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In Aftermath Of DePuy Hip Problems, FDA Takes A Closer Look At Metal Hips

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As the **problems associated with the DePuy hip implant devices** begin to mount, particular attention is now focused on difficulties associated with metal-on-metal hip devices.

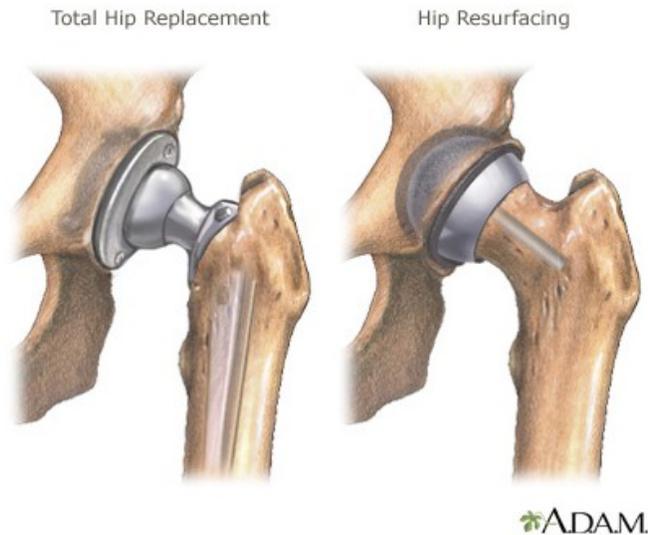
Over the years, metal hip replacement and resurfacing devices accounted for more than 33% of the surgical hip implant market. However, recent medical studies have demonstrated that metal surgical hip devices may cause more trouble than initially believed.

The metal-on-metal contact inherent in many joint replacements creates a grinding situation where bits of the material used in the device break off and can cause pain and damage to surrounding tissue. Even smaller metal ions can wear off of metal hip replacement devices and may enter the person's blood stream.

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The introduction of metal particles into the patients bloodstream can have drastic consequences such as problems with the thyroid and nervous system.

Metal-on-Metal Hip Implant Systems



Recognizing the problems associated with metal-on-metal hip devices, the FDA has created a new [website](#) to address:

- Metal-on-metal hip implant systems
- Concerns about metal-on-metal hip implant systems
- Information for patients
- Information for surgeons regarding metal-on-metal hip implant surgeries
- Information for medical professionals who provide treatment for patients who have had a metal-on-metal hip implant surgery
- FDA's role and activities
- Recalls

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Today, less than 25% of replacement hips use all metal parts. Many product manufacturers have incorporated the use of plastics and ceramics in their hip replacement products to minimize the negative impact on patients.

Certainly, the creation of the [FDA website](#) is important because it recognizes many of the problems hip replacement patients have been complaining about for years. The FDA recommends that patients with metal-on-metal hips who have problems with: pain, swelling, numbness and walking contact their physician to discuss the possible source of the problem.

If you are the recipient of a metal-on-metal hip replacement device and have experienced problems or have required a second revisionist surgery, you may have legal rights against the product manufacturer. Rosenfeld Injury Lawyers is actively involved in hip defect litigation and can help address many of the concerns you must have.

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[Defects With DePuy Hip Replacement Hardware May Give Rise To Lawsuits Against Manufacturer](#)

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