

Progesterone and Cancer Warning Label

PROPOSITION 65

There is a new warning label on the Kokoro Women's Balance Cream that states "WARNING: This Product Contains a Chemical Known to the State of California to Cause Cancer". In case you have seen this or have heard rumours about natural progesterone causing cancer, I have some information here that will ease your mind.

The State of California *Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986*, known as Proposition 65, requires products sold and manufactured in California that *could*, based on the presence of certain substances, pose a risk to either reproductive harm or increased cancer occurrence to carry a warning to consumers.

Under California's Proposition 65 list, progesterone creams manufactured and/or distributed in California are required by law to carry a warning on all labels as follows:

Progesterone, as well as other human hormones, is on this list. As such, products containing any of these substances are subject to carrying an appropriate and specific warning label.

Currently, there are over seven hundred substances on the Prop 65 list. Many of these substances are naturally or commonly occurring in the environment. They can be found in many natural products – including foods and cosmetics.

Natural progesterone is such a substance.

Substances can be added to or removed from the Prop 65 list by various mechanisms, such as declaration by an "authoritative body" or by scientific testing. Whether one of these other sources has engaged in sound scientific practices before designating a substance as a carcinogen or reproductive toxicant is often the subject of much debate.

Delisting progesterone is very costly. So, for the time being, progesterone remains on the Prop 65 list.

Why isn't **synthetic HRT** made to carry a Prop 65 warning if estrogens and artificial progestins are on the list? Well, because prescriptions given to consumers are excluded [from carrying warnings] on the grounds your physician and/or pharmacist act as "informed intermediaries".

Explanation from Kokoro:

1. Progesterone was listed base on one test using progesterone medroxy acetate on a beagle hound.
2. Many studies have shown that progesterone (natural) not only does not cause cancer, but that it has many beneficial effects on the body. Refer to all the books, ie. John Lee.
3. Why is it that fetuses are literally bathed in progesterone during the time of the mother's pregnancy?
4. Why is it that mother's are often given progesterone to prevent miscarriage?
5. If it is that dangerous, why does Prop 65 state that companies with fewer than 10 employees are not even required to warn the public?

6. Our warning is in place to keep us from being sued by attorneys who make it their business to legally extort money from companies for alleged violations of California's onerous and complex business regulations.

All stores selling natural progesterone in the U.S. have this warning on the shelves as well. It is insurance against being sued and nothing more. We actually went to court and won immunity but the stores are afraid they will be sued so we put the warning on anyway. Why would PETA and vegans and everyone else approve of it if it caused cancer?

Peter McGaw, Of Counsel to Archer Norris defends clients in regulatory, remediation, personal injury, and property damage cases arising out of environmental legislation, including California Proposition 65. In his “pull no punches” article ‘[Proposition 65: A National Problem](#)’ he writes, “**Although Proposition 65 is intended to prevent harm to individuals, the “enforcer” is not required to demonstrate that any actual harm has occurred.**”

To add some perspective here:

- Bioidentical progesterone is *not listed* as a potential carcinogen in any other state in the USA.
- Bioidentical progesterone is *routinely* used in fertility clinics around the globe to help sustain pregnancy in high-risk situations.
- Bioidentical progesterone is *carcino-protective*; it helps counteract the carcinogenic effects of estrogen.

Experts agree, our cumulative exposure to estrogen during our lifetime is the single most important risk factor for breast cancer. And that the body’s natural anti-estrogen is progesterone. Medical professionals working in the bioidentical HRT arena concur progesterone is carcino-protective and helps counteract the carcinogenic effects of estrogen.

Human-identical progesterone is routinely used in **fertility clinics** around the world, and and this would include the State of California. Now, you’ve got to ask the obvious question – why would governing medical authorities sanction prenatal exposure to a supposedly carcinogenic hormone at the very point where life begins if they genuinely believed human-identical progesterone to be linked to cancer?

Please do not let this warning label worry you – this is all a political game, nothing new to us in the natural health business ☺