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A British Columbia Supreme Court judge has approved the class-based complaint against the medicine producing company Wyeth. The claim is on behalf of women who consumed the hormone drug Premarin, to deal with the problem of approaching menopause.

Justice Miriam Gropper claimed that all the women in Canada who consumed the drug from 1997 to 2003 had the right to claim for compensation. The suit is linked to the 2002 Women's Health Initiative study, which stated that the medicines related to menopause possess threats of causing heart attack and development of breast cancer.

The representatives of Wyeth tried to block the lawsuit but were incapable of doing so. Further, they appealed that there will be too many women claiming for compensation, which was not appropriate. Also the representatives claimed that the cause of the disease called breast cancer was not revealed yet, therefore claiming the drug to be the reason was not justified. All claims made in defense of the case were dismissed by the judge.

The main applicant among the other women was Sechelt resident Dianna Stanway, who took the medicine for 7 years and ended up contracting breast cancer. The representative of Ms. Stanway, David Klein, revealed that there was a probability of claimants reaching the limit of 1,000 and above.

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