

Medtronics Infuse rhBmp-2

Posted by islandtommy - 14 Sep 2011 19:50

I was diagnosed with adhesive Arachnoiditis in Dec of 2009, three months after an L 3L4 fusion using rhBmp-2. Within one week after the surgery I started to experience severe pain in both of my legs, feet and occasionally my arms and hands. It wasn't until a few months ago that several articles were published in The Spine Journal regarding the dangers of rhBmp-2 and the cover up of side effects by the doctors doing the trial in 2000 for FDA approval. One article I will reference is titled "BMP-2 and spinal arthodesis: the basic science perspective on protein interaction with the nervous system" by Anton E. Dmitriev PhD and R.A Lehman M.D. There seems to be much recent research into the effects bmp-2 has on neuroinflammation and other side effects. The doctors who did the initial trial research were paid millions of dollars(US) for "consulting" and "royalties" "unrelated to the Infuse Trial". Many in the medical community have spoke out about this "pay for results" research. As we have learned that Depo-Medrol was a leading cause of Arachnoiditis I believe, and only research will tell, that rhBmp-2 also causes Arachnoiditis. I ask that anyone who has had surgery and experienced pain or was diagnosed with Arachnoiditis after their surgery to post your experience. I want to bring this issue to the forefront of the medical and legal community.

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Re: Medtronics Infuse rhBmp-2

Posted by Eldridge - 27 Oct 2011 11:46

Thank you, I did not find the doctor's name listed. I hope that is not a greater concern if he hasn't even been trained either!!

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Re: Medtronics Infuse rhBmp-2

Posted by ichikirei702 - 18 Jun 2012 11:59

THANK YOU!! for this information! I will definitely read these studies! By the way, lots of libraries, especially at colleges, have access to PUBMED, so enquire there. I myself have had two lumbar surgeries when BMP was used. The first time I broke out with HUGE welts/hives the size of my hands and raised almost 1/3 inch ! I was required to take several IM injections of Vistaril and still have problems with terrible pruritis to this date. I also had trouble swallowing, confusion, headaches and stuttering post surgery and my Dr mentioned once that I probably had a reaction to bone protein... I didnt realize what he was referring to until much later! as in the neurological effects. I thought that he was just referring to the rash because he did not elaborate.

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Re: Medtronics Infuse rhBmp-2

Posted by firemanmike61 - 16 Aug 2012 08:37

Can you help me determine if Medtronic Infuse was used on me? I have been in a living hell for nine years. I've been "doped up" and time went by without me knowing it. Just recently it was brought to my attention that Infuse might have been used on me? The hospital records show a Heelos pad was used over the graft region...no Medtronic products are shown. I have had the medical problems associated with Infuse rhBMP2. I believe my surgeon was given a small (sample) vial of Infuse and he put it over the graft.

- 1) 2003 anterior-posterior lumbar fusion L4-5 & L5-S1. 5 minutes before surgery the PA has me sign a release for a new product to make the fusion bond better. graft over posterior lumbar
- 2) 3 weeks later, horrific body infection hospitalized 5 days. the pain is thru-out my entire body shoulders extreme pain at fusion site.
- 3) 6 months post fusion, acupuncturist can't stick needles in my lumbar muscles. bent needles.
- 4) 1 year post fusion anterior cage not fused. (absorption) graft is fused.
- 5) MRI's say the surgeon did a good job with placements etc. Then why my horrific pain at the fusion site?
- 6) I had swallowing problems and it was determined I had achalasia. the nerves in the throat and esophagus stop working why? surgery 2006
- 7) second heart attack from pain. in 2006
- 8) implanted electrical pain pump 2010
- 9) Medtronic morphine pain pump 2011
- 10) except for cancer I have the other problems associated with Infuse.

My surgeon closed his office? I'm afraid that the release form is gone. Can I have a biopsy done to show Infuse might have been used? I could take pain before this, but this has brought me to my knees with the terrible lumbar muscle spasms and nerve pain at the fusion site.

Another patient has mirrored my same problems. She was a police officer and it's ruined her life.

any suggestions would be truly appreciated. I've run into road blocks.

7. implanted pain stimulator.

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Re: Medtronic Infuse rhBmp-2

Posted by helen - 20 Aug 2012 17:02

Dear Mike

I cannot answer your questions, but my mother had a lumbar fusion using bone protein. She developed a terrible itching sensation all over her body which lasted for several weeks and was blamed on the blood thinning drug she was given after surgery. I knew nothing about the Medtronic Infuse scandal until seeing it on this website. Hope you get some more helpful responses.

Best wishes Helen

Re: Medtronic Infuse rhBmp-2

Posted by Polly Ramos - 09 May 2013 20:13

Wow, I am going through the same issues!! 🙄
🙄 do have proof that INFUSE BMP was used, without my permission or knowledge!! 🙄

Re: Medtronic Infuse rhBmp-2

Posted by gmak - 09 May 2013 20:38

Dear polly, Hi im gmak. Do you have arachnoiditis from bmp?