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Fresenius Medical Care (FMC), the manufacturer of [GranuFlo and NaturaLyte](#) acid concentrates, has reported that patients undergoing dialysis treatments with their products are at a six times greater risk of suffering [heart attacks](#) than patients using other dialysis products.



Fresenius Medical Care found that 941 hemodialysis patients had suffered cardiac arrest inside Fresenius clinics in 2010 after using GranuFlo and NaturaLyte products. The manufactures reported this information in an internal memo to FMC-owned dialysis centers, but failed to warn thousands of other physicians working in centers not owned by Fresenius Medical Care. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a [Class 1 recall of GranuFlo and NaturaLyte](#) products in March 2012 after receiving the leaked internal memo.

Dialysate solutions created with GranuFlo and NaturaLyte acid concentrates include chemicals that the body converts into bicarbonate as a way to neutralize acid buildup in the blood stream. GranuFlo and NaturaLyte contain higher bicarbonate levels than other dialysis concentrates, which can result in [bicarbonate overdoses](#) among dialysis patients. Bicarbonate overdosing leads to severe [side effects](#) such as [heart attack](#), [stroke](#), low blood pressure, myocardial infarction, metabolic alkalosis, and death.

If you or a loved one experienced a heart attack after receiving hemodialysis treatment with GranuFlo and NaturaLyte, you may be eligible to [file a lawsuit](#). Contact the dialysis injury attorneys at Hissey Kientz, LLP for a free case evaluation by calling toll-free at 1-866-275-4454, or by filling out our [free contact form](#).