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Statement on FOSAMAX (Alendronate Sodium) Product Liability Trial

Merck Press Release (03/11/13)

Merck stated that it would vigorously defend itself in being heard by the Superior Court of New Jersey in Atlantic County in which the plaintiff alleges that her use of FOSAMAX caused an atypical femur fracture. Merck says that it is confident that the evidence will show that FOSAMAX did not cause the plaintiff's fracture and that the company provided appropriate and timely information regarding FOSAMAX to the medical, scientific, and regulatory communities. Christy Jones of Butler Snow, the outside counsel for Merck, said that "the evidence will show that the plaintiff was at risk of sustaining a fragility fracture [given her medical conditions and risk factors.] and that FOSAMAX significantly reduced but could not eliminate that risk." Merck also said that the evidence will illustrate that it acted responsibly while researching and developing FOSAMAX, and that it has continued to act responsibly in monitoring the medication since its market debut.

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