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## Wrinkle treatment targeted in B.C. woman's lawsuit

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A B.C. Supreme Court judge has certified a class action lawsuit sought by a Nanaimo, B.C., woman against the distributors of an anti-wrinkle product, which she says has "taken away her smile."



Dermalive was injected in a manner similar to botox and was intended to hide wrinkles. Associated Press/Jacquelyn Martin

Sharon Logan claims injections of Dermalive left her disfigured and in pain and Logan is suing Dermatech, the now-defunct French maker of the product, along with two Canadian distributors and the doctor who treated her with the product.

Logan, a Nanaimo optician, had Dermalive injected into the area around her mouth in 2006 in hopes of smoothing out wrinkles.

She claims that instead, she developed lumps on her face due to an inflammatory reaction to the injections, and said the swelling got worse over time.

"Logan works in an optometry store where she's dealing with the public and is constantly surrounded by mirrors," David Klein, one of her lawyers, told CBC News.

"What she says is that Dermalive has taken away her smile."

### Banned in France

Dermalive's licence as a medical product was suspended in France in 2003.

In a statement of claim accusing the defendants of negligence, Logan says she never would have been injected had she been warned of the risks, which include permanent scarring.

"We think that there are hundreds of people across the country who are suffering from that effect," said Klein.

Logan is claiming for lost wages, pain and suffering caused by facial disfigurement.

B.C. Supreme Court Justice Robert Sewell allowed certification of the lawsuit in a decision posted Friday.

With files from the CBC's Jason Proctor

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