

What is Reglan?

Reglan is the trade name for a prescription drug with the generic name of metoclopramide. It is used to treat gastrointestinal malfunctions such as heartburn and gastroparesis and for relief of nausea and vomiting. When regular medicines can not correct these conditions, doctors prescribe Reglan. In February 2009, the FDA mandated that Reglan labels display “black-box” warnings about the risks associated with its consumption. See the FDA's full text of its Reglan warning and the reasoning behind the label change.

The warning essentially states three messages:

1. There is a casual link between chronic treatment with metoclopramide and tardive dyskinesia, "a serious movement disorder that is often irreversible."
2. Treatment should cease with any sign of tardive dyskinesia.
3. Treatment should not be longer than 12 weeks except in rare cases where the benefit outweighs the risks. Chemically, Reglan functions as a dopamine receptor antagonist. It should not be used in patients with kidney or liver damage, as well as those with specific medical conditions like intestinal bleeding, blockage or holes; pheochromocytoma; seizures and porphyria.

Reglan Lawyers

If you or someone you love has suffered serious harm as a result of taking Reglan, you may be eligible to seek compensation, including medical bills, lost earning capacity, pain and suffering, and more. Contact the Simmons firm today to get in touch with caring and experienced Reglan lawyers who can evaluate your case, answer your questions, and help you understand your legal rights, including the filing of a Reglan lawsuit.