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## DRUG WARNING: DEPAKOTE

James F. Humphreys & Associates is currently investigating potential lawsuits on behalf of children born with birth defects and malformations after their mothers used the anti-seizure medication Depakote during their pregnancy. Depakote side effects may increase the risk of an unborn child developing numerous serious birth defects, which could have been avoided if adequate warnings were provided by the drug's manufacturer to expectant mothers.

### Birth defects include:

- Spina Bifida
- Head and Brain Malformation
- Arm or Leg Deformities
- Missing or Extra Fingers or Toes
- Deformed Head or Face
- Cleft Palate
- Holes in the Heart Walls
- Mental Disability
- Low IQ
- Autism
- Cephalic Disorder

Money damages may be available for these children by filing a Depakote lawsuit. To determine if you or a loved one may be eligible to file a Depakote birth defect lawsuit, please contact James F. Humphreys and Associates for a free consultation.

Responsible attorney: James F. Humphreys



## PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY

Information concerning your lawsuit and medical condition is confidential and privileged. Although you may have to provide some information to pursue your lawsuit, people should not contact you directly when you are represented by counsel.

If you are contacted by people who are not affiliated with our law firm, contact us immediately. Under no circumstances should you discuss your lawsuit or medical condition, or fill out any "questionnaires" or "surveys" about your medical condition or lawsuit, unless we tell you it is safe to do so.



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### PRACTICE AREAS

Mesothelioma	Defective Drugs
Asbestos-Related Lung and Gastrointestinal Cancers	Chemical Exposure
Personal Injury/Wrongful Death	Environmental Pollution
Occupational Disease	Railroad Law
Defective Products	Insurance/Financial Bad Faith
	Traumatic Brain Injury

*These are only some of the types of cases we handle. We represent victims in all types of serious injury and death cases. Please call us for a free case evaluation.*

## SERIOUS INJURY CASES

James F. Humphreys & Associates, L.C., has probably represented more asbestos victims than any other firm in West Virginia, but we do not limit our practice to asbestos litigation. Over the last quarter of a century, we have worked on many cases involving mass torts and serious personal injuries, such as Vioxx, Synthroid, breast implants, tobacco, Dioxin, hip implants, other defective drugs and medical devices, and serious automobile accidents.

Responsible attorney: James F. Humphreys

*If you or a loved one has been injured because of a defective product, or someone else's negligence, please feel free to contact us on our toll free number or our website.*

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DePuy hip implant

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## ENJOY YOUR GOLDEN YEARS

*Don't let a bad hip implant slow you down. We can help!*

### DePuy ASR™ XL Hip Implant Recall: July 2011 Update

On August 24, 2010, DePuy Orthopedics Inc., a division of Johnson & Johnson Company, announced a voluntary recall of its hip implants. A DePuy hip implant is an "all-metal" artificial hip, which was implanted in approximately 40,000 patients in the United States from August 2005 through August 2010.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has stated that there are "unique risks" for "metal-on-metal" artificial hips. This is primarily due to the fact that tiny metal ions can wear off the implants and damage nearby soft tissue. Patients who have been implanted with all-metal implants should be aware of some symptoms which may occur following surgery possibly indicating that their implant is malfunctioning. Common symptoms may include the following:

- Pain in the groin, hip or leg
- Swelling at or near the hip joint
- A limp or change in walking ability

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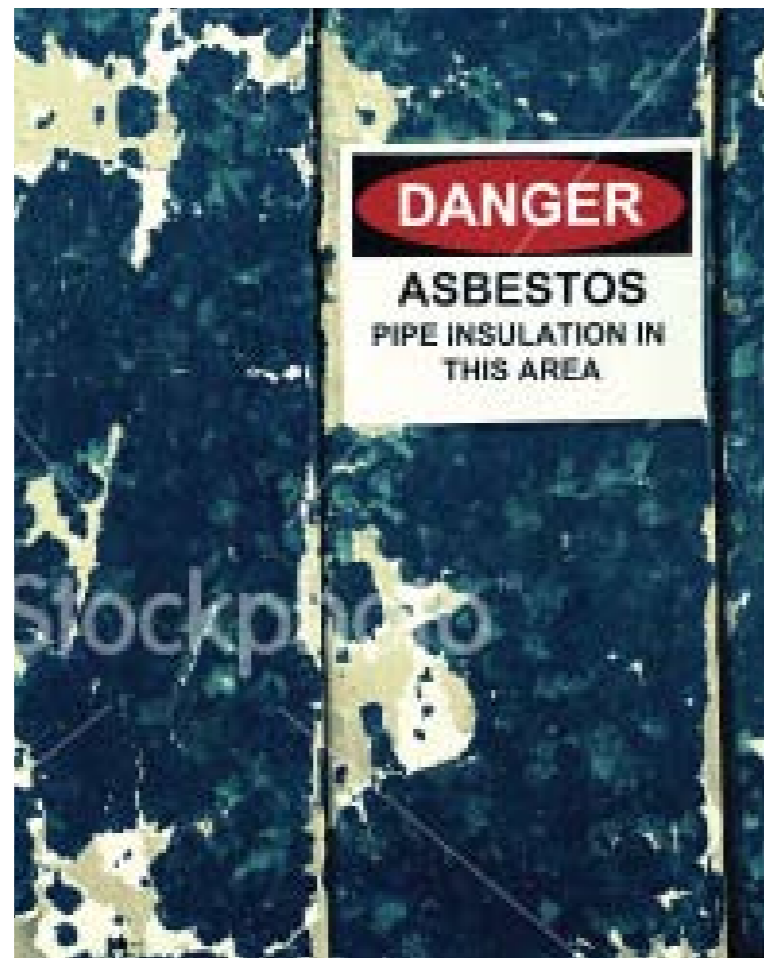
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# ASBESTOS CANCER

