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When Profits Compromise Safety

There is no doubt that breakthroughs in medical technology have improved the lives of millions of Americans. And certainly orthopedic implants in particular have relieved the suffering of a growing number of older patients. But as we have seen too many times in the past, the rush to profit from a growing market in health care often compromises patient safety. As you will read here, there are serious concerns about the testing and approval process for new implant devices. Particularly worrisome are reports that the FDA will fast-track even more of these devices without proper review.



Faulty Implants Cause Pain, Problems and Peril



Did you know that arthritis is the leading cause of disability for adults in the U.S.? By 2030, American citizens over the age of 65 will outnumber children for the first time in U.S. history. An aging baby boomer population means an influx of patients suffering from degenerative orthopedic issues and big business for those who manufacture orthopedic implants. However, these medical devices have caused extreme complications for many patients. *You should know* what to watch for if you suspect you or someone you love harbors a faulty medical device.

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BY THE NUMBERS

150,000

Johnson & Johnson's faulty Pinnacle hip replacement was implanted into 150,000 patients even though it had not been tested on humans.

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Safety Evidence Lacking

Evidence on the safety and effectiveness of medical devices is not readily available to patients, says this *Wall Street Journal*

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investigation.

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Investigative medical journalist Jeanne Lenzer discusses her new book about the flawed approval process for medical devices.

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