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MY VACCINE INJURY KIT

Your Guide to Understanding
Vaccine Injuries

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A portrait of Mark T. Sadaka, Esq., MSPH, a bald man with a slight smile, wearing a dark blue suit, white shirt, and patterned tie. He is positioned in the upper right of the frame, with a blurred background of what appears to be a building interior.

About The Author

"Our vision is to use the power of law to right wrongs and help correct the imbalance of power that exists in society."

– Mark T. Sadaka, Esq., MSPH

Litigation with Purpose

Mark Sadaka has been profiled in numerous books, interviewed by newspapers and podcasts, is a sought-after speaker, and is nationally respected in complex medical litigation. He is an accomplished trial lawyer with a specialized medical background that has made him a leader and invaluable resource in the realm of medically complicated cases. Mr. Sadaka represents people hurt by defective drugs, medical devices, vaccines, exposure to hazardous chemicals, other dangerous products, and victims of corporate fraud.

Mark Sadaka is an innovator and has successfully brought several first-of-its-kind defective drug-related lawsuits, including brain damage caused by Zostavax and aggressive prostate cancer caused by Avodart. After nine years of persistence and innovation, Mr. Sadaka was the first ever to successfully prove that the Gardasil vaccine killed a 21-year-old woman in [Tarsell v. DHHS](#), 10-vv-251 (US Court of Federal Claims). He was also the first to ever link Gardasil to infertility in [Brayboy v. DHHS](#), 15-vv-183 (US Court of Federal Claims). Mr. Sadaka was appointed co-lead counsel and co-science chair for a nationwide product liability lawsuit alleging that Zostavax, a vaccine that contains live virus, causes serious injuries to people ages 50 years and older. He has represented thousands of people harmed by negligence and products such as pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and vaccines.

What is a Vaccine Injury?

We are here to explain that you are not alone. Rarely, vaccines can cause injuries. If you are reading this document then you are either curious about vaccine injuries, or suffered, or know someone who suffered, from a vaccine injury. Sadaka Law is here to help.

First, the three most common types of vaccine injuries are injuries to the shoulder or arm, nerves, or blood.

Injuries to the shoulder or arm

By far the most common type of vaccine injury is an injury to the shoulder or arm. The two most common injuries are (1) SIRVA (shoulder injury as a result of vaccine administration), and (2) brachial neuritis.



SIRVA

Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine Administration is a wound to the upper arm or shoulder caused by a misplaced vaccine injection. SIRVA typically occurs when an injection is too high up in the deltoid muscle. When that happens, the needle penetrates into the subdeltoid bursa, in some cases there are reports of the flu shot going directing into the shoulder joint. The subdeltoid bursa is the area directly underneath the deltoid muscle. SIRVA can cause severe and lasting pain. It could also lead to long-term loss of movement of the shoulder.

Brachial Neuritis

Brachial neuritis is a type of nerve damage to the nerves in the brachial plexus, a bundle of nerves located near your collar bone. Brachial neuritis typically begins with sharp and intense pain, which gradually turns into weakness and numbness over time. Typically, brachial neuritis occurs within days to weeks after vaccination.

While SIRVA and brachial neuritis are the most common types of injuries to the shoulder or arm, Sadaka Law has successfully handled claims of injuries to the arm from blood clots and other types of injuries.



Injuries to the nerves

The most common type of vaccine injury to the nerves is a condition called Guillain-Barre Syndrome or GBS.

Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS)

Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS) is a rare disease that attacks the immune system and damages nerve cells. The damage disrupts signals between the affected nerves and the brain. Symptoms usually begin as numbness or tingling in the hands or feet, but there are a few types of GBS with different symptoms. Onset of symptoms is typically within 4 weeks of vaccination. GBS may lead to pain, weakness, or numbness in the limbs connected to these damaged nerves.

While GBS is the most common type of vaccine injury to the nerves, Sadaka Law has successfully handled claims of many neurological injuries, including CIDP, ADEM, Multiple Sclerosis (MS), and narcolepsy.

Injuries to the blood

The most common type of vaccine injury to the blood is a condition called idiopathic thrombocytopenia or ITP for short. ITP is a condition that comes from when a person has a lot of bruising or bleeding because the body has trouble forming clots. In this case, the body is attacking the platelet cells causing clotting problems.



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What are the Steps to take if you are Injured by a Vaccine?



Step 1: **Call Your Doctor**

The first step sounds simple, but it is important to report your vaccine injury to your doctor. Some vaccine injuries may require immediate medical attention and the longer you wait the greater the risk of serious injury.



Step 2: **Report the Vaccine Injury to VAERS**

The only way to answer this hotly debated question starts when people report their vaccine injury to the government's Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System or VAERS.

What is VAERS and why should you file a VAERS Report?

VAERS is a program developed by the CDC and the FDA to track and identify vaccine-related injuries. If you suffered a vaccine-related injury, then you need to report your injury to VAERS. Reporting vaccine injuries to VAERS is the only way we will ever find out if vaccines can cause injury.

Before filing a report, sit down and write a list of every symptom you are experiencing:

- Are you suffering from chronic headaches?
- Are you experiencing intense shoulder pain?
- Do your arms or legs feel weak?
- Think about every symptom; every negative impact the vaccine has had on you. It is important to know the details of your symptoms when you report the vaccine injury to VAERS.

After you complete your list of symptoms, report your vaccine injury online to the VAERS website (Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) ([hhs.gov](https://www.hhs.gov))). If you have trouble filling out the form, call us and we can help. Call Sadaka Law at 1-800-810-3457.



Step 3:

File a Vaccine Injury Compensation Claim

The government set up the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program to provide a step before filing a traditional lawsuit at your local courthouse. Once a petitioner, a person who files a petition of compensation in the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, receives a determination from the program then they have the opportunity to file a regular lawsuit in their local courthouse if they are not satisfied with the outcome.

In a vaccine injury claim, the manufacturer of the vaccine that caused the injury is not part of the claim process. In the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, the government steps in for the drug companies that manufacture the vaccines.

Highlights of a Vaccine Injury Case

Vaccine Injury Claims are FILED in the United States Court of Federal Claims in Washington, D.C.

*A lawyer **MUST** be admitted to the practice before the vaccine court.*

*You only have **3 YEARS** to file your claim. In claims of death due to vaccine, you have **2 YEARS** from the date of the death and not longer than 4 years of the first symptom.*

The Vaccine Injury Compensation Process:



Step 1:

Was your Injury caused by a Vaccine?

The first step in the VICP is the process of determining whether the injured person (claimant) is entitled to compensation. Establishing entitlement in Vaccine Injury cases means establishing that it is more likely than not that the vaccine caused the claimants injury. This is a legal principle called “causation”. Causation can be established by answering “yes” to the following two questions:

- (A) Can the vaccine cause the type of injury that is being claimed? If yes, move onto question B.
- (B) Did the vaccine cause the claimant’s injury in this specific case? If yes, then you have established causation and likely entitlement.



Step 2:

Damages

Once entitlement is established the next step is determining damages. Damages can include compensation for past and future medical expenses, lost wages, and pain and suffering.

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How Sadaka Law can help you

Sadaka Law has the strength, compassion, and experience to help vaccine injured people through one of the most trying times in their lives. We have over 16 years of experience and represented over 350 people in the vaccine injury compensation program and recovered millions for our clients.

We have the experience in handling complex matters and making innovative arguments. We can help guide you through the vaccine injury process to get the closure you need.

We helped people all over the country get compensation and the health care they need:

Case Results

RECOVERY

\$5,328,078.77

FOR VACCINE INJURY

\$5,000,000.00 + recovery for a 42-year-old executive and father of two who suffered Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) after receiving the influenza (flu) vaccine.

RECOVERY

\$750,000.00

FOR VACCINE INJURY

\$750,000 + recovery, including an annuity contract, for adult male who suffered from Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) after receiving an influenza (flu) vaccine.

RECOVERY

\$748,258.77

FOR VACCINE INJURY

\$748,258.77 recovery for a nine-year-old Wisconsin boy who developed Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) after receiving a Hepatitis A vaccine.

RECOVERY

\$682,870.65

FOR VACCINE INJURY

\$682,870.65 recovery for a 56-year-old Texas man who developed Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy or CIDP after receiving influenza (flu) vaccination.



RECOVERY

\$500,000.00

FOR VACCINE INJURY

\$500,000.00 + recovery for adult female who suffered from chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP) after receiving an influenza (flu) vaccine.

RECOVERY

\$310,408.00

FOR VACCINE INJURY

\$310,408.00 recovery – max death payout available (\$250,000.00) – from vaccine-related death and pain and suffering compensation for a 21-year-old woman from Maryland who developed arrhythmia induced by autoantibodies because of Gardasil and caused her to die suddenly and unexpectedly.

RECOVERY

\$300,000.00

FOR VACCINE INJURY

\$300,000.00 + total recovery, including \$302,064.00 lump sum award, for adult male who suffered from Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS) after receiving a tetanus-diphtheria (Tdap) vaccine.

RECOVERY

\$250,000.00

FOR VACCINE INJURY

\$250,000.00 recovery for adult male who suffered from brachial neuritis after receiving influenza, Tdap, meningococcal, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, IPV, and MMR vaccines.

RECOVERY

\$249,975.00

FOR VACCINE INJURY

\$249,975 recovery which includes lifecare expenses for a 6-month-old infant who developed Evan's Syndrome, thrombocytopenia, Coombs' positive hemolytic anemia, pancytopenia, and neutropenia after receiving DTaP, IPV, Hib, pneumococcal conjugate, and rotavirus vaccinations.

RECOVERY

\$225,000.00

FOR VACCINE INJURY

\$225,000.00 recovery for minor female who suffered from hair loss, seborrheic dermatitis, and alopecia totalis after receiving Gardasil vaccine.



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