

# DID YOUR BABY HAVE NEC AFTER DRINKING SIMILAC OR ENFAMIL?

## Questions:

- Was your baby diagnosed with Necrotizing Enterocolitis (NEC)?
- Was your baby given formula or fortifier before being diagnosed with NEC?
- What year was your baby born?

## What is Necrotizing Enterocolitis?

Necrotizing Enterocolitis (NEC) Causes inflammation leading to intestinal tissue damage and tissue death.

If the intestinal infection causes bowel perforation, the bacteria can pass into the baby's bloodstream leading to even more severe complications.

NEC is the most common cause of death in hospitalized premature infants more than 2 weeks old. NEC most often affects babies born prematurely or with a complication, such as a heart defect.

## Treatment for NEC

NEC very rarely occurs before a baby has been fed. Formula feeding significantly increases the risk of a baby developing NEC, but formula manufacturers do not put a warning on their containers.

Treatments for NEC do not cure the condition, and infants who experience NEC will have lifelong neurological and digestive issues. Treatment for NEC is also traumatic for the baby and family.

## Costs of NEC

Between 15 and 40% of babies diagnosed with NEC die from the condition, typically within hours or days.

**If your baby was fed bottle formula and was subsequently diagnosed with NEC and sent to NICU, you may be entitled to significant compensation.**

If this happened to you, you should talk to a lawyer because the cost of caring for a child who has been diagnosed with NEC can be astronomical.

## How The Treatment Works

1. All feedings are stopped, and a doctor inserts a large tube through the baby's esophagus and into the stomach to keep it empty,
2. Antibiotics are administered.
3. Providers x-ray the baby's abdomen at regular intervals to detect abnormal gas patterns. If an x-ray show injured intestine, a surgeon removes the dead portion of the intestine.

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