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Bextra can cause extreme side effects, including (but not limited to) the following:

Anaphylaxis is a sudden, severe, potentially fatal, systemic allergic reaction involving various areas of the body such as the skin, respiratory tract, gastrointestinal tract, and cardiovascular system. Unlike Stevens Johnson Syndrome, these symptoms occur within minutes and up to two hours after contact with the allergy-causing substance, but in rare instances may occur up to four hours later.

Angioedema refers to swelling that occurs in the tissue just below the surface of the skin. It generally results from an allergic reaction to either a food or medication. It may be a sign of an underlying condition such as leukemia or Hodgkin's disease. This is often associated with Stevens Johnson syndrome.

Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis is a life-threatening skin disorder characterized by blistering and peeling of the top layer of skin. This disorder can be caused by a drug reaction to penicillin but has now been linked to Bextra.

Erythema Multiforme (EM) is an acute self-limited eruption characterized by a distinctive clinical eruption, the hallmark of which is the iris or target lesion. EM may be present within a wide spectrum of severity. EM minor represents a localized eruption of the skin with mild or no mucosal involvement, corresponding to the initial description of von Hebra. EM major and Stevens Johnson syndrome (SJS) are more severe mucosal and skin diseases as well as potentially life-threatening disorders.

Generalized Exfoliative Dermatitis is a severe inflammation of the entire skin surface due to a reaction to certain drugs, or as a result of complications from another skin condition. In some cases, lymph node cancer (lymphoma) causes generalized exfoliative dermatitis.

Heart Attacks and Strokes A recent study (October/November 2004) showed that certain patients were at higher risk for heart attacks as a result of taking Bextra. An initial study last year raised similar

concerns in the same kinds of patients. Coupling this with the information about Vioxx, anyone taking a Cox-2 inhibitor like Bextra should be concerned. Stevens Johnson Syndrome. Common causes are the drugs including Arava (leflunomide), painkillers, and antibiotics. Bextra has now been linked to this potentially life threatening syndrome. Symptoms of Stevens Johnson Syndrome are blistering, fever, cough, malaise, swelling and lesions of gums, tongue, or lips and excessive tearing or "stickiness" of eyes and sores in the genital tract causing painful urination.

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Bextra, Stevens – Johnson Syndrome, and Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis–Is Their A Connection?

By Scott Montgomery

Stevens – Johnson syndrome is a life-threatening disease that affects the skin, which causes skin peeling rashes, and blistering of the mucous membranes. The blistering is usually in areas such as the mouth, eyes, and vagina, and the rash can be patchy and in various areas. The other variation of SJS, which is TEN (Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis), has some of the same effects as SJS, but with this variation the skin can start to peel off on a large scale. Both of these skin diseases cause massive misery, pain, anxiety, and can prove fatal.

SJS and TEN are almost always caused by a drug reaction, and Bextra is known to be a risk factor. Although the FDA and Pfizer directors were thought to be aware of the link between Bextra use and SJS/TEN it was approved and prescribed to millions. Moreover, it is only very recently that Pfizer have been ordered to add a black box warning - the strongest warning possible - to Bextra packaging providing information about the risks carried by the drug in relation to these skin diseases.

The warning comes far too late for some people, who obviously took the drug and suffered the effects. Bextra is now under fire once again for a possible link with heart attacks, although this is still being investigated. The side effects caused by Bextra have already resulted in a number of lawsuits against Pfizer, and it is likely that these lawsuits will continue to increase for the foreseeable future.

Those that have taken or are still taking Bextra are urged to educate themselves on the symptoms and effects of SJS/TEN and other Bextra side effects. If you notice anything amiss you should seek medical assistance immediately. You may also be entitled to compensation if you have suffered the side effects of Bextra, and there are now many lawyers and law firms that specialize in drug litigation and Bextra lawsuits. If you feel that you may have grounds for compensation - or even if you are unsure as to whether you have a case - it is advisable to contact an experienced Bextra lawyer. You will then be informed whether you have a valid case, and your lawyer can look at putting together a solid case in order to claim compensation for your medical expenses, pain, and suffering.

Scott Montgomery, who represents the Montgomery Law Firm, LLC specializes in handling cases that deal primarily with Bextra and its harmful side effects to consumers.

If you or a loved one has been injured by Bextra you may have valuable legal rights. We will evaluate your case for free.



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