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NEWSLETTER



Informing The Injured One Person At A Time

Vaccine Injury Legal Representation – (VICP)

Each year millions of individuals (children and adults) are vaccinated against serious disease and illness. Vaccinations are a helpful defense against disease and infection, however there are situations when the vaccine itself causes unintended consequences including serious illness, injury, permanent disability, and in some cases death.



In response, the United States government created the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP). The VICP is designed as a non-fault system of compensation to provide monetary support for individuals injured as a direct result of an adverse reaction to a vaccine. Please be aware that participation in the VICP is mandatory prior to filing any direct cause of action against a potential defendant in either State or Federal Court. Though not all vaccines are covered, a large number have been recognized to cause adverse reactions. Some vaccines which are covered under the Program are as follows:

Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis or any combination of Diphtheria, Tetanus Toxoid, and Pertussis (“Whooping Cough”) antigen-containing vaccines (for example, DTP, DTaP, P, DTP-Hib)

Hemophilus influenzae type b polysaccharide conjugate vaccines (Hib)

Hepatitis A vaccines (Hep A)

Hepatitis B vaccines (Hep B)

Human Papilloma Virus vaccines

Measles virus containing vaccines, alone, or in combination with other vaccines (for example, MMR, MR, M)

Measles-Mumps-Rubella or any combination of Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (“German Measles”) virus containing vaccines (for example, MMR, MR, R)

Pneumococcal (“Pneumonia”) conjugate vaccines

Polio inactivated virus containing vaccines (IPV)

Polio live virus containing vaccines (OPV)

Rotavirus vaccines containing live, oral, rhesus-based rotavirus

Rubella virus containing vaccines, alone, or in combination with other vaccines (for example, MMR, MR, R)

Seasonal flu vaccine

Tetanus Toxoid, alone, or in combination with other vaccines (for example, TT, Td)

Varicella (“Chicken Pox”) vaccines

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Hello! We are pleased to send you this monthly issue of *Strive For Excellence*. It is our way of saying that you are important to us and we truly value your business. Please feel free to pass this newsletter on to friends and neighbors. Enjoy!

Joke Of The Day

A Hard Bargain

A man driving down a country road spotted a beautiful horse in a farmer’s pasture. He got out and knocked on the farmhouse door. When the farmer came out, the man said, “I’d like to buy your horse.”

“Well, he don’t look so good,” the farmer said. “I don’t think you want him.”

But the man was insistent. “I’ll give you \$1,000.”

The farmer hesitated. “I hate to take advantage of you, mister. Like I said, he don’t look so good.”

“I’ll give you \$5,000!”

The farmer agreed, and the man sent a horse van out to the farm later that afternoon.

The next day the man came back. “You cheated me! That horse is blind!”

The farmer shrugged. “I told you he don’t look so good, didn’t I?”

Spring Showers Don't Just Bring Flowers – They Also Bring Potholes

Spring is a time of year that is often a big challenge for any type of roadways and sidewalks. There is often a very short melt and freeze cycle, which tends to cause cracks and damage to the surface of the road to get worse as ice expands in small spaces at night, and then thaws and creates water to wash out areas in the day.

The result of this, plus the damage from snow removal equipment and just winter driving often leaves roads full of potholes, and the same is true for business and residential walkways, driveways and parking areas.

The Dangers

Potholes, while annoying, are also potentially very dangerous. If they are large enough, they can cause damage to vehicles or even contribute to an accident. Motorcyclists can be easily thrown from a bike with even a smaller pothole if it is difficult to see or cannot be avoided.

Pedestrians are also at risk for slips and falls due to potholes on any type of surface, or drivers swerving to miss potholes can create unsafe conditions on sidewalks.

Premises Liability

The owner of a property is legally responsible for keeping the property in a safe condition. In a private parking lot, driveway or sidewalk area the owner has a duty to repair any potholes when they are aware of their presence.

If a person trips, slips or falls because of a pothole, several factors will come into play to determine if the property owner was negligent. This includes how long the pothole was there, if the owner should have reasonably foreseen the danger, and if the owner had time to make the repairs.

Additionally, if the injured person was not paying attention to where he or she

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Guess The Historical Figure!

My son Ben made this for school.
Who do you think this is? The first 10 people to guess correctly get a special gift.

Here are some hints:

He only had 2 years of formal education.

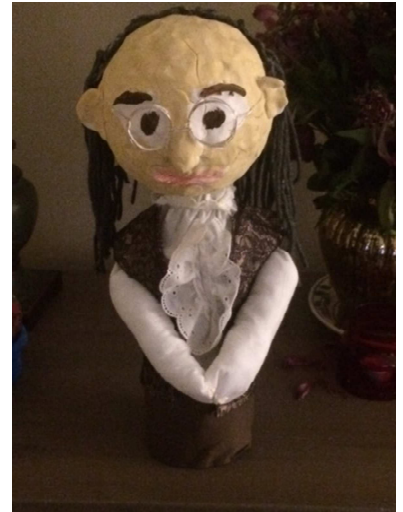
A famous quote of his is *"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn."*

He also invented bifocal eye glasses (but this is NOT what he's famous for).

