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Health officials have warned that the hair loss drug <u>Propecia</u> may cause long lasting sexual side effects. Studies of men who experienced sexual problems after taking Propecia have found that these <u>side effects</u> may continue for years after patients have stopped taking the drug.

According to a 2011 study published in the *Journal of Sexual Medicine* (JSM), about 8% of men taking Propecia developed impotence, while more than 4% experienced reduced libido. A second JSM study found that for patients who continued to experience sexual problems three months after stopping Propecia, side effects included:

Low libido: 94%

Erectile dysfunction: 92%Lower sex drive: 92%

Problems with orgasm: 69%

In July 2012, researchers from George Washington University conducted another study on the side effects of the drug. The study consisted of 54 men under age 40 that reported having no sexual, medical or psychiatric issues prior to taking Propecia. The men took the drug for varying amounts of time, ranging from a week to years.

All of the men in the study reported side effects of the drug, including erectile dysfunction, decreased sexual drive and problems with orgasms. Neurological problems including depression and anxiety were also experienced. Ninety-six percent of the men had sexual problems that lasted for over a year after they stopped taking Propecia.

If you or a loved one developed sexual side effects after using Propecia, you may be eligible to file a <u>lawsuit</u>. For a free legal consultation, contact the lawyers at Hissey Kientz, LLP by calling our toll-free hotline at 1-866-275-4454, or by filling out the free case evaluation form located on this page.