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#### **Prempro trial judge delays jury selection**

LITTLE ROCK — A judge on Monday delayed jury selection in the first trial of 4,500 lawsuits filed nationwide that challenge Prempro, a hormone-replacement therapy that some women say causes breast cancer.

Linda Reeves of Benton sued drug maker Wyeth, claiming she developed breast cancer after taking Prempro for eight years.

Prempro is a widely prescribed estrogen-progestin combination used to treat premenopausal symptoms such as hot flashes. A Women's Health Initiative study found that women who took Prempro had a higher risk of breast cancer, stroke and coronary heart disease.