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PE1865/EEEE - Suspend all surgical mesh and fixation devices

I had my sling, hammock, gold standard in and out in 20mins operation in 2010.

From the moment I awoke in the recovery room I was in severe pain.

I told the nurses that was in the room. I told the implant surgