

Bernstein Liebhard LLP Reports On Important Vaginal Mesh Label Change Restricting Use of Ethicon's Gynecare Gynemesh Implant

Bernstein Liebhard LLP reports that on June 4, 2012, J&J indicated that it planned to change the label of its Gynecare Gynemesh product to restrict its indication for use. According to a letter from J&J, the product will no longer be indicated for use in transvaginal procedures.

New York, New York ([PRWEB](#)) June 06, 2012 -- Bernstein Liebhard LLP, a nationwide law firm representing clients in lawsuits stemming from vaginal [mesh complications](#), reports that medical device manufacturer Johnson & Johnson announced a product label change to restrict the use of its Gynemesh vaginal mesh implant on June 4, 2012.* In a letter to the Court in the pending vaginal mesh MDLs, the company wrote: "Ethicon also plans to update the product labeling for Gynecare Gynemesh PS...to restrict the indication for use to the abdominal sacrocolpopexy procedure for the treatment of pelvic organ prolapse." In other words, the product would no longer be indicated for use in transvaginal surgeries and would only be inserted through an incision at the bottom of the abdomen.

J&J also informed the Court that they would cease "commercializing" four of its Gynecare vaginal mesh systems. According to The New York Times, the company maintained that the end of sales was not based on safety concerns: "but was based on the products' commercial viability 'in light of changing market dynamics, and is not related to safety or efficacy.'""****

"The fact that Ethicon is changing the indication so that the product is only implanted through the abdomen rather than the vagina belies their claim that the withdrawal of the products from market and label change are not safety-related. Plaintiffs have alleged for years that these products, when implanted transvaginally, are simply unsafe," commented Bernstein Liebhard LLP partner Jeffrey S. Grand, who serves as Co-Liaison Counsel in *In re Pelvic Mesh/Gynecare Litigation*, No. 6341-10 (N.J. Super Ct.) and *In re Pelvic Mesh Litigation/Bard* No. L-6339-10 (N.J. Super. Ct.), two consolidated actions of all pelvic mesh lawsuits filed in New Jersey state court.

Mr. Grand also serves on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in the federal litigation, *In re: Ethicon, Inc., Pelvic Repair System Products Liability Litigation* ("MDL No. 2327"), which is a consolidation of all the transvaginal mesh lawsuits filed in federal court against Johnson & Johnson, and its subsidiary, Ethicon, Inc. The federal transvaginal mesh lawsuits are currently pending in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia before Judge Joseph R. Goodwin.

Ethicon Pelvic Mesh Complications Lead to Mounting Mesh Lawsuits

Currently, Ethicon Inc. and Johnson & Johnson are defending hundreds of lawsuits in both state and federal courts filed by individuals who suffered from Ethicon pelvic mesh complications. The lawsuits allege that the women suffered from mesh erosion and other mesh complications.

The lawyers at Bernstein Liebhard LLP are actively filing lawsuits on behalf of individuals allegedly injured as a result of receiving the withdrawn J&J vaginal mesh products, as well as vaginal mesh implants manufactured by other medical device companies.

Those who have suffered damages from vaginal mesh complications may be entitled to compensation for medical expenses, pain and suffering, lost wages and other injuries. Learn more by watching this [vaginal mesh](#)



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