

PREMARIN HORSES

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<p>The most commonly known drugs derived from the estrogen rich urine of pregnant mares (PMU) are the Premarin family of drugs.</p> <p>The active ingredient is correctly referred to as conjugated <i>equine</i> estrogen (CEE).</p> <p>Premarin is a hormone replacement therapy (HRT) drug introduced in 1942 for the relief of menopausal women. Today, it is the most widely-prescribed drug for women in North America with a reported 9 million American women currently taking some form of Premarin.</p> <p>Premarin was formerly manufactured by Wyeth. Wyeth merged with Pfizer in 2009 and is now a Division of this pharmaceutical giant.</p> <p>The Premarin family of drugs now includes Premarin (tablet and cream), Prempro, Premphase, and the recently approved Duavee (called Aprela during the FDA approval process and changed in the final hour to Duavee).</p> <p>Many women taking the Premarin family of drugs—and alarmingly the doctors prescribing them—are unaware of the cruelty behind the making of these HRT drugs.</p> <p>When Premarin was first released the active ingredient was commonly referred to as "conjugated equine estrogen".</p>	<p>In 2002, the Women's Health Initiative (WHI) study of more than 16,000 women using Prempro, was abruptly halted by the federal government after it concluded that HRT raises a woman's risk of having a stroke by 41 percent, risk of suffering a heart attack by 29 percent, and risk of getting breast cancer by 26 percent.</p> <p>Dr. Claude Lenfant—director of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, which sponsored the study—said the cardiovascular and cancer risks were "too high a price to pay" and urged women who want to ward off heart disease to "focus on well-proven treatments" instead, such as controlling blood cholesterol and keeping their weight down.</p> <p>The WHI also found that Prempro has no meaningful effects on women's physical or emotional health, pain levels, memory, sleeping patterns, or energy levels. The researchers concluded that Prempro is effective for short-term relief from hot flashes but nothing else.</p> <p>Many women find that they can control hot flashes and other menopausal symptoms by making easy lifestyle changes—like eating a low-fat vegetarian diet and getting regular exercise—rather than contributing to animal suffering. Dr. Jennifer Hays from the Baylor College of Medicine commented, "The average</p>	<p>Premarin mares are large bred horses such as Belgian—Quarter Horses crosses, prized for their large bladders.</p> <p>For most of their 11-month pregnancies, these horses are confined to stalls so small that they cannot turn around or take more than one step in any direction.</p> <p>The mares must wear rubber urine-collection bags at all times which causes chafing and lesions.</p> <p>The mares are taken off the pee line a couple of months before they foal.</p> <p>Once the foals are born, the mares are re-impregnated; this cycle continues for about 12 years.</p> <p>Sadly, the foals born to these mares are usually worth less than the urine their mothers produce. To the PMU farmers, they are worth more dead than alive.</p> <p>Just as the male calves born to dairy cows are considered to be a byproduct of the dairy industry, the foals of PMU mares are considered to be nothing more than a living byproduct of Premarin.</p> <p>Some foals will die soon after birth. Of those whom survive, the majority of them will be sent to auction where they will be sold for slaughter.</p> <p>A filly foal has a less than 1-in-10 chance of not being sent to</p>

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<p>The word "equine" has since been removed and they simply refer to it as "conjugated estrogen", a way of hiding the true nature of these drugs and how they are produced.</p> <p>It is critical that we step up immediately and inform doctors and warn women about the Premarin family of drugs, especially the latest of these, Duavee—and free the horses from their making.</p>	<p>woman will not experience an improvement in her quality of life by taking this pill.”</p> <p>At the time of this writing, Wyeth (now a division of Pfizer) faces more than 5,000 personal injury lawsuits filed by more than 8,000 women who took Prempro or Premarin.</p>	<p>slaughter. Some will be kept to replace the worn-out mares on the PMU farms; the rest will be sent to the slaughter auction. A colt foal will have a less than 1-in-50 chance of not being sent to slaughter.</p> <p>One PMU industry insider says, “See, the foals—and the mares which [sic] can’t get pregnant any more—they are the byproduct of the PMU industry. . We crush ’em and recycle ’em, just like [aluminum] cans.”</p>
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“Nothing has been, or ever will be, appealing or beneficial about the PMU industry and the Premarin family of drugs; they are clearly harbingers of death from both sides of the equation”. – Jane Allin