

# Nathan Takeda Pharmaceuticals: Why You Should Care About the Case You Never Heard



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Takeda Pharmaceuticals is a Japanese multinational pharmaceutical company. It is one of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the world, with operations in over 70 countries. Takeda is best known for its drugs for diabetes, cancer, and cardiovascular disease.

In 2010, Takeda was sued by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) for allegedly marketing its diabetes drug Actos (pioglitazone) for unapproved uses. The DOJ also alleged that Takeda failed to warn doctors and patients about the increased risk of bladder cancer associated with Actos. Takeda settled the case for \$2.4 billion, one of the largest pharmaceutical settlements in history.

The Actos case is a cautionary tale about the dangers of corporate greed. Takeda put profits ahead of patient safety and, as a result, thousands of people were harmed. The case is also a reminder of the importance of whistleblowers. The DOJ's case against Takeda was based on information provided by a whistleblower who worked for the company.

The Actos case is not the only time that Takeda has been accused of putting profits ahead of patient safety. In 2015, the company was fined \$50 million by the FDA for failing to properly test its drug Rozerem (ramelteon) for insomnia. Rozerem was later found to cause serious side effects, including dizziness, nausea, and vomiting.

Takeda is a repeat offender when it comes to putting profits ahead of patient safety. The company has a long history of misconduct, including:

- Marketing drugs for unapproved uses
- Failing to warn doctors and patients about the risks of its drugs
- Conducting inadequate clinical trials
- Paying kickbacks to doctors to prescribe its drugs
- Hiding unfavorable research results

Takeda's misconduct has had serious consequences for patients. Thousands of people have been harmed by the company's drugs, and some have even died.

The Actos case is a wake-up call for the pharmaceutical industry. It is time for companies to put patient safety ahead of profits. We must demand that drug companies be held accountable for their actions, and we must support

whistleblowers who come forward with information about corporate misconduct.

If you or someone you know has been harmed by Takeda Pharmaceuticals, you may be entitled to compensation. Please contact a lawyer today to learn more about your legal rights.

## Additional Resources

- Takeda Pharmaceuticals Agrees to Pay \$2.4 Billion to Resolve Criminal and Civil Investigations
- FDA Approves New Long-Term Risk Management Plan for Takeda's Rozerem
- Actos: Heart Failure Risk
- Actos
- Actos Lawsuit



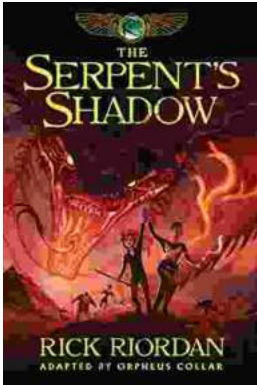
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