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Woman sues after menopause drug gives her breast cancer
VANCOUVER/CKNW(AM980)

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BC Supreme Court has certified a class action lawsuit, which began by a Sechelt woman who developed breast cancer after taking hormone replacement therapy.

Dianna Stanway took Premarin for seven years for relief of symptom of menopause.

She stopped taking the drug after reading news reports linking it to breast cancer.

Two months later, Stanway was diagnosed with ductal and lobular breast cancer.

Her suit alleges that the defendants, Wyeth Canada Inc, marketed Premarin and Premplus for decades without sufficient research as to their safety, and failed to investigate warning signs, dating back to the 1970s, concerning the risks posed by their drugs.

It also alleges that the defendants used "ghostwriting" in scientific journals to distort and downplay the risks.

Stanway says she never would have used the drug, had she known the risks.

She won her battle with cancer, but says she wants to help all Canadian women, and their families, who have been harmed by this drug.

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