Drug Injury Watch: Eliquis And Xarelto, Like Pradaxa, Linked To Serious Bleeding Events Due To Fact No Antidote Available

Hemorrhages And Gastrointestinal (GI) Bleeds Are Eliquis And Xarelto Side Effects That Can Cause Deaths

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SUMMARY: Eliquis (apixaban) and Xarelto (rivaroxaban) are "factor Xa" drugs and they work differently from warfarin. These new blood thinners reduce thrombin production by inhibiting an enzyme called factor Xa instead of inhibiting vitamin K's clotting ability.

A real danger or problem that Eliquis and Xarelto shares with another new blood thinner drug, Pradaxa (dabigatran), however, is the absence of an approved drug that can reverse their effects. That is, at the present time there is no antidote to stop serious bleeding events.

We will watch to see whether drug injury and death lawsuits concerning these new blood thinner products follow along the lines of the Pradaxa litigation, which was settled by Boehringer Ingelheim earlier this year.

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