



Worldwide Recall of DePuy Hip Replacement Systems

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When surgical implants fail, countless patients may wind up suffering. That type of situation continues to unfold in regards to two of **Johnson & Johnson's** products. In August of 2010, DePuy Orthopaedics issued a voluntary recall of its ASR™ XL Acetabular Hip System and its ASR™ Hip Resurfacing System.

Johnson & Johnson states on the DePuy Web site that these two product recalls are being carried out so that additional testing and monitoring can take place. Of course, the most critical problem is that if a surgeon used one or both of these products while operating on you since July of 2003, *you may have to undergo additional surgery* to correct any harm caused by them.

Information Provided by Johnson & Johnson in its **Patients Hip Recall Guide**

Johnson & Johnson states that it decided to issue its August of 2010 recall after receiving data from Great Britain, indicating that “a higher number of ASR patients than previously reported to DePuy needed a second surgery, called a **revision surgery**, earlier than expected.” *What's not clearly referenced are the extremely serious risks posed by revisionary surgery, especially for the elderly and those who decided upon the first surgery due to unusually complicated bodily injuries.*

If You're A Patient Suffering from a Possibly Defective Depuy Hip Implant

All consumers currently worried about their surgeons' use of Johnson & Johnson's **Depuy ASR™ XL Acetabular Hip System** and (or) its **DePuy ASR™ Hip Resurfacing System** are advised by the company to seek thorough examinations by their physicians. The company further notes that while it believes that "most patients" will *not* require additional surgery, it's already working with affected patients and their doctors, "to address medical costs directly associated with the recall."

Our Firm's Advice to You

If you are currently in pain or have other reasons to question the success of your surgeon's use of these recalled products during your recent DePuy hip replacement surgery, our firm suggests you immediately do two things: (1) Undergo thorough medical examinations by your surgeon and regular treating physician and (2) Give serious thought to having your case professionally reviewed by a lawyer. You need to make sure that *all of your rights are being fully protected*. It may be wise to take legal action so that all of your future medical expenses tied to these recalled products won't become your *sole responsibility*. After all, these defective implants can lead to many serious conditions, **including metalosis**. It can complicate or even threaten your life for many years to come.

Demas & Rosenthal offers a free initial consultation to individuals trying to determine if they should take legal action to fully protect their rights.

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