

J&J, Bayer Ordered to Pay \$28 Million in First Xarelto Loss

Johnson & Johnson and Bayer AG are responsible for a woman's injuries tied to the blood-thinning drug Xarelto and must pay almost \$28 million in damages, jurors concluded in the companies' first loss at a trial over the medicine.

Bloomberg Technology **reports** that the plaintiff said she took Xarelto, sold by J&J's Janssen Pharmaceuticals unit, for more than a year before being hospitalized in 2014 with gastrointestinal bleeding she blamed on the drug.

The jury in Philadelphia on Tuesday ordered J&J and Bayer, which jointly developed the product, to pay \$1.8 million in actual damages and \$26 million in punitive damages.

"The companies still face more than 21,000 patent suits over Xarelto, which has been linked to at least 370 deaths, according to U.S. Food and Drug Administration reports. Patients have said that Xarelto can cause uncontrollable bleeding and that Bayer and J&J failed to provide an antidote. Some also claim the companies failed to properly warn about the drug's risks," according to Bloomberg's **Jef Feeley** and **Margaret Cronin Fisk**.

Read the Bloomberg article.