Plus everyone who responds will be mentioned in next month's newsletter! To submit your answer email us at sgaylord@gaylordpopppcom

Have fun and good luck!

Sam



Spring Salad

INGREDIENTS:

12 slices bacon
2 heads fresh broccoli, florets only
1 cup chopped celery
1/2 cup chopped green onions
1 cup seedless green grapes
1 cup seedless red grapes
1/2 cup raisins
1/2 cup blanched slivered almonds
1 cup mayonnaise
1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
1/4 cup white sugar



DIRECTIONS:

Place bacon in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium high heat until evenly brown. Drain, crumble and set aside.

In a large salad bowl, toss together the bacon, broccoli, celery, green onions, green grapes, red grapes, raisins and almonds.

Whisk together the mayonnaise, vinegar and sugar. Pour dressing over salad and toss to coat. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Source: www.allrecipes.com

Vaccine's Continued...

Some of the know injuries which are caused as a direct result of an adverse reaction to a vaccine are:

Anaphalaxis/anaphylactic shock
Brachial neuritis
Encephalitis
Enecphalopathy
Guillain-Barre Syndrome
Intussusception
SIRVA – Shoulder Injury Related Vaccine Administration
Thrombocytopenic purpura
Transverse Myelitis
Vasovagal Syncope

The VICP allows individuals and/or their guardians legal representation when bringing forth claims for compensation. The claims are filed in the United States Court of Federal Claims and against the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The cases are defended by the United States Department of Justice (DOJ). The Program has a very strict and uncompromising statute of limitations (time period) in which a claim may be filed.

For an injury, your claim must be filed within three (3) years after the first symptom of the vaccine injury.

In the case of death, your claim must be filed within two (2) years of the death and four (4) years after the start of first symptom of the vaccine-related injury from which the death occurred.

The Program allows payment of all reasonable legal fees and costs separate and distinct from compensation paid for medical expenses, pain/suffering, lost earnings, and/or future care. Payment of legal fees and costs is not contingent upon success. Namely, if your claim is deemed to have been filed in "Good Faith" but the claim is unsuccessful, your attorney's fees and costs may still be paid through the Program. Successful or not, you are never personally responsible for payment of our attorney fee.

The Program has nationwide jurisdiction and has no requirement of citizenship. Program eligibility merely requires an individual (child or adult) to have been injured as a direct result of a vaccine covered by the VICP in order for compensation to be potentially awarded.

The law firm of Gaylord Popp, LLC provides legal representation to individuals and families in New Jersey and throughout the United States before the Court of Federal Claims. The Court of Federal Claims is physically located in Washington, D.C. however accommodations are made through the Program to allow hearings in Federal District courts close to your home or byway of video conferencing. Therefore, geographically location should not bar any potential claim.

Kenneth Thayer, Esq. is admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, and the New Jersey Superior Court. Mr. Thayer looks forward to discussing any questions or concerns either you or your family face when confronted with an injury caused by an adverse reaction to a vaccine.

Potholes Cont'd...

was walking, or if there were signs or barriers around the damaged area, he or she may be found to have contributory negligence towards the injury.

Streets and Public Sidewalks

Cities, municipalities and other public agencies also have a duty to provide a safe walking or driving environment. Like premises liability, the city has to respond to know issues with the road, and they have to correct them in a timely fashion.

In some areas, the damage to public roads may be caused by private companies. If this is the case, the lawsuit may not be against the city, but rather against the company that caused the damage. This could occur if there was construction or if there was a private company hired to maintain the roads in a specific area.

While it is possible to start a lawsuit based on injuries or damages caused by a pothole, these can be very complicated cases. Working with a personal injury attorney experienced in this area will be critical to evaluate the case.



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Yes – this is the first month without my peek inside – I promise I'll make it up to you next month! I do though have a fun craft from my son AND a contest! Let's see if you can guess...
Happy Spring!

Sam Gaylord

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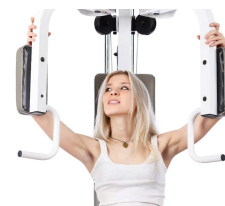
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Health and Fitness Tips

Everybody wants to live a healthier life, and the good news is that getting and staying fit and healthy is not all that difficult providing you follow a few simple tips.



Everyday things you can do to make sure you stay healthy include getting a good night's sleep, eating more vegetables, drinking plenty of water all day long, and getting lots of exercise. (Be it a gym visit, biking, or just walking to and from your workplace.)

It is also a good idea to try and laugh as much as you can, as laughter has been proven to be very good for both mental and physical health.

Good relationships are also important for our emotional well-being, so it is crucial to make sure we work on those, while simple relaxation is also quite underrated.

Taking the time to do something we find relaxing, be it reading a book, going to a spa, or watching a movie, is also a good idea.