Many individuals who are diagnosed with asbestosis or pleural plaques (a scarring of the pleural membranes lining the lungs) will later develop asbestos-related cancers such as mesothelioma, lung cancer, or laryngeal cancer. People who worked with or around asbestos are not the only ones at risk. Even family members who were exposed to asbestos dust carried home by workers on their clothes and bodies can develop asbestos-related cancers. If you or a loved one has developed a cancer of the lungs or digestive tract, please contact our office. Even if you smoked or had a previous lawsuit for asbestosis, you may still be entitled to compensation.

**EVEN IF YOU SMOKED  
OR HAD A PREVIOUS LAWSUIT FOR ASBESTOSIS,  
YOU MAY STILL BE ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION.**



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### Why Are DePuy Metal-On-Metal Hip Implants Failing?

The DePuy ASR™ XL hip is an all-metal implant. It is believed that these all-metal implants are defective and fail for two primary reasons:

- The device slips or the shell does not sit in place in the hip and it resists bone growth; and
- The friction of the metal-on-metal hip ball and metal hip socket causes microscopic shavings and metal debris to be released into the surrounding tissue and blood, which can lead to painful, inflammatory reactions in the tissue and high blood metal content.

### The Current Status of DePuy Metal-On-Metal Hip Implant Lawsuits

Patients have filed lawsuits seeking compensation for their pain, suffering, and other physical injuries, cost of replacement surgery and other financial problems as a result of the failure of their DePuy hip implants. The lawsuits allege that DePuy concealed the fact that its ASR™ XL hip implants were defective from patients and physicians.

These lawsuits have been centralized in the Federal District Court for the Northern District of Ohio with David A. Katz as the presiding Judge.

### DePuy Pinnacle Hip Implants

James F. Humphreys & Associates, L.C. is also currently investigating complaints by patients that their DePuy Pinnacle Hip Implant with a Pinnacle Metal Insert (also called the Ultramet metal liner) has failed prematurely.

For further information on DePuy ASR™ XL Hip Implants or DePuy Pinnacle Hip Implants, please contact James F. Humphreys & Associates.

## MESOTHELIOMA AWARENESS DAY

Mesothelioma is a painful, incurable and generally fatal cancer which can develop in the membranes lining the lungs, heart and abdominal cavity. The first Meso Awareness Day to promote public awareness of this disease was observed on September 26, 2005, and since then, this movement has grown. In 2009, almost 20 cities and states had proclamations recognizing this day. This year, an observance is planned for September 26th at Rockefeller Plaza in New York City with coverage during The Today Show.

*Check out our new Mesothelioma TV commercial at [www.jfhumphreystv.com](http://www.jfhumphreystv.com)*

# Mesothelioma

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a tumour of the lining of the lungs, abdomen, or heart associated with exposure to asbestos dust

**Call the Meso Hotline  
1-800-453-7900**

## VICTIMS OF MESOTHELIOMA

Mesothelioma can strike anyone who has been exposed to air-borne asbestos fibers. Many famous people have fallen victim to this terrible disease, including:

1. **Steve McQueen**, actor, who appeared in such movies as "The Great Escape," "The Sand Pebbles," "Bullitt," "The Getaway" and "Papillon," and who died from this disease at the age of 50.
2. **Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr.**, youngest person ever to hold the post of Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), who died from complications of this disease at age 79, approximately six months after visiting a doctor for shortness of breath following a 5K run.
3. **Hamilton Jordan**, White House Chief of Staff during the Carter Administration, who died from mesothelioma at the age of 63. Prior to his death, Mr. Jordan and his wife, a pediatric oncology nurse, started a camp for children with cancer, and another camp for children with diabetes.
4. **Warren Zevon**, singer and songwriter, perhaps best known for his hit single, "Werewolves of London," who died at the age of 56.



## JAMES F. HUMPHREYS RECOGNITION

The founder of our firm, James F. Humphreys, was named by the National Trial Lawyers as one of the Top 100 Lawyers in West Virginia for 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011. See [www.thenationaltriallawyers.org](http://www.thenationaltriallawyers.org)

Mr. Humphreys also made the Super Lawyers list of attorneys in West Virginia for 2011. Attorneys are selected for Super Lawyers through a rigorous process of peer nomination, independent research and evaluation, and peer review within the candidate's primary area of practice. See [www.superlawyers.com](http://www.superlawyers.com)

Mr. Humphreys was also selected by a group of defense attorneys at the law firm of Shook, Hardy & Bacon as one of the Top 75 Plaintiff's Lawyers in the U.S. This list was based on interviews with defense attorneys, in-house counsel and individuals involved in civil justice reform. The survey entitled "Trial Lawyers Kingpins" was published in Am Law Litigation Daily. See [amlawdaily.typepad.com/files/shookhardylist.pdf](http://amlawdaily.typepad.com/files/shookhardylist.pdf)

