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GSK Statement on Jury Verdict in Paxil Product Liability Trial in Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas

On October 13, 2009, a jury in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas returned a verdict against GlaxoSmithKline in a case alleging that Lyam Kilker was born with a rare heart defect as a result of his mother's use of Paxil during pregnancy.

GlaxoSmithKline disagrees with the verdict and will appeal. While we sympathize with Lyam Kilker and his family, the scientific evidence does not establish that exposure to Paxil during pregnancy caused his condition. Very unfortunately, birth defects occur in three to five percent of all live births, whether or not the mother was taking medication during pregnancy.

GlaxoSmithKline acted properly and responsibly in conducting its clinical trial program for Paxil, including sharing documentation and submitting results from studies on Paxil to regulators. Once approved for use, the company acted properly in marketing the medicine, including monitoring its safety, updating pregnancy information in the medicine's labeling as new information became available, and in communicating important safety information to regulatory agencies, the scientific community and the public.

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