

DePuy Hip Replacements

In August of 2010, DePuy Orthopaedics, Inc., a subsidiary of Johnson and Johnson, issued a worldwide recall of its DePuy ASR Hip Resurfacing System.

The DePuy ASR hip replacement was once heralded as a medical breakthrough designed to last over 15 years; however, a large number of hip recipients began experiencing horrific symptoms soon after surgery. For example, most recipients begin experiencing muscle fatigue which quickly deteriorates resulting in constant hip, leg and back pain. Eventually, tiny pieces of metal from the hip actually break off and enter the bloodstream resulting in highly elevated levels of chromium and cobalt posing severe threats.

There is strong evidence that DePuy was aware of problems with its hip replacement products for some time. In 2006, DePuy issued warning letters to physicians regarding higher than normal failure rates of its ASR hip implants. Despite this information, DePuy kept its products on the market until the recall in 2010.

If you received a DePuy ASR hip replacement after July 2003, you may have been the recipient of a defective hip. If so, you have likely received a letter from DePuy or a company named Broadspire (who was hired by DePuy). In order to preserve your legal claim, it is important that you do not speak with either of these entities and by no means sign any documents.

If you are the recipient of a DePuy hip replacement, the first thing you need to do is seek medical care immediately. Even if you have no symptoms now, there is a good chance you will develop symptoms in the near future. After speaking with your doctor, you should contact an attorney immediately. There are critical steps that you must take to ensure that your legal claim is properly preserved. These steps include directing your surgeon to preserve the explanted hip along with certain tissues during the revision surgery. This allows for future testing which will greatly impact your claim.

The attorneys at Tate Law Group are investigating these injuries and currently litigating a number of cases. If you or someone you know was the recipient of a DePuy ASR hip replacement, please call Tate Law Group today toll-free at (866) 610-7107 (or) contact us online.