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## **Bendectin - Birth Defect Fact Sheet**

The first case that received wide publicity was the Mekdeci case, which alleged that Bendectin resulted in a birth defect called Poland syndrome (a deficit in the pectoralis muscle) was filed in 1977.<sup>1</sup> Bendectin

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Bendectin. Bendectin use was widespread during the 1960s and 1970s to control nausea and vomiting during pregnancy (Kutcher et al., 2003).

Studies relating the use of Bendectin

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during pregnancy to congenital malformations appeared in the literature in the early 1980s (Eskenazi and Bracken, 1982; Golding et al., 1983; Rothman et al., 1995). These studies reported a positive association between Bendectin use during pregnancy and congenital heart disease, pyloric stenosis, and cleft lip and palate.



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overview |**

**ScienceDirect Topics**

Abstract. "Bendectin" ( Doxylamine/Dicyclomin e/Pyridoxine) was widely used for the treatment of nausea and vomiting of pregnancy until 1983, when production was discontinued in the face of lawsuits alleging that the drug caused congenital malformations. We

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have conducted a meta-analysis of the 16 cohort and 11 case-control studies that report birth defects from Bendectin-exposed pregnancies.

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infants with birth defects whose mothers had taken Bendectin during pregnancy.

These reports included:

Infant born 1/15/61

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Missing left thumb and  
right thumb. Club foot  
and heart disorders.

Infant born 12/22/60.

Absence of left arm,  
some metatarsus varus  
of the left leg, left side  
of face flattened, both  
hands missing index  
fingers, bilateral club  
foot.

**How a Commonly  
Used Drug Caused  
Birth Defects - Part  
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(doxylamine/vitamin B6) was voluntarily removed from the market in 1983 by its manufacturer, Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals, following numerous lawsuits alleging that it caused birth defects, although an FDA panel concluded that no association between Bendectin and birth defects had been demonstrated.

**Pyridoxine/doxylami**

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Bendectin was first approved in 1956 to control nausea and vomiting during pregnancy. It didn't work very well, and later there was considerable controversy about whether it caused birth defects. The drug was subsequently examined in two-dozen studies involving 200,000 women, and the birth defect issue

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seemed to be completely unfounded.

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In the last five years, however, Bendectin has become the imputed cause of a host of birth defects. More than 300 lawsuits are pending against the manufacturer claiming damages for deformed babies...

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BENDECTIN - The  
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The review panel said no association between Bendectin and birth defects had been demonstrated. It added, however, that because there was no way to prove the absolute safety of any drug in all...

**Morning Sickness  
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**Years After It Was**

**Blamed ...**

Women who took  
Bendectin and had  
babies with birth

defects, especially limb  
defects like missing

fingers or missing

bones from an arm or a  
leg, found it hard to

believe scientists who  
said that...

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the relative risk of any malformation at birth in association with exposure to Bendectin in the first trimester was 0.95 (95% CI 0.88 to 1.04). Separate analyses were undertaken for cardiac defects, central nervous system defects, neural tube defects, limb reductions, oral clefts, and genital tract malformations.

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## **Bendectin and birth defects: I. A**

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Mothers believed

Bendectin caused birth

defects, and lawyers

discovered the paucity

of testing. Some

lawsuits were

successful, although

the medical question of

whether it caused birth

defects was not

definitively answered.

In 1983, the

manufacturer took it

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years for this  
morning sickness  
drug ...**

Unfortunately the manufacturer, Merrill Dow Pharmaceuticals, was bombarded with numerous lawsuits claiming that Bendectin caused birth defects. There was a clear scientific consensus that the evidence did not show

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**The Bendectin  
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The government estimates 1 in 33 babies are born with birth defects regardless of medication use during pregnancy, and studies eventually concluded

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**FDA approves  
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Description: Bendectin was prescribed to more than thirty-five million American women from its introduction in 1956 until 1983, when it was withdrawn from the

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Bendectin was the primary pharmaceutical treatment of nausea and vomiting of pregnancy (NVP) in the United States until the early 1980s. Its manufacture was then discontinued after public allegations that

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it was causing birth defects.

## **Bendectin and birth defects II: Ecological analyses ...**

Bendectin use had resulted in birth defects, primarily limb reduction defects, in infants exposed to Bendectin in utero. In June 1983, the manufacturer of Bendectin discontinued its production, citing the increased

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