

# Incorrect Prescription Probably Caused Death of 12-Year-Old Says, New York Medical Malpractice Lawyer

**A New York family alleges that a doctor who filled a prescription incorrectly is to blame for their 12-year-old child's death, as is the pharmacy which did not catch the doctor's error.**

**NEW YORK, NEW YORK** — Allegations of a tragic accidental drug overdose involving prescription drugs are being investigated by [New York medical malpractice lawyer](#) David Perecman.

According to the *New York Post*, a 12-year-old Queens boy died as a result of drug mistakes made by his doctor and a Walgreens pharmacy. His family claims the doctor wrote the wrong prescription and the pharmacy that filled it didn't catch the drug overdose mistake.

A [New York medical malpractice lawsuit](#) was filed by the mother of the boy, Phillipe Galette. The suit alleges a series of missteps allowed the overdose to occur, ending the child's life. Specifically, the family claims that a [doctor incorrectly prescribed medication](#), writing the boy two prescriptions for the same drug, Bupropion, at two different strengths. On top of that, the Walgreens pharmacy that filled both prescriptions did not question whether they were correct.

The family then followed the dosages on each bottle. The drug error led to complications, and the [child died of a prescription drug overdose](#).

As reported by the *New York Post*, Galette suffered from depression, mood swings and aggressive behavior. He was treated by Dr. Marie Gisele St. Felix at the Queens Children's Psychiatric Center from May 2009 until his death April 2, 2010.

According to the New York [medical malpractice lawsuit](#), the mistake was "obvious".

"Prescription medicine provides critical health benefits to millions of people, but prescriptions must be written and filled correctly. When a prescription is incorrectly prescribed by the doctor or dispensed incorrectly and a patient receives the wrong medication or an incorrect dosage, the results can be deadly," said Perecman, founder of [The Perecman Firm](#), one of New York's [medical malpractice law firms](#).

Research accessible to New York medical malpractice lawyers has indicated that up to 10% of prescriptions are filled in error.

“When there is a real error and injury, like the tragic death of a preteen, doctors and pharmacists should be held liable for their mistakes,” New York medical malpractice lawyer Perecman said.

Individuals who have sustained a serious injury or lost a loved one because of medical negligence in New York are entitled to seek compensation for damages and suffering. Consulting with a [New York medical malpractice lawyer](#) can help individuals better understand their rights, determine liability for any injuries, and decide if it’s worthwhile to make a New York medical malpractice claim against a doctor, pharmacist or pharmacy.

About David Perecman and The Perecman Firm, PLLC:

For the past 30 years, the personal injury accident, auto accident, construction accident, and medical malpractice lawyers at The Perecman Firm, PLLC have championed all types of cases concerning personal injury. David Perecman, founder of the Firm, is a Board Director and the past Secretary and Treasurer of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association (NYSTLA) and a chair of its Labor Law Committee. Mr. Perecman's achievements have brought him recognition as an Honoree in the National Law Journal's Hall of Fame, in New York Magazine's "The Best Lawyers in America" and The New York Times Magazine "New York Super Lawyers, Metro Edition" for the years 2007-2010.

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The Firm has recovered millions of dollars for its clients. Among the more recent victories, Mr. Perecman won a \$15 million verdict\* for a construction accident, a \$5.35 million dollar verdict\*\* for an automobile accident, and a \$40 million dollar structured settlement for medical malpractice\*\*\*.

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