

## FUNGAL MENINGITIS CASES:

### **Tennessee Fungal Meningitis Injury and Death Lawyers**

At Pryor, Flynn, Priest & Harber, we have extensive experience in dealing with defective medical products, devices, and pharmaceutical products. We are accepting cases for individuals affected by the deadly fungal meningitis outbreak in the South that began in September, 2012.

According to the Food and Drug Administration, hundreds, and perhaps thousands, of people who received steroid shots between July and September could be at risk for developing fungal meningitis. The FDA has further urged physicians not to use any products at all from the Massachusetts Pharmacy who manufactured the steroid shot at issue.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, fungal meningitis is a rare condition that is usually the result of the spread of a fungus through blood to the spinal cord. It is not contagious, so it cannot be transmitted from person to person. One of the most classic ways a person can contract a fungal meningitis infection is as a result of the fungus being introduced directly into the central nervous system or blood stream. That is exactly what is happening to the individuals who received the tainted steroid injections. As of October 10, 2012, 35 people in six states, including Tennessee, Virginia, Maryland, Florida, North Carolina, and Indiana, have contracted fungal meningitis. According to the CDC, five of these individuals have unfortunately passed away. Based on all information available, each of these 35 people were administered steroid shots as a treatment for back pain. These types of steroid shots are commonly used as a back pain remedy.

While it is possible that an individual could receive a tainted steroid shot and not become ill, it is likely many of the patients who received the tainted steroid shots will contract fungal meningitis. For these individuals, it can be a life-altering condition that may lead to death in the most unfortunate cases.

If you, a friend, or a family member is experiencing any symptoms of fungal meningitis, which include fever, headache, stiff neck, nausea and vomiting, photophobia (sensitivity to light), and altered mental status, it is important that you investigate these symptoms with your medical provider. Additionally, it is important that you investigate your potential case, determine any rights you may have, and seek just compensation if action is warranted. At Pryor, Flynn, Priest & Harber, we are ready, willing, and able to assist you with a fungal meningitis lawsuit.

**When pharmaceutical companies fail to detect dangerous aspects of their products or fail to properly manufacture their products, they can be liable for injuries.** At Pryor, Flynn, Priest & Harber, we have handled numerous pharmaceutical defect cases. We have the resources to conduct hard-fought, years-long litigation than necessary, and we are currently involved in numerous pharmaceutical and medical device cases. If you have questions regarding a potential fungal meningitis case, please contact our office for a no-charge consultation.