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## Lawsuit Alleges Breast Cancer Drug Causes Hair Loss

In March, a lawsuit was filed in California against the makers of a chemotherapy drug used for breast cancer. The lawsuit alleges that Sanofi-Aventis participated in marketing schemes that drove up the sales of the drug Taxotere but hid its level of toxicity. The woman filing the lawsuit claims that Taxotere caused her permanent hair loss. [We were moved by reading about Taxotere and its effect on the over two million women who have been prescribed this drug.](#)



## Cancer Risks Associated With Talcum Power

The family of a woman who sued Johnson & Johnson, alleging the company's Baby Power and other feminine hygiene products containing talc caused her ovarian cancer, was awarded \$72 million in damages in February. Jackie Fox, who ultimately died from her cancer, had joined dozens of women suing the company for allegedly failing to inform the public of the risks associated with talc. [Other pending lawsuits claim that Johnson & Johnson knew of the potential risks but didn't warn American consumers.](#)



## Diabetic Drug Invokana Linked to Serious Medical Condition

Approximately 24 million people suffer from diabetes, and many have used Invokana to improve and control their body's response to food. However, in May, the FDA warned that Invokana may increase the risk of diabetic patients developing ketoacidosis—a serious medical condition. If not treated quickly, diabetic ketoacidosis can lead to diabetic coma or death. The Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) recently warned of more than 450 serious adverse reactions when using Invokana. [Today, people are taking legal action against Johnson & Johnson's Janssen Pharmaceuticals division after using Invokana.](#)



## Lawsuits Claim Birth Defects Caused by Anti-Nausea Drug

GlaxoSmithKline's anti-nausea drug, Zofran, was approved by the FDA in 1991 to help prevent nausea and vomiting brought about by surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation. However, while some doctors prescribe Zofran to pregnant woman suffering from severe morning sickness, it was never approved for pregnancy-related nausea. In 2015, a lawsuit was filed against the manufacturer by plaintiffs who allege that their children suffered birth defects after exposure to Zofran, and that the company was aware of the potential risks. If your child was born with a birth defect, you should [Speak with your doctor about any medications you received during pregnancy.](#)

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## Thank You!

We appreciate how our friends and neighbors welcome our newsletter every month; it's our chance to let you know up-to-date developments that may affect your health and your future. Please have a safe and secure May. We'll see you in early June with another timely summary of news for families like yours.

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