

DePuy Hip Lawsuits Skyrocket After Consolidation Order

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We've written about the faulty DePuy ASR hip replacements and folks who have suffered from them have responded. So, we keep watch over what is happening with these bad products and with the lawsuits that are being filed against their manufacturer.

The latest development? The U.S. Judicial Panel on Multi-District Litigation has consolidated the various DePuy hip recall lawsuits and in an Order earlier this month, the Panel put all these cases, filed all over the country, into one courtroom to be heard: that of Judge David A. Katz in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

From now on, Judge Katz will preside over all the various plaintiffs' claims regarding the DePuy ASR hip replacement injuries.

And, we're already seeing a growing number of new lawsuits being filed now that this consolidation order is in. Almost 100, in fact.

What's going on?

As you'll recall from <u>our prior coverage</u> of this travesty, Johnson & Johnson has a subsidiary company, DePuy Orthopaedics Inc., which is in the business of making and selling hip implants.

However, these particular products are metal-on-metal hip implants and they are defective. DePuy didn't let anyone know about this, of course. Didn't warn the doctors. Didn't warn the folks who were having their product put inside their bodies.

Finally, the company issued a recall for the ASR XL Acetabular System and the ASR Hip Resurfacing System. And, the lawsuits began.

In fact, plaintiffs in Indiana and Illinois took the lead in filing suit against DePuy for the injuries they had sustained from these faulty hip replacement devices.

The number of people that may have been compromised by these faulty hip replacements is huge. If you or a loved one has had a hip replacement, then please confirm what product was used — and if it was made by this company, have your situation evaluated. By a doctor. And a lawyer.