



SOKOLOVE SAYS FOSAMAX MAY BE BAD TO THE BONE

Blasts Big Pharma for Putting Profits Ahead of Consumers

March 15, 2010, Wellesley, MA – According to recent news reports, Fosamax, a popular drug generally prescribed to women at risk of [osteoporosis](#) or [fractures from osteoporosis](#), is supposed to strengthen bones, but mounting evidence suggests that, for some women, taking this drug for more than five years could cause spontaneous [femur fractures](#). In 2008, the FDA asked Fosamax manufacturer, Merck, to include patients' reports of femur fractures to the list of possible side effects within Fosamax's drug insert, but they did not add it until more than a year later.

“This is just another example of pharmaceutical companies abusing consumer trust by failing to take the initiative to do what's best for the consumer right away,” says James Sokolove, Chairman of Sokolove Law, one of the nation's largest marketers of [legal services](#). “It shouldn't have taken over a year for the manufacturer, Merck, to finally respond to consumer reports of spontaneous fractures. ”

Meanwhile Merck claims there has been no “causal association” that connects long-term use of Fosamax to [fractures](#). The company says they are conducting ongoing epidemiological studies to further investigate this issue.

“Merck is making billions of dollars a year on Fosamax, but consumer safety should still be the number one priority,” said Sokolove. “In today's digital age, there is no reason why Merck couldn't have been more open and honest with the public.”

The news comes on the heels of last month's reports that linked GlaxoSmithKline's Avandia, a Type 2 diabetes drug, to elevated heart risks and alleged that Glaxo underplayed information and attempted to suppress medical professionals who raised concerns.

“Pharmaceutical companies spend years of time and billions of dollars on drug testing, but they're still sending drugs to market without fully understanding the potential risks” says Sokolove. “All we're asking for is a little bit more diligence.”

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