

Botox: Nurse Is Sued Over Complications.

At a seminar conducted by a registered nurse a physician decided to have a series of cosmetic Botox injections for glabellar lines in her face.

The nurse had received training from the manufacturer how to conduct the seminars and how to administer the injections.

After the nurse finished the injections the patient began to experience symptoms of botulism poisoning including muscle weakness, partial paralysis, respiratory problems, difficulty walking, speech and vision impairments and severe pain.

The patient's problems became so severe she had to resign from her position as medical director of a hospital and close her own private medical practice.

In five separate treatments the nurse injected 50 mg, more than twice the approved cosmetic dosage of 20 mg and injected the Botox into areas of the face for which it is not approved for use by the FDA.

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The patient sued the nurse and the manufacturer. However, the patient dismissed the nurse from the lawsuit before the case went to trial.

The jury in the District Court, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma awarded the patient \$15,000,000 from the manufacturer.

The training the nurse received from the manufacturer before the seminars reportedly instructed her to tell prospective clients that the potential side effects were insignificant and transient.

The manufacturer also reportedly trained the nurse to inject more Botox than the approved dosages and to inject facial areas not approved by the FDA. **Helton v. Allergan, Inc., 2010 WL 2383923 (Dist. Ct. Oklahoma Co., Oklahoma, May 11, 2010).**