

**Attention News Editors:**

**Class action filed against makers of Pain Pumps**

Lawsuit filed for Canadians suffering chondrolysis due to medical device

Saskatoon, March 3 /CNW/ - A class action has been filed by Saskatchewan residents Sean Schroeder and Curtis Veinot against Donjoy Inc. and affiliated companies on behalf of Canadians injured by pain pumps. These are portable medical devices which deliver local anesthetic directly to a surgical site following surgery. Donjoy's products have been linked to a serious adverse reaction known as chondrolysis. This is a painful and debilitating condition involving a loss of cartilage. It entails premature destruction of the joint surface and can result in functional disability. Joint replacement surgery may be necessary.

Mr. Schroeder and Mr. Veinot both underwent shoulder surgery in which Donjoy pain pumps were used. Their shoulder joints have never been the same since. Both have developed chondrolysis, and suffer chronic pain and disability. Their lawyer, David Klein, says "We allege that Donjoy failed to adequately test its product before marketing it, and that it failed to properly warn doctors and patients about the risks of chondrolysis. We are very concerned that the product is still being marketed and used in a manner that is unsafe for patients."

Klein Lyons is one of Canada's most experienced class action law firms in a broad range of areas including pharmaceuticals, defective products and commercial litigation.

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