



DePuy Ordered to Pay Over \$1 Billion in Defective Hip Implant Verdict



A Dallas jury has ordered Johnson & Johnson's DePuy unit to pay more than [\\$1 billion in a defective Pinnacle hip implant trial](#), awarding \$4 to \$6 million, medical costs, and \$84 million in punitive damages to each of six plaintiffs. Plaintiffs claimed that Johnson & Johnson failed to warn consumers about the risks of the Pinnacle implant, and said that its metal-on-metal design was superior to ceramic or plastic devices. Johnson & Johnson is still facing over 8,000 lawsuits due to the Pinnacle implants.

Heater-Cooler Device Linked to Fatal Infections in Heart Patients



Heart surgery patients nationwide are being warned about the potential of a fatal [infection caused by the Stockert 3T heater-cooler system](#). The Stockert 3T (also called the Sorin 3T) regulates a patient's body temperature during heart surgery, but the FDA has received reports of *M. chimaera* and nontuberculous mycobacterial (NTM) infections in patients whose surgeries used the device. *M. chimaera* is fatal to roughly half of the people who contract the infection, and the device is used in most open-heart surgeries.

Get the Facts on Fires During National Burn Awareness Week



Burn injuries are one of the biggest causes of accidental death and injury nationwide—and although most burns happen at home, hundreds of deaths result from [car accident burn injuries](#) every year. Parents and families can learn how to prevent unnecessary suffering during National Burn Awareness Week, observed on February 5th – 11th. The event offers a chance for everyone to learn about the different types of burn injuries (including scalds, chemical, and electrical burns) and get the facts on proper safety measures and prevention techniques.

Abilify Manufacturer to Pay Settlement for Off-Label Uses



Bristol-Myers Squibb (BMS), the creator and marketer of the anti-psychotic drug Abilify, will pay \$19.5 million to settle allegations of business code violations. The multi-state lawsuit claimed that BMS illegally marketed the drug for off-label uses, including dementia and for unapproved uses on children. The company faces additional suits claiming that [Abilify caused gambling and other damaging impulse-control problems](#). Plaintiffs claim that the manufacturer created and sold a defective drug with full knowledge of the potential side effects, but failed to warn consumers.