



# PHYSIOMESH Hernia Repair Lawsuit

*In addition to PHYSIOMESH, our attorneys are also investigating claims involving Covidien's Parietex, Atrium's C-Qur, and the following devices from Bard/Davol: Visilex, Composix, Composix E/X, SpermaTex, 3D Max, Sepramesh, PerFix Plug and Ventralex.*

Martin & Jones attorneys are investigating potential lawsuits on behalf of people harmed by the ETHICON PHYSIOMESH Flexible Composite Mesh product line used for hernia repair. ETHICON is a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson. The PHYSIOMESH Flexible Composite Mesh is made of polypropylene. The company has already been facing lawsuits in recent years for harm caused by transvaginal mesh products also made of polypropylene.

The manufacturer withdrew the PHYSIOMESH Flexible Composite Mesh from the market worldwide in May 2016. Complications can include death, sepsis, mesh migration, organ perforation, infection, adhesion, intestinal blockage, a recurrence (re-opening) of the hernia and/or additional surgery.

#### [READ ETHICON'S FIELD SAFETY NOTICE REGARDING WITHDRAWAL.](#)

In a notice to the medical community, ETHICON referenced two studies by independent hernia registries that indicate "recurrence/reoperation rates (respectively) after laparoscopic ventral hernia repair using ETHICON PHYSIOMESH COMPOSITE MESH were higher than the average rates of the comparator set of meshes among patients in these registries." ETHICON said because it could not provide instruction on how to reduce the recurrence rate, it was recalling the product.

Lawsuits have been filed in Florida and Illinois for injuries caused by the PHYSIOMESH. In the Florida case, the mesh blocked a woman's intestines and could not be completely removed because it had become embedded in her abdominal wall. In the Illinois case, a man was diagnosed with an intestinal fistula and two abscesses after developing symptoms of infection.

The PHYSIOMESH Flexible Composite Mesh is designed to be flexible and non-absorbent. The company also manufactures a PHYSIOMESH Open Flexible Composite Mesh Device also used for hernia repair which is not involved in any product withdrawal. The Open Flexible Composite Mesh Device version is "partially absorbable" according to Ethicon.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the PHYSIOMESH Flexible Composite Mesh in 2010 without clinical trials because it was similar to other types of hernia mesh already on the market at that time.

If you have developed complications from a listed mesh product, or had to have a second hernia operation, please call Martin & Jones for a free, no obligation consultation about your rights. You pay us nothing until we obtain a settlement for you, and then our fee would be a portion of the settlement. Call attorney [Forest Horne](#) toll-free at [1-800-662-1234](tel:1-800-662-1234) or reach us by email by completing the contact us form. We have office locations in [Raleigh](#), [Durham](#), and [Wilmington](#) North Carolina.