

## Dangerous ESA Drugs Recalled Due to Glass Flakes

On September 24, 2010, Amgen (Nasdaq: AMGN) announced that certain lots of Epogen and Procrit (Epoetin alfa) vials were being recalled. The recalled vials may contain extremely thin glass flakes called glass lamellae. The FDA [advisory](#) to drug manufactures states:

“...there is the potential for drugs administered intravenously that contain these fragments to cause embolic, thrombotic and other vascular events ...”

ESAs or erythropoiesis-stimulating agents are manufactured in two variations Epoetin alfa and Darbepoetin alfa. Epoetin alfa is marketed as Procrit.

If you believe that you or a loved one has had an adverse reaction to a physician or hospital administered Procrit dose, you should seek legal representation to protect your rights.

On September 27, 2010, the Wall Street journal reported that:

*Amgen said the problem with the flakes occurs as a result of the interaction of the medications with glass vials over the shelf life of the product. In response, Amgen is reducing the shelf life of Epogen to 12 months, from 36 months, for single-dose vials and to 15 months for multiple-dose vials.*

*Furthermore, the company will begin using glass vials from one of its manufacturers "that doesn't exhibit the issue before the expiry date," spokeswoman Emma Hurley said.*

The affected product [lot numbers and expiration dates](#) can be found on the FDA site.

Adverse events that may be related to the use of this product may be reported to the United States Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) [MedWatch Adverse Event Reporting Program](#).

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