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## **Marzzacco Injury Law** ***Helping Zantac Victims***

While Social Security retirement benefits have been paid since the 1930s, disability payments did not start until 20 years later in 1957. The first checks were issued in January 1957 to disabled adult children of deceased or retired workers. Payments to disabled workers were first made in July 1957; the average monthly benefit back then was \$72.76. About 150,000 disabled workers received checks that year.

As of December 2019, nearly 8.4 million disabled workers received monthly disability payments from Social Security on their own accounts. The current average monthly payment is \$1277. The maximum disability payment is \$3050 per month in 2021.

Interested in filing or appeal? When Jim, a generally active and healthy individual, developed stomach cancer, he didn't understand why or how. Jim had no significant past medical history or family history of cancer. When the doctor told Jim his cancer could be related to his daily use of Zantac, he was shocked. Jim had never heard that Zantac could cause cancer. He had regularly taken Zantac for years when he suffered from heartburn because he thought it was safe. Why didn't anyone warn him that Zantac could cause cancer?



Many people like Jim developed cancer after years of taking Zantac for issues such as heartburn and ulcers. As a result, lawsuits are mounting against the manufacturers of Zantac. The class-action lawsuit claims that Zantac contains dangerous levels of a cancer-causing substance, NDMA, and that the manufacturers knew this and failed to warn users, like Jim.

As a result of these lawsuits and scientific data, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recalled Zantac in September 2019 and required manufacturers to withdraw their products from the market. In doing so, the FDA has hopefully prevented more people from being diagnosed with cancer as a result of Zantac use.

While the FDA continues to investigate Zantac, more details will become available. At this time, the FDA has advised people to consider using other heartburn products. Remember to always consult your doctor before discontinuing the use of medication. For more information, check out our website or follow us on Facebook.