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# Get the Facts: Zantac Lawsuits and Settlement Updates

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You're likely here because you've heard that Zantac (also known as ranitidine) has been linked to cancer and existing lawsuits against the makers of Zantac have been filed.

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**Important Zantac Update (April 2020)**

On April 1st, 2020 the U.S. FDA (Food and Drug Administration) announced, effectively immediately, it is requesting manufacturers to withdraw all Zantac and generic Zantac OTC ranitidine drugs from the market. The FDA determined that N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) in some ranitidine (generic Zantac) medications "increases over time and when stored at higher than room temperatures and may result in consumer exposure to unacceptable levels..." Three organizations classify NDMA as a cancer-causing substance, the FDA, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the World Health Organization (WHO).

Popular heartburn drug Zantac is being investigated for cancer risks by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) after their testing showed that the household heartburn medication contains the presence of a cancer-causing chemical. FDA testing of Zantac 150 tablets revealed the carcinogenic chemical N-nitrosodimethylamine, or NDMA, can be found in the drug and generic versions of the drug at excessively greater amounts than the daily intake limit when tested under the FDA recommended protocols.

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Valisure’s research, along with that of Stanford University and others, found that NDMA was the result of the “inherent instability” of the ranitidine molecule. This means that all manufacturers, brand or generic, and all lots of ranitidine-containing medications are affected and could generate very high levels of NDMA in the human body.

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## Current Info on the Zantac Lawsuit and Recall

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The Zantac lawsuits are alleging the drugmaker Sanofi and Boehringer Ingelheim manufactured, marketed, and sold a product they knew or should have known had been contaminated with NDMA were filed beginning the same day the Food and Drug Agency first announced its advisory.


A voluntary recall was also issued which led to the removal of Zantac from most drugstores such as Walmart, CVS, and Walgreens.

Although the exact cause of the NDMA contamination is still being investigated, links between Zantac and NDMA have been scientifically demonstrated since the 1980s. When ranitidine, the active ingredient in Zantac, comes into contact with water, a chemical reaction results in the formation of this molecule.

The lawsuit against Sanofi and Boehringer Ingelheim allege that the drug companies chose to conceal this information from the government and with consumers. These lawsuits against Zantac also allege that this lack of disclosure led to many people developing or being placed at risk of developing cancer.

The FDA was first alerted to the presence of NDMA in Zantac in 2019 by the aforementioned Connecticut-based online pharmacy Valisure who discovered that the product contained millions of grams of NDMA more than the FDA established daily intake limit of 96 ng (nanograms).



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## What is Zantac? Disclaimer

Ranitidine hydrochloride, better known under the commercial name Zantac, is an antacid medication available as both an over the counter drug and by prescription from a physician.

Millions of people use the drug to treat acid reflux, heartburn, Barrett's esophagus, gastric and duodenal ulcers, gastroesophageal reflux disease (or GERD), and other gastrointestinal issues.

Some consumers may also use it to help with their allergies.

## Products That Contain Ranitidine

Although the drug is best known as Zantac, several variations and generic versions have been on the market.

All of the following products contain the active ingredient ranitidine:

- Acid Control (ranitidine)
- Acid Reducer (ranitidine)
- Heartburn Relief (ranitidine)
- Wal-Zan 150
- Wal-Zan 75

- Zantac 150 Maximum Strength
- Zantac 150 Maximum Strength Cool Mint
- Zantac 150 Tablets
- Zantac 75 Tablets

## Associated Cancer Risks of Zantac

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Cancer risks associated with brand-name Zantac and generic ranitidine include:

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- Bladder cancer
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- Esophageal cancer
- Intestinal cancer
- Kidney cancer
- Liver cancer
- Lung cancer (non-smokers)
- Ovarian cancer

- Pancreatic cancer
- Prostate cancer
- Stomach cancer
- Testicular cancer
- Thyroid cancer
- Uterine cancer

## Zantac Class Action Lawsuit

Class action lawsuits are now being filed which allege that the makers of Zantac profited from the popular perception of a high degree of safety while using the drug. These suits also claim that the drug companies misled customers about the risks of side effects from using ranitidine products.

## The Difference Between a Zantac Class Action Lawsuit & a Zantac Cancer Lawsuit

A Zantac class action lawsuit is filed on behalf of anyone who has purchased Zantac in the past and has not developed cancer. Joining a lawsuit will allow you to recover the money spent purchasing while holding

the makers responsible for any alleged wrongdoing.

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People who have developed cancer and the family members of those who have died from cancer after using Zantac may be eligible to file a personal injury or wrongful death lawsuit against the manufacturers.

## Who Is Eligible to Join the Class Action

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Consumers who have purchased Zantac and can provide a proof of the purchase are eligible to join in the Zantac lawsuit against the makers the drug.

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## Zantac Lawsuit Compensation

Since there have been no large settlements regarding the relationship between Zantac and potential link to bladder/stomach cancer we cannot estimate compensation amounts at this time.

## Free Case Evaluation

There is no cost for a Zantac case evaluation at The Bryant Law Center. To schedule an appointment, contact The Bryant Law Center at 270-442-1422 (tel:+12704421422).

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The Bryant Law Center has been representing consumers against harmful pharmaceuticals and other company mistakes since 1990. We have also represented medical consumers and patients injured by defective medical devices and products including hip replacements, pelvic mesh and several defective drugs and injuries caused by consumer products. We will regularly update clients on the status of their cases.

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