

## **VIOXX and you: Do you have a story to tell?**

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Since Merck and Co. Inc. pulled Vioxx, its arthritis and acute pain medication off the shelves and out of its manufacturing line this fall, CAPA Steering Committee members have been asked countless times by the pharmaceutical industry, medical and allied professionals and the media how this decision affects their lives. We can't provide an answer. The majority of us do not have personal experiences to relate. Do you?

If you do, the CAPA External Relations committee wants to hear your story?

- How long did you take Vioxx?
- When did you stop taking it and why?
- What did you think of the public reaction when Vioxx was pulled from the market?
- What lessons do you think will be learned from this incident?
- How do you feel about direct to consumer advertising by pharmaceutical companies?
- Can consumers play a role in responsible medication usage? If yes, How?
- Vioxx, Celebrex and Bextra are all COX2 NSAIDS. Are you taking a COX2 NSAID now?
- Have you ever discussed other treatment or medication options with your physician?

Thank you for participating. Please send your story to [capaeditor@arthritis.ca](mailto:capaeditor@arthritis.ca). Your name and other personal identifiers will not be used in relating Vioxx experiences.