

Drug Injury Watch: Prevacid, Nexium, And Prilosec Linked To Risk Of Chronic Kidney Damage

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A recent medical study done by medical researchers in St. Louis, Missouri indicates that more than half of those patients who develop chronic kidney damage (CKD) while using proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) heartburn drugs and acid reflux medicines do not experience acute kidney problems before their CKD diagnosis.

These researchers published their findings in this February 2107 article, "Long-term kidney outcomes among users of proton pump inhibitors without intervening acute kidney injury", published in the *Kidney International* medical journal.

A February 22, 2017 *ScienceDaily* news report, "Popular heartburn drugs linked to gradual yet 'silent' kidney damage", provides a good analysis of this recent safety study concerning Nexium, Prevacid, Prilosec, and other PPI heartburn drugs and acid reflux medicines.

From that *ScienceDaily* news report we get this information:

The onset of acute kidney problems is not a reliable warning sign for clinicians to detect a decline in kidney function among patients taking proton pump inhibitors, said Ziyad Al-Aly, MD, the study's senior author and an assistant professor of medicine at Washington University School of Medicine. "Our results indicate kidney problems can develop silently and gradually over time, eroding kidney function and leading to long-term kidney damage or even renal failure.... [M]ore than half of the cases of chronic kidney damage and end-stage renal disease associated with PPI use occurred in people without acute kidney problems....

We are currently investigating possible drug injury lawsuits against the responsible pharmaceutical companies for people who have developed any of the kidney-related medical problems listed above.

Of course, we will continue to monitor the medical literature for developments concerning serious kidney-related side effects of popular heartburn drugs and acid reflux medicines like Nexium, Prilosec, and Prevacid.

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Earlier Nexium / Prilosec / Prevacid articles by attorney Tom Lamb on the [Side Effects Blog](#):

- [Long-Term Use Of Prevacid, Prilosec, and Nexium May Lead To Strokes](#)
 - [How Long-Term Use Of Heartburn Drug Nexium Might Cause Kidney Problems](#)
 - [Acute Interstitial Nephritis: A Side Effect of Nexium, Prevacid, Etc.](#)
 - [Heartburn Medication Nexium Might Cause Kidney-Related Side Effects](#)
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