Drug Injury Watch: Despite FDA Regulations, Generic Drug Labels Often Failed To Match Brand Name Drug Safety Warnings

Two-Thirds Of The Generics Did Not Have Identical Labeling, And Up To 9% Showed Differences Of More Than 10 Side Effects

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SUMMARY: A disturbing new study published in the *Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety* medical journal reveals that warnings for some adverse reactions in package insert labeling for generic medications can be different from brand name prescription drugs, despite FDA regulations which mandate that the drug labels should be identical.

Should drug injury "failure to warn" product liability lawsuits involving generic drugs be allowed -- currently, these cases are prohibited by "federal preemption" -- when the generic drug company fails to use the identical label and a patient suffers from one of the serious side effects that was missing from the generic label?

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- November 2012 Litigation And Settlement Update: YAZ, Yasmin, Ocella, And Gianvi Lawsuits
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