein Barr virus (reactivated)		