

[WebMD List Of Symptoms For Serious Side Effects From Using Estrogen-Progestin Birth Control Methods](#)

Important Safety Information For Women Who Are Currently Using YAZ / Yasmin / Ocella, NuvaRing, Or Ortho Evra For Contraception Or Hormone Replacement Therapy

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For women who are using estrogen-progestin methods of birth control, here is some important information from [WebMD's Birth Control Health Center](#) about the symptoms of some serious, potentially fatal side effects:

The following symptoms, called **ACHES**, are rare but serious and should be reported to your doctor immediately.

Abdominal pain that is severe or persists may be a sign of blood clots (thrombophlebitis) in the pelvis, liver blood clots or tumors, or gallbladder disease.

Chest pain may be a sign of blood clots in the lungs (pulmonary embolism), heart attack, or heart disease. Smoking increases this risk.

Headaches that are severe may be a sign of stroke, migraine, or high blood pressure (hypertension). Smoking increases this risk.

Eye problems, such as blurred vision or loss of vision, may be a sign of migraine, blood clots in the eye, or a change in the shape of the cornea.

Severe leg pain or sudden swelling of one leg may be a sign of leg blood clots (thrombophlebitis) or deep vein thrombosis (DVT).

While blood-clot related side effects -- such as pulmonary embolism (PE), deep vein thrombosis (DVT), stroke, and heart attack -- have been associated with all estrogen-progestin methods of birth control to some extent, it has been alleged that a few drug companies have not warned women sufficiently about the degree of safety risks associated with their birth control products.

In turn, in recent years numerous personal injury and wrongful death lawsuits have been filed on behalf of women claiming there was a "failure to warn", which is a type of products liability legal claim.

In particular, our law firm and other attorneys have filed lawsuits for women who developed these serious side effects -- PE, DVT, stroke, and heart attack -- after using the following birth control methods:

[YAZ / Yasmin / Ocella](#): Each of these oral contraceptive (OC) pills contains ethinyl estradiol and the new "fourth generation" progestin drospirenone (DRSP);

[NuvaRing](#): A vaginal ring used for contraception which contains ethinyl estradiol and etonogestrel, a metabolite of desogestrel; and,

[Ortho Evra](#): "The Patch" is a norelgestromin and ethinyl estradiol transdermal system, i.e., in the form of a skin patch worn on the body.

Several years ago we started handling these lawsuits for (1) women have been injured and (2) the families of those who have died from using one of these apparently unsafe birth control methods. Unfortunately, we continue to hear from women and their families in these situations right up until earlier today.

If you have this type of possible personal injury or wrongful death case, we offer a confidential, no-cost, and no-obligation Case Evaluation service:

- [YAZ / Yasmin / Ocella Case Evaluation](#)
- [NuvaRing Case Evaluation](#)
- [Ortho Evra Case Evaluation](#)

All states have statutes of limitations that determine the time period allowed to file a birth control side effect lawsuit. The applicable statute of limitation, or deadline to file claims, varies from state to state, and the personal injury statute of limitation deadline can be different from the wrongful death statute of limitation deadline within the same state. For example, in some states a personal injury claim must be filed within 3 years from the date a birth control injury is diagnosed, while a wrongful death claim must be filed within 2 years from the date of a death. In some states, the statutes of limitations may be as short as 1 year from the date of diagnosis or death.

Because of these varying deadlines, you should not delay seeking a law firm to provide legal advice and legal representation if you or a family member suffered a serious adverse reaction from using YAZ / Yasmin / Ocella, NuvaRing, or Ortho Evra.

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