

NECROTIZING ENTEROCOLITIS AND BABY FORMULA SAFETY ALERT

Babies born prematurely often require special attention and nutrition to support their fragile bodies and counteract their low weight at birth. Brands like Similac and Enfamil promote their formulas as complete alternatives to human milk. Significant research suggests that using Similac and Enfamil may lead to a severe condition called necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC) in premature infants. In 1990, a study published in *The Lancet*, and a 2011 article published by Johns Hopkins Hospital found that babies fed a cow milk-based infant formula were significantly more likely to develop NEC compared to those who were breastfed. NEC is a critical gastrointestinal disorder that can lead to tissue death or perforation in the intestines. This can result in harmful bacterial leakage, leading to severe abdominal infections. NEC poses long-term complications that can even be fatal. Unfortunately, despite numerous studies highlighting this risk, the manufacturers of the cow milk-based infant formulas did not adequately inform parents about these potential side effects. The manufacturers of cow milk-based infant formula have known for

years that their products are potentially dangerous to pre-term infants, but they continue to market their products to parents. As a result, many claims have been filed against the manufacturers.

NEC is a very serious and potentially deadly medical condition that is one of the leading causes of neonatal fatality. Approximately 50% of babies who develop NEC and survive will be left with long-term health complications. The two most common long-term health complications associated with NEC are intestinal stricture and short-gut syndrome. Intestinal stricture is a complication that occurs when NEC leaves an area of fibrosis and scarring on the intestinal walls. Short-gut syndrome can leave children with life-long difficulties in absorbing essential nutrients.

I have represented children diagnosed with necrotizing enterocolitis caused by cow milk-based infant formula to secure funds to pay for a child's long-term medical care needs. To request a *free* telephone consultation or zoom, please do not hesitate to call **800-331-4134** or, email at **info@josephromanolaw.com**.

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