



## Atrium Medical Faces Lawsuits Over Defective Hernia Mesh



A growing number of lawsuits are pending against Atrium Medical over its surgical mesh product. Hernia mesh patients say that the [defective C-Qur hernia repair mesh](#) produced an inflammatory response that caused a number of serious complications including severe infections, bowel adhesions, mesh migration, and mesh rejection. These injuries are difficult to reverse—the mesh is extremely hard to remove once it has adhered to the bowel.

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## Johnson & Johnson Pays Out Almost \$2 Billion in 2016



Pharmaceutical giant Johnson & Johnson sustained record losses in defective product lawsuits in 2016 and could lose even more in the years to come. Six of last year's seven largest jury verdicts in the United States were against the drug and medical device manufacturer, and they cost J&J nearly \$2 billion in total damages. These verdicts—including those involving [Stryker hip implants](#), [Risperdal](#), and [talcum powder](#)—could set a precedent for other cases currently pending in state and federal courts.

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## New Lawsuit Highlights Dangers of Stryker LFIT V40 Hip Implant



A woman's struggle with a defective hip implant device is the focus of the most recent lawsuit against Stryker Orthopaedics. Weeks after she was fitted with an implant that included the Stryker LFIT V40 Femoral Head, she began to experience severe discomfort and other [signs of a defective hip implant](#). Diagnostic testing revealed high levels of metal ions in her blood, a result of metallic particles that had been shed from the artificial hip. The condition, known as metallosis, causes inflammation, pain, and difficulty walking. It has also been linked to systemic issues such as kidney problems and neurological damage.

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## How to Keep Kids Safe on National Bike to School Day



On May 10, children across the nation will celebrate National Bike to School Day. This annual event brings families, schools, and communities together to have fun, form healthy exercise habits, reduce air pollution, and promote pedestrian safety in our neighborhoods and school zones. But before your children head off to school on a bike or on foot, be sure to talk to them about ways they can reduce their risks for injury and [increase overall bike and pedestrian safety](#) along the way.

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