
LEGAL NEWS

IMPROPER DISPENSED MEDICATION CAN RESULT IN PERMANENT INJURY

CASE STUDY



THE PHARMACIST GENERAL RULES ARE:
A PHARMACIST IS NOT ALLOWED TO NEEDLESSLY ENDANGER THE MEDICATION-TAKING PUBLIC.
A PHARMACIST MUST DISPENSE THE EXACT MEDICINE OR GENERIC VERSION OF IT THAT HAS BEEN PRESCRIBED. OTHERWISE HE NEEDLESSLY ENDANGERS THE PUBLIC.
DISPENSING INCORRECT MEDICATION CREATES NEEDLESS DANGER.
FAILURE TO DISPENSE CORRECT MEDICATIONS CAN HAVE DISASTROUS RESULTS FOR CONSUMERS & PATIENTS.

WHY WE FILED THIS CLAIM:

We filed a claim against a local pharmacist who was supposed to dispense four medications to our client.

Four medications were in fact dispensed. Twenty-three days later, the patient learned for the first time that an anti-seizure medication was incorrectly dispensed. Instead of receiving a bottle filled with anti-seizure medication, she had instead received an antibiotic.

It is our claim that the pharmacist failed to do his job. He violated each of the four rules set forth above. In fact, the pharmacist admitted to our client that he failed to do his job correctly.

Unfortunately, our client did not take the medications her treating doctor had prescribed and dispensed. She took the wrong medication that was not for her condition.

INJURY

As a result of excessively high doses of the antibiotic, our client developed ototoxicity and permanent hearing loss in both ears.

Ototoxicity and hearing loss are both well-known side effects of the wrongly prescribed medication. The medication was never ordered or prescribed by her physician. The dose of the medication was excessive.

If you or any of your family members have been prescribed the wrong medication and have suffered injuries as a result, please contact our office...we handle these cases every day and would be happy to talk with you.

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