

## **Drug Injury Watch: Atypical Femur Fractures: Due To Fosamax Or A Bisphosphonates Drug Class Side Effect?**

**Is The Fact That Fosamax Has Been The Most Prescribed -- More Often Than Actonel, Aredia, Boniva, Etc. -- Blurring The Answer To This Drug-Safety Issue?**

(Posted by Tom Lamb at [www.DrugInjuryWatch.com](http://www.DrugInjuryWatch.com) on January 15, 2013)

**SUMMARY:** In June 2012 the *Archives of Internal Medicine* published an article "Atypical Femoral Fractures Associated With Bisphosphonate Use", which has raised the issue of whether this femur bone break is a side effect specific to Fosamax (alendronate) and, perhaps, Aredia (pamidronate) or whether it is an adverse event for all bisphosphonate drugs, *i.e.*, class effect.

At my law firm I have heard from women who used Actonel, Boniva, and Fosamax (alone or in some sequential combination) for five years, at least, that have been diagnosed with single leg or bilateral low-stress atypical femur fractures -- albeit this is not the basis for a medical or scientific determination as regards this controversial and still developing drug-safety issue.

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