

New lawsuit against Pfizer

Depo-Provera – the Killer shot

A new lawsuit was recently opened against Pfizer, a pharma company with a notoriously bad reputation. This time, by the recipients of its self-injecting contraceptive shot.

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The magical contraceptive shot

5 500 women recently filed a lawsuit against Pfizer, after developing brain tumors following the use of their birth-control drug Depo-Provera. ¹

Depo-Provera is a self-injecting contraceptive shot and is self-administered every 3 months by the user.

Its producer, Pfizer, claims the shot is a safe way to prevent pregnancy. However, its list of adverse effects is so long that, in the U.S., the law requires the box to have the Black Box warning. It is the strictest warning set by the American FDA (Food and Drug Administration). It highlights the most severe adverse effects and appears as a bold, black-bordered notice at the top of the drug package.

Depo-Provera's list of adverse effects is rather exhausting: fatal bone loss, missed periods, excessive bleeding, blood clots in arms, legs, lungs and eyes, stroke, weight gain, depression, hair loss, permanent infertility (from the Producer's leaflet).

It may appear mind-blowing that despite such a collection of adverse effects, the product is still allowed to stay on the market. Unfortunately, it's big pharma's big money that decides. One adverse effect, however, is omitted on the leaflet – and it's a serious one: the risk of developing meningiomas, a type of brain tumor.

It is over this that, to date, more than 5 500 women are suing Pfizer after developing brain tumors. Plaintiffs claim that Pfizer failed to warn about the increased risk of brain tumors associated with medroxyprogesterone acetate, the active ingredient in Depo-Provera. ²

This synthetic hormone has been linked to an **increased risk of meningiomas**, a form of brain tumor that forms in the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord.

A March 2024 study in *The British Medical Journal* found that women who used Depo-Provera for more than a year faced a **5.6 times higher risk** of developing meningiomas compared to non-users.³

Depo-Provera's history

Medroxyprogesterone acetate was first developed in the 1950's. It was approved by the American FDA as a birth control shot and sold by Pfizer under the name of Depo-Provera since 1992.

Since its beginnings it has been heavily promoted by the Gates foundation.

One of Pfizer's largest shareholders is Bill Gates, who, through his foundation and along with organizations like the WHO, has a long tradition of experiments of drugs on humans in the Third World. Pfizer and Gates first tested the shot in Ghana, in partnership with the Rockefeller foundation – telling the recipients - young fertile mothers - they were receiving regular routine healthcare.

Selling Depo-Provera in the U.S. is difficult because of the Black Box Warning and the requirement by the law to be prescribed by a licensed physician. Therefore, the Third World seemed the perfect marketplace for the producer. To circumvent the problem of the Black Box warning and to shield themselves from liabilities and lawsuits, Pfizer and Gates used a cunning trick – they handed over the shots under the Gates Foundation.

In the U.S., however, only certified doctors are allowed to prescribe Depo-Provera. The shot needed very good marketing - and found it under the name of Planned Parenthood.

The sordid history of Planned Parenthood

Planned Parenthood, a non-profit organization with strong ties to the pharma industry, was founded in 1916 by the racist birth control activist Margaret Sanger. The same year, Bill Gates's father, William H. Gates, a passionate proponent of eugenics (a pseudo-science promoting the idea that some humans are inferior to others), became as well a member.⁴ The initial goal of this organization was to “purge the human waste”, as Sanger once noted.⁵

In 1939, Sanger created the racist Negro Project. As she stated in a letter to her eugenic colleague, Clarence Gamble (founder of Procter and Gamble): “*We do not want word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population, and the minister is the man who can straighten out that idea if it ever occurs to any of their more rebellious members*”.⁶

From the beginning, Planned Parenthood's goal was to promote birth-control especially among mothers of color, providing at the same time hefty profits for the pharma companies.

Today, Planned Parenthood is an active promoter of the Depo-Provera shot. By the location of its offices in the poorest neighborhoods and the concept of its website, it clearly targets colored women. Indeed, up to 84 percent of its users in the U.S. are Black women.^{7 8}



Young women celebrating their „independence“. Source: Planned Parenthood website.

We can debate about the website’s rhetoric – mainly pushing contraceptive measures as its main goal – but let’s leave this for another article.

On its website, Planned Parenthood markets Depo-Provera as follows: ⁹

What is the birth control shot?

The depo shot (AKA Depo-Provera) is an injection you get once every 3 months. It’s a safe, convenient, and private birth control method that works really well if you always get it on time.

Want the shot?

[Find a Health Center](#)

<https://www.plannedparenthood.org/learn/birth-control/birth-control-shot>

Want the shot? All you have to do is click the link, and you get a list of providers that will administer it to you, according to your region. The price? Up to USD 150, but you can have it for free through Planned Parenthood. Sounds great, doesn’t it? However, there is a price to pay – not in dollars, but in a potentially damaged health.

Planned Parenthood advertises mostly abortions and other birth-control methods. A non-profit supposedly dealing with parenthood offers actually very little about parenthood on their website. Its main revenues are government grants, private company’s grants (mostly

pharmaceutical companies grants) and sales of its medical services – abortions services, contraception, testing, oral pills, hormone rings, hormone patches. The revenues of this non-profit are tremendous – in 2025, they stood at USD 2,143 billion. ¹⁰

On its website, Planned Parenthood omits mentioning the list of very severe side effects of the Depo-Provera shot it markets so passionately.

One can argue that the goal of this non-governmental organization is not the education of young mothers about their future roles as parents, as advertised. Rather, it looks like a strong marketing platform for Pfizer and other sponsor pharma companies, and a sinister tool of eugenic organizations for their goals in reducing the world's colored population.

Final thoughts

I first noticed the class action against Pfizer in April 2026, when about 3500 women joined the lawsuit. At the time of writing this article, in June 2026, the number rose to over 5 500. Today, thousands of Depo-Provera recipients have developed brain tumor – one of the most dangerous forms of cancer. Many of those women may not recover. A drug that was supposed to prevent them from having children – a great thing that will free them, according to Planned Parenthood – has caused them a deadly condition.

Once again, we are talking here only about brain tumor – a side effect that is not mentioned by the producer. How about all the other serious side effects?

According to childbirthinjuries.com, most cases of the lawsuit are expected to be settled by financial settlement from Pfizer, rather than by going to trial.

Depo shot law firms estimate that the compensations will range between tens of thousands and hundreds of thousands of dollars per case. Is this enough for a person's ruined life?

(For example, in 2021, Pfizer paid nearly **\$2 million** to settle a Canadian Depo-Provera class action over bone density loss)

To put these sums into equation - Pfizer's 2025 net income stood at USD 7,77 billion.

How many more women will have their health damaged before government authorities take finally Depo-Provera – the Killer shot – from the market?

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