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Is The FDA Doing Enough About Birth Control Products That Contain Third Generation Or Fourth Generation Progestins And Are Associated With Higher Risks Of Blood Clots

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SUMMARY: A January 3, 2013 *Reuters* article, "France may curb use of riskier oral contraceptives", has us thinking about whether the FDA should be doing more on the drug-safety front as regards the popular birth control products YAZ / Yasmin and NuvaRing.

From this recent *Reuters* article:

The European Medicines Agency says the risk of an embolism, or blood clot, is twice as high for women using third and fourth-generation pills than for those using earlier versions, although it remains low. The risk of a stroke is the same.

On Wednesday, France's health ministry said it would stop reimbursing prescription costs of third-generation pills from March 31, bringing forward a cut-off date from Sept. 30.

One has to wonder whether the FDA should be doing more -- especially in view of this action now being taken in Europe -- as regards the persistent and serious drug-safety issues surrounding YAZ / Yasmin and NuvaRing.

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