

# Health Awareness

## Heartburn Meds May Mean Kidney Problems

(NAPSA)—If you or someone you care about has kidney problems, there may be a surprising cause.

A study by Johns Hopkins and published in *The Journal of the American Medical Association* linked heartburn medications (proton pump inhibitors, or PPIs) to increased kidney complications.

This study found the risk rose 20 to 50 percent in people who'd taken Nexium, Prilosec or Prevacid. A separate study found one in four chronic kidney disease patients had taken one of those drugs.



**In certain cases, heartburn medication may cause kidney troubles. Some people who were harmed are suing the manufacturers.**

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The complications can include chronic kidney disease, acute kidney injuries, interstitial nephritis, renal failure and the need for dialysis or kidney transplant.

### What You Can Do

First, see your doctor. Next, if you suffered kidney complications, emotional and physical stress, and financial burdens, you may want to see a lawyer, as well.

Lawsuits against AstraZeneca (maker of Nexium and Prilosec) and Takeda (maker of Prevacid) allege that they knew of the increased risks yet failed to properly warn patients and doctors.

If you've been affected by this, you may be entitled to money from an individual lawsuit, a settlement or a class action suit. There is, however, a limited time in which to pursue a legal case.

### Learn More

For a free case evaluation from the attorneys at Keller and Keller, visit [www.2keller.com/library/prilosec-prevacid-and-nexium-lawsuits-for-kidney-damage.cfm](http://www.2keller.com/library/prilosec-prevacid-and-nexium-lawsuits-for-kidney-damage.cfm) or call (800) 253-5537.