Physician Removes Mass With Vaginal Mesh From Patient

A physician who treated the claimant in a vaginal mesh lawsuit this week testified in New Jersey Superior Court that a mass he removed from that claimant's body included polypropylene mesh.

Dr. James Raders, a urogynecologist in Florida, took the stand as a witness for the defendant at the trial of a case brought against Johnson & Johnson's Ethicon unit, the manufacturer of a now-discontinued product known as the Gynecare Prolift vaginal mesh kit. Dr. Raders testified that he treated the claimant in the case, Linda Gross , beginning in 2007. At that point Gross had already gone through two mesh removal surgeries to alleviate what she described as the sharp burning pain she'd been experiencing since the Prolift mesh surgery. Believing that whatever triggered Gross's pain was no longer present, Dr. Raders recommended against further surgery to remove the mesh. Nevertheless, Gross insisted, and—on May 22, 2007—Dr. Raders acquiesced, performing surgery on Gross to remove a mass that he admits included polypropylene mesh.

The trial at which Dr. Raders delivered his testimony is the first of 1,800 vaginal mesh lawsuits against Ethicon pending in New Jersey Superior Court to go to trial.

As a representative of women who claim they've been harmed by vaginal mesh products, Rochelle Rottenstein , the Rottenstein Law Group's principal, implores women who believe they've been hurt by these implants to call the Rottenstein Law Group's offices for a free evaluation of their ability to file a lawsuit right away.

"We're relieved that one of the Prolift cases has gone to trial, and look forward to helping many of the other women who've been seriously harmed by vaginal mesh products recover compensation for their injuries," Rottenstein says.

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