

Treating Urinary Incontinence With Bladder Slings Can Hurt More Than Help

Many women who undergo bladder sling procedures for the treatment of stress urinary incontinence are left with serious health complications.

CONCORD, CA, USA, May 12, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The FDA has cautioned that [complications linked to vaginal](#) mesh surgery are "not rare." Still some doctors continue to champion transvaginal mesh implants as an effective means of treating conditions like stress urinary incontinence.

Stress incontinence

"Stress incontinence may occur from weakened pelvic muscles that support the bladder and urethra or because the urethral sphincter is not working correctly...Stress urinary incontinence is the most common type of urinary incontinence in women."

For more information about stress incontinence, please visit <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ency/article/000891.htm>.

The optimism that has remained about the use of transvaginal mesh medical devices in spite of repeated safety communications released by the FDA over the past few years is alarming to many consumer and legal advocates. There has yet to be an official recall announced for the products, which leaves some patients to believe that the risks associated with mesh or sling implants are not substantial. However, as the FDA acknowledges in its latest safety communication, serious risk of mesh failure occurs at considerable rates.

FDA Safety Communication: UPDATE on Serious Complications Associated with Transvaginal Placement of Surgical Mesh for Pelvic Organ Prolapse

"In the Oct. 20, 2008 FDA Public Health Notification, the number of adverse events reported to the FDA for surgical mesh devices used to repair POP and SUI for the previous 3-year period (2005 – 2007) was "over 1,000." Since then, from Jan. 01, 2008 through Dec. 31, 2010, the FDA received 2,874 additional reports of complications associated with surgical mesh devices used to repair POP and SUI, with 1,503 reports associated with POP repairs and 1,371 associated with SUI repairs. Although it is common for adverse event reporting to increase following an FDA safety communication, we are concerned that the number of adverse event reports remains

high.”

For more information about complications associated with transvaginal placement of surgical mesh, please visit

<http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/Safety/AlertsandNotices/ucm262435.htm>.

Included on the list of reported complications from [bladder sling surgery](#) are bladder injury, blood clots, spasms in the bladder, pain during sexual intercourse, chronic urinary tract infections, and other issues female patients may face long term. Because of the high rate of occurrence of issues for patients who have undergone the procedure, which some statistics suggest is in over 50 percent of cases, the risks can far outweigh described benefits. Alternative methods of treating urinary incontinence cases are in many cases, more effective.

For women who are dealing with health complications following bladder sling surgery, help is available from the Life Care Solutions Group. The resource can offer a free medical and legal assessment to those who have sustained any type of [bladder mesh or sling injury](#). Contact the group today about available support.

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