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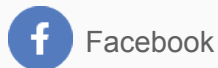
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Big Pharma is a collective term used to describe the world's largest publicly traded pharmaceutical companies. Some investors think that once a drug is approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) the hard work is over – but that couldn't be further from the truth. It takes serious advertising dollars to promote a drug to consumers and physicians in order to build awareness. If you watch TV you have probably seen many a pharmaceutical promotion, perhaps even for another now under fire: Truvada. This is one of several HIV medications being made by Gilead Sciences. If you or someone you know has or is taking one of these medications, please read on!

The next topic is one we have addressed before. But as long as we are in the courts fighting for families dealing with this deadly form of cancer – malignant mesothelioma – we will continue to passionately advocate for our clients. My team has tremendous knowledge and great compassion for the families we serve. Don't be denied the compensation you deserve. If you have questions, we have answers.

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Did the Maker of HIV Drugs Fail to Warn Its Product Can Cause Serious Health Problems?



Did the Maker of HIV Drugs Fail to Warn Its Product Can Cause Serious Kidney Problems, Low Bone Density and Related Health Problems?

Let the courts decide! Gilead Sciences, Inc. is facing multiple lawsuits that claim its tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (TDF) HIV medications Truvada, Viread, Atripla, Complera and Stribild led to kidney problems and bone loss. Several lawsuits are pending, including individual cases in state and federal courts and a class action lawsuit in California.

Side effects include rash, diarrhea, headache, pain, depression,



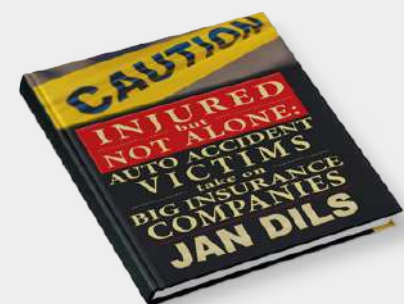

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asthenia and nausea. The most serious side effects include decreases in bone density, liver problems, kidney problems, lactic acidosis and worsening HIV symptoms after stopping treatment.

HIV products are big moneymakers for Gilead. They make up about 67% of the company's revenue. The company made \$14.6 billion from HIV drugs in 2018, an increase from \$13 billion in 2017.



Lawsuits also claim the drug maker purposely delayed releasing a more effective, safer version of the drug called tenofovir alafenamide fumarate (TAF) to maximize profits from TDF. Releasing TAF sooner could have prevented patients from experiencing as many side effects, lawsuits allege.

So far, lawsuits against Gilead are pending in five federal courts in Louisiana and California as well as California state court, according to Gilead's 2018 annual report. The drug maker said it intends to vigorously defend itself but expressed concern that a plaintiff win could mean financial losses.

“While we believe these cases are without merit, we cannot predict the ultimate outcome. If plaintiffs are successful in their claims, we could be required to pay significant monetary damages.”

At Jan Dils, Attorneys at Law, we have a proven track record of holding Big Pharma accountable. If you believe you or a loved one have suffered at the hands of Gilead Science and TDF HIV medications, do not hesitate to contact us.

Source: Gilead Sciences Inc. 2018 annual report

<https://www.drugwatch.com/tenofovir-disoproxil-fumarate/lawsuits/>

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What Everyone Needs to Know About Mesothelioma



Malignant mesothelioma (me-zoe-thee-lee-O-muh) is a type of cancer that occurs in the thin layer of tissue that covers the majority of your internal organs (mesothelium).

It is an aggressive and deadly form of cancer. Mesothelioma treatments are available, but for many people with mesothelioma, a cure isn't possible.

Doctors divide mesothelioma into different types based on what part of the mesothelium is affected. Mesothelioma most often affects the tissue that surrounds the lungs (pleura). This type is called pleural mesothelioma. Other, rarer types of mesothelioma affect tissue in the abdomen (peritoneal mesothelioma), around the heart and around the testicles.

Most mesotheliomas are thought to be related to asbestos exposure. Asbestos is a mineral that's found naturally in the environment. Asbestos fibers are strong and resistant to heat, making them useful in a wide variety of applications, such as in insulation, brakes, shingles, flooring and many other products. One of the most obvious sources of asbestos exposure is working in an asbestos mine or processing center. There are no existing asbestos mines in West Virginia, but coal miners can suffer from asbestos exposure.

At its peak, asbestos was used in a lot of residential and commercial products including brake pads, automobile clutches, roofing materials, vinyl tile, cement piping, corrugated sheeting, home insulation and some potting soils. So, auto mechanics and those in building trades are at risk. Many industrial workers are also at risk and have been exposed to asbestos insulation, pipes, boilers, and many other products.

Factors that may increase the risk of mesothelioma include:

- **Personal history of asbestos exposure.** If you've been

directly exposed to asbestos fibers at work or at home, your risk of mesothelioma is greatly increased.

- **Living with someone who works with asbestos.** People who are exposed to asbestos may carry the fibers home on their skin and clothing. Exposure to these stray fibers over many years can put others in the home at risk of mesothelioma. People who work with high levels of asbestos can reduce the risk of bringing home asbestos fibers by showering and changing clothes before leaving work.
- **A family history of mesothelioma.** If your parent, sibling or child has mesothelioma, you may have an increased risk of this disease.
- **Radiation therapy to the chest.** If you had radiation therapy for cancer in your chest, you might have an increased risk of mesothelioma.



Complications

As pleural mesothelioma spreads in the chest, it puts pressure on the structures in that area. This can cause complications, such as:

- Difficulty breathing
- Chest pain
- Difficulty swallowing
- Pain caused by pressure on the nerves and spinal cord
- Accumulation of fluid in the chest (pleural effusion), which can compress the lung nearby and make breathing difficult

If you or a loved one have been diagnosed with mesothelioma or lung cancer, please give Jan Dils, Attorneys at Law, a call at 877-526-3457. Or, fill out [this form](#) so that we may contact you at a time that is convenient for you.

Source: <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/mesothelioma/symptoms-causes/syc-20375022>

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