

DePuy Hip Recall

DePuy Orthopedics issued a full recall of their hip replacement options after reports surfaced showing that the majority of patients who received the replacement suffered serious side effects and pain as a result of receiving the implant. In addition to these side effects and discomfort, a large number of implant recipients also required a second surgery to replace the hip, or to fix problems that resulted because of the DePuy device.

These reports were conducted by the National Joint Registry of England and Wales and found that twelve to thirteen percent of patients who received the implants five years after surgery had problems that resulted in further surgeries.

DePuy hip replacement devices hit the market in July 2003, and more than thirteen thousand people around the world have received the products since that time.

Since this issue has become so serious in nature, there have been hundreds of lawsuits filed against the DePuy Company, and most recipients of the devices are eligible to receive compensation for past, current, or future health problems.

Some of the most common side effects have been attributed to a flaw in the design of the DePuy products and include: metallic debris that causes allergic reactions, poisoning from chromium and cobalt, masses that form in the soft tissues as a result of the metallic debris, and ASR cups that are loose. Doctors also believe that the hip cup featured in the DePuy products is too shallow, which does not allow for proper implantation.

If you or someone you know received any type of DePuy hip replacement product, you may have actually been contacted by Johnson and Johnson, or DePuy Orthopedics to notify you of the recall. Before you sign any paperwork or agree to speak with the company, you should contact an experienced medical malpractice attorney right away. Some patients have signed paperwork the company has provided, only to later find out it was a waiver that keeps them from filing any legal claim and receiving compensation for future medical expenses.

Even if the company has offered you some type of compensation, it may not be enough to cover all of your medical expenses, and may not cover the cost of future testing and surgery that may be needed. The compensation package being handed out also does not cover pain and suffering or lost wages.

Only a professional attorney can fully explain all of your legal options and handle your claim in an appropriate manner. He or she will analyze all documents and file the proper paperwork on your behalf to yield the best possible result.