



Dear Friends,

Welcome to the newest issue of our firm newsletter. In it, you'll find the latest information from our firm, our community outreach efforts, an educational and informative safety article and much more.

While we are based in Bradenton, at Heintz & Becker, we are dedicated to representing victims of negligence throughout the state of Florida. With decades on our side, we have developed a powerful philosophy that we employ in every personal injury

and wrongful death case we handle: Meticulous Preparation + Aggressive Advocacy = Achieving Justice.

We also believe in providing you with safety information in the hopes that it will help you and your loved ones in the future.

This quarter, we are featuring an article on testosterone replacement therapy. Recent changes to FDA regulations have opened the door for many questions. While growing older is a natural part of life, feeling young longer is something many hope to achieve. We hope you'll find all the information you need to make an informed decision about your health and, in particular, about the risks associated with hormone replacement therapy in aging men.

Eric Bruce, one of our staff attorneys, has recently joined the community resources board with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Suncoast. This is an organization Heintz & Becker has proudly supported in recent years. The board serves as a fundraising and outreach team that works together to bring awareness of the activities and purpose of BBBS to the community and to generate funding to keep the program serving the needs of the children in our community. We're very proud that one of our own is so dedicated to the youth of this area.

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Personal Injury is all we do and we welcome the opportunity to help your friends, neighbors and relatives that may have been injured.

WE APPRECIATE REFERRALS

If you need a lawyer for something other than personal injury, then feel free to call us and we will do our best to direct you to a lawyer that can help you.

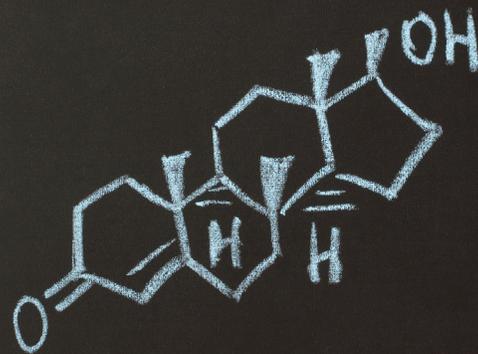
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TESTOSTERONE



TESTOSTERONE TREATMENT: RECENT SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENTS

When you think of hormone therapy, many think of older women who receive it; however, in recent years, men of all ages have been turning to hormone therapy more and more.

Men who have been prescribed testosterone replacement therapy typically receive it because they are showing signs of having low testosterone levels, also known as Low-T, in conjunction with a secondary diagnosis. Typically, Low-T is associated with aging or disease, such as hypogonadism (where the testicles do not produce enough testosterone), and men are prescribed testosterone treatment.

Recently, many American men have been prescribed testosterone products without proper testing of their testosterone levels or diagnosis of an underlying medical problem. As a result of aggressive direct

marketing efforts by drug manufacturers and “Low-T Clinics,” more and more men are using the prescription testosterone-enhancing products. This attempt to feel younger and more virile has caused a tremendous growth in products that have not been used in long-term studies to determine whether these are the best and most effective treatment options for men living in a “40 is the new 20”era.

The harm is that the implants, gels and injectables come with serious health risks, such as heart attacks, strokes and death. In fact, recently, the FDA issued a safety announcement advising that it will be re-evaluating previously approved male testosterone products. The announcement stated that the FDA has not yet made any conclusions about the potential risks, but cautioned doctors to follow FDA-approved testosterone product prescribing information

and weigh the potential benefits and risks before prescribing future treatment. In order to assist in its re-evaluation, the FDA is requesting adverse events and side effects from testosterone products be reported to the FDA’s MedWatch Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program. The FDA also advised that if you are currently undergoing testosterone therapy, to not stop treatment without consulting your physician.

Before taking any prescription drug, it is always a good idea to do your research. Your decision should not be based upon drug manufacturers’ advertisements. Rather, such a decision should be made with caution after consulting with a doctor, completing the recommended medical testing and considering all side effects associated with the drug.

HEINTZ & BECKER IN THE COMMUNITY

In early April, Heintz & Becker sponsored and participated in the annual Hernando Desoto Historical Society’s Seafood Festival, which helped support local charities.

Each year, the Society partners with the Conquistador Historical Foundation to host this event, which features local artists, restaurants and musicians. This year’s festival included special performances from headlining stars Travis Tritt and Vanilla Ice.

The event raised approximately \$70,000 for local charities including Operation Troop Support of Manatee County, Feeding Empty Little Tummys (FELT),

The Boys & Girls Club of Manatee County and many more.

The team at Heintz & Becker has not only sponsored this event, but also participated in many aspects of the festival, such as interacting with attendees, handing out goodies, informing attendees about our attorneys and their qualifications, and much more!

We had a wonderful time and are proud supporters of this organization and what it does in the community. All of us at Heintz & Becker would like to say thank you to all who came out. We’ll see you next year!

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