

## HAVE YOU USED VIOXX

### IF YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER HAS USED VIOXX, PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY AS IT MAY AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS.

Vioxx is a prescription pain medication that was sold in drug stores until September 30, 2004.

Class proceeding lawsuits have been initiated across Canada in relation to the ingestion and/or purchase of Vioxx.

A national settlement agreement that settles all litigation in Canada relating to Vioxx has been reached and hearings have been scheduled to seek approval by the courts.

The Defendants, while not admitting liability, will pay a sum of approximately \$33,112,500, subject to a possible increase to up to \$36,881,250 or decrease to no less than \$21,806,250, depending upon the number of eligible claims filed.

Eligible claimants who had an ischemic stroke (or their estates) will receive a payment of no more than \$5,000. The size of payments to eligible claimants who had a myocardial infarction or sudden cardiac death (or their estates) will be based on the number of approved claims and other factors, including length of duration of use of Vioxx and risk factors including age, smoking, high cholesterol, hypertension, diabetes, obesity, family history, alcohol or drug abuse. Spouses and children of eligible claimants who had a myocardial infarction or sudden cardiac death may also be eligible for settlement payments.

If you, your spouse or parent, or a deceased person for whom you are the personal representative took Vioxx and then experienced a heart attack (myocardial infarction), sudden cardiac death or ischemic stroke, you should immediately review the full legal notice in this matter to ensure you understand your legal rights, including your rights to participate in the hearing at which Class Counsel will seek approval of the settlement. A copy of the full legal notice can be viewed at [www.vioxxclassactionsettlement.ca](http://www.vioxxclassactionsettlement.ca) from the Administrator who can be reached at 1-888-507-8759 or from Class Counsel at [www.vioxxnationalclassaction.ca](http://www.vioxxnationalclassaction.ca) who can be reached as follows:

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This notice contains a summary of some of the terms of the Settlement Agreement. If there is a conflict between this notice and the Settlement Agreement, the terms of the Settlement Agreement shall prevail.