



UNDERSTANDING  
THE  
**HERNIA  
MESH  
CRISIS**

+  
**what  
you  
should  
know**

FREQUENTLY ASKED  
QUESTIONS

# over **one million** hernia surgeries are performed each year

**A hernia occurs when an organ or fatty tissue squeezes through a weak spot in a surrounding muscle or connective tissue called fascia. The most common method of hernia repair is implantation of a mesh device.**

Mesh can be made of metal, plastic or plastic-like material that is either absorbable by the body or non-absorbable. Over the last decade, surgeons and consumers have discovered complications following hernia mesh surgery. It was later uncovered that certain mesh products made by manufacturers used toxic material not meant for the human body.

After facing hernia repair, no one expects more pain and complications. As useful as hernia mesh has been, several manufacturers have had to recall or withdrawal their product from the market. Now those manufacturers are facing thousands of lawsuits, and **millions of dollars are being awarded** to those who have suffered following hernia mesh surgery.







## HERNIA MESH RECALLS & WITHDRAWALS

Thousands of mesh products have been recalled or withdrawn from the market citing lack of safety for humans. These include but are not limited to: Atrium's C-Qur Hernia Patch, made from polypropylene (PP) mesh with a fish oil coating, and CR Bard devices - Kugel, PerFix, 3DMax and Sepramesh, and Covidien - Parietex. Additionally, Johnson & Johnson's Ethicon subsidiary issued a recall on their Physiomesh products. Although a recall is not required for a claim, if you have an affected device you should seek qualified medical and legal assistance immediately.

## THE FDA ON SURGICAL HERNIA MESH

Many complications related to hernia repair with surgical hernia mesh have been reported to the FDA. In Europe and Australia, certain hernia mesh devices containing PP-based mesh were recalled. The same action was taken in the United States as a "market withdrawal." This allowed the action to go under many consumers radars.

The FDA also filed a lawsuit against mesh-manufacturer Atrium for poor quality control at their New Hampshire manufacturing facility.

## HERNIA MESH COMPLICATIONS

Some hernia mesh complications can be life-threatening and require additional surgery. Complications include:

- Adhesion
- Hernia recurrence
- Infection
- Skin complication
- Nerve damage
- Mesh rejection
- Bowel perforation
- Mesh migration

*No one should have to face this pain alone. The manufacturers of these dangerous devices need to be held accountable. When you take action, they are.*



**SERIOUS  
HERNIA MESH  
RISKS CAN BE  
FATAL. IT'S  
IMPORTANT  
TO KNOW THE  
SIGNS BEFORE  
IT'S TOO LATE.**

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## **MESH MIGRATION OR ADHESION**

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Mesh migration occurs when the mesh surgical device moves or "migrates" within the body. This may result in excessive pain or cause the device to perforate or injure an organ. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration describes adhesion as "scar-like tissue that sticks tissues together". Essentially, adhesion can occur when the mesh products adheres or grows into the tissue. Surgery is required.

## **INFECTION**

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Chronic infection may occur at the incision site or deep around the hernia mesh, which is harder to treat and may require a second procedure. Chronic infections may not occur until years following a hernia surgery. Symptoms are flu-like (inflammation, fever, nausea or vomiting) and may include dental issues or heat around the area.

## **HERNIA RECURRENCE**

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The most common complication following surgery, hernia recurrence happens when a second hernia forms in the body.

## **BOWEL OBSTRUCTION**

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Bowel obstructions are extremely dangerous and need immediate treatment. Hernia mesh can cause bowel obstruction if it adheres to the intestines, creating an obstruction in the body. Symptoms of bowel obstruction include nausea, vomiting and inability to pass gas or stool.







## Are you entitled to **financial compensation**?

Financial compensation awarded for the settlement of a valid hernia mesh claim can be used to recover wages lost as a result of surgery or hernia mesh complications, pay medical bills or other personal expenses and regain peace of mind.

# hernia mesh lawsuits

## who can file?

Anyone who has had complications following a qualifying hernia mesh device implantation or removal surgery automatically pre-qualifies for a lawsuit. To learn if you or your loved is eligible for financial compensation, contact us by phone or email as soon as possible. We're happy to help.

## steps to filing

We will connect you with an experienced lawyer, qualified to evaluate your situation. The legal team work with you to understand your medical history and legal options. If they determine you have an eligible case and you want to pursue financial compensation, he or she will take care of the rest.

## what next?

At no cost or obligation, a qualified lawyer can determine whether or not you have a case. There are no fees if you decide to file a lawsuit unless your case is successfully resolved. You can rest assured that you're not alone. The attorneys we work with are here to help at every stage.

## staying updated

It's important to stay up to date with what is happening in hernia mesh news, lawsuits and more. That is why we offer important resources online and through our social media channels. You can follow us [@herniameshnow](#).

**73,000** AVERAGED  
HERNIA MESH  
INFECTIONS  
YEARLY

**3,000+** HERNIA  
MESH LAWSUITS

**\$1.5 MILLION**  
VERDICT IN  
PREVIOUS HERNIA  
MESH LAWSUIT

**\$184 MILLION**  
SETTLEMENT OF  
HERNIA MESH  
LAWSUIT

**\$70,000** AVERAGE  
PER PLAINTIFF IN  
KUGEL MESH  
SETTLEMENT

## STEP 1

Educate yourself about the complications and dangers of certain mesh products, and know your legal options.

## STEP 2

Speak with a legal professional to determine whether you are eligible to file a contingent lawsuit - no out of pocket costs whatsoever.

## STEP 3

Get guidance from a trusted team of experts, conveying information about your medical history, to help them build a iron-clad case.

## STEP 4

Sit back and relax, knowing that you have a dedicated team of legal professionals fighting for your cause.

# HAVE YOU OR YOUR LOVED ONE BEEN INJURED FOLLOWING HERNIA REPAIR WITH MESH?



If you or a loved one suffered an injury due to a defective hernia mesh device, and have questions about the legal remedies available to improve quality of life and medical care, contact us as soon as possible. You will speak directly with a legal representative, and they will help you answer these critical questions. Do not wait. You have limited time to file a claim and time may be running out.

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