

Johnson & Johnson Statement on Valadez Verdict

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We thank the jurors for their efforts but intend to pursue an appeal based on erroneous rulings by the trial judge. Those rulings prevented us from sharing with the jury critical facts that demonstrate the plaintiff's exceedingly rare form of mesothelioma was not caused by Baby Powder.

Without the benefit of that evidence, the verdict is irreconcilable with the decades of independent scientific evaluations confirming Johnson's Baby Powder is safe, does not contain asbestos and does not cause cancer. The research, clinical evidence and over 40 years of studies by independent medical experts around the world continue to support the safety of our cosmetic talc.

The verdict award will not be paid while the Bankruptcy proceeding continues, and this decision has absolutely no impact on that process, which has the support of lawyers representing the majority of claimants. We remain focused on all claimants having the opportunity to vote and decide for themselves on our plan to compensate them in a timely and efficient manner.

To learn more about our position and the science supporting the safety of our product, visit www.FactsAboutTalc.com.