Drug Injury Watch: Subtrochanteric Femoral Fractures With Use Of Oral Bisphosphonates: Fosamax, Actonel, And Boniva

These Fractures Have Several Atypical Characteristics: Prodromal Symptoms, Occurrence With Minimal Trauma, Distinctive Radiographic Changes

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SUMMARY: Three new medical journal articles about bisphosphonate-related femur fractures came to our attention in early September 2012:

- 1. <u>"Seek and ye shall find subtrochanteric stress fractures in patients on oral</u> <u>bisphosphonate therapy; an emerging problem"</u>, *Bone & Joint Surgery, British Volume*;
- 2. <u>"Atypical subtrochanteric femoral shaft fractures: role for mechanics and bone quality."</u>, *Arthritis Research & Therapy*; and,
- 3. <u>"Spontaneous incomplete transverse subtrochanteric femoral fracture with cortical thickening possibly secondary to risedronate use: a case report."</u>, *Journal of Medical Case Reports*.

We will continue to monitor the journals for developments in the medical literature concerning femur fractures associated with bisphosphonates such as Actonel, Boniva, and Fosamax.

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Earlier Fosamax articles by Tom Lamb on the Drug Injury Watch blog:

Third Boles vs. Merck Fosamax Trial In September 2012 Involves Only The Damages Amount Aspect

Use Of Oral Bisphosphonates Such As Boniva And Fosamax Associated With Inflammatory Eye Diseases

Fosamax Femur Fractures: Many Impending Cases Go Unrecognized By Doctors And Radiologists Due To Subtle Characteristics

New Australian Study Supports An Apparent Association Between Long-Term Fosamax Use And Certain Types Of Femur Fractures

Risk Of Femur Fractures From Osteoporosis Drugs Fosamax, Boniva, Actonel, And Reclast Related To Number Of Years Used

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