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### **Bendectin And Birth Defects The**

Bendectin This antinauseant medication was removed from the world market in 1982. Registry data have found patterns of increases in limb reduction defects, oral clefts and diaphragmatic hernias. These data are consistent with animal and human studies.

### **Bendectin - Birth Defect Fact Sheet**

The first case that received wide publicity was the Mekdeci case, which alleged that Bendectin resulted in a birth defect called Poland syndrome (a deficit in the pectoralis muscle) was filed in 1977.<sup>1</sup> Bendectin accounted for 82 percent of 584,452 antiemetic prescriptions used to treat NVP in the U.S.<sup>2</sup>

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### **Bendectin and Birth Defects: The Challenges of Mass Toxic ...**

Bendectin. Bendectin use was widespread during the 1960s and 1970s to control nausea and vomiting during pregnancy (Kutcher et al., 2003). Studies relating the use of Bendectin during pregnancy to congenital malformations appeared in the literature in the early 1980s (Eskenazi and Bracken, 1982; Golding et al., 1983; Rothman et al., 1995). These studies reported a positive association between Bendectin use during pregnancy and congenital heart disease, pyloric stenosis, and cleft lip and palate.

### **Bendectin - an overview | ScienceDirect Topics**

Abstract. "Bendectin" (Doxylamine/Dicyclomine/Pyridoxine) was widely used for the treatment of nausea and vomiting of pregnancy until 1983, when production was discontinued in the face of lawsuits alleging that the drug caused congenital malformations. We have conducted a meta-analysis of the 16 cohort and 11 case-control studies that report birth defects from Bendectin-exposed pregnancies.

### **Bendectin and Birth Defects: I. A Meta-Analysis of the ...**

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infants with birth defects whose mothers had taken Bendectin during pregnancy. These reports included: Infant born 1/15/61 Missing left thumb and right thumb. Club foot and heart disorders. Infant born 12/22/60. Absence of left arm, some metatarsus varus of the left leg, left side of face flattened, both hands missing index fingers, bilateral club foot.

### **How a Commonly Used Drug Caused Birth Defects - Part One**

Bendectin (doxylamine/vitamin B6) was voluntarily removed from the market in 1983 by its manufacturer, Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals, following numerous lawsuits alleging that it caused birth defects, although an FDA panel concluded that no association between Bendectin and birth defects had been demonstrated.

### **Pyridoxine/doxylamine - Wikipedia**

Bendectin was first approved in 1956 to control nausea and vomiting during pregnancy. It didn't work very well, and later there was considerable controversy about whether it caused birth defects. The drug was subsequently examined in two-dozen studies involving 200,000 women, and the birth defect issue seemed to be completely unfounded.

### **Bendectin: A schizophrenic drug that isn't for ...**

In the last five years, however, Bendectin has become the imputed cause of a host of birth defects. More than 300 lawsuits are pending against the manufacturer claiming damages for deformed babies...

### **SHADOW OF DOUBT WIPES OUT BENDECTIN - The New York Times**

The review panel said no association between Bendectin and birth defects had been demonstrated. It added, however, that because there was no way to prove the absolute safety of any drug in all...

### **Morning Sickness Drug Returns 30 Years After It Was Blamed ...**

Women who took Bendectin and had babies with birth defects, especially limb defects like missing fingers or missing bones from an arm or a leg, found it hard to believe scientists who said that...

### **Controversial Drug Makes a Comeback - The New York Times**

The pooled estimate of the relative risk of any malformation at birth in association with exposure to Bendectin in the first trimester was 0.95 (95% CI 0.88 to 1.04). Separate analyses were undertaken for cardiac defects, central nervous system defects, neural tube defects, limb reductions, oral clefts, and genital tract malformations.

### **Bendectin and birth defects: I. A meta-analysis of the ...**

Mothers believed Bendectin caused birth defects, and lawyers discovered the paucity of testing. Some lawsuits were successful, although the medical question of whether it caused birth defects was not definitively answered. In 1983, the manufacturer took it off the market.

### **Why did it take 40 years for this morning sickness drug ...**

Unfortunately the manufacturer, Merrill Dow Pharmaceuticals, was bombarded with numerous lawsuits claiming that Bendectin caused birth defects. There was a clear scientific consensus that the evidence did not show that Bendectin caused birth defects and there was plentiful evidence of its safety.

### **The Bendectin Controversy Redux? - Science-Based Medicine**

The government estimates 1 in 33 babies are born with birth defects regardless of medication use during pregnancy, and studies eventually concluded that Bendectin didn't increase that baseline risk.

### **FDA approves morning sickness pill that was taken off ...**

Bendectin and Birth Defects Book Description: Bendectin was prescribed to more than thirty-five million American women from its introduction in 1956 until 1983, when it was withdrawn from the market.

### **Bendectin and Birth Defects: The Challenges of Mass Toxic ...**

Bendectin was the primary pharmaceutical treatment of nausea and vomiting of pregnancy (NVP) in the United States until the early 1980s. Its manufacture was then discontinued after public allegations that it was causing birth defects.

### **Bendectin and birth defects II: Ecological analyses ...**

Bendectin use had resulted in birth defects, primarily limb reduction defects, in infants exposed to Bendectin in utero. In June 1983, the manufacturer of Bendectin discontinued its production, citing the increased insurance cost of main-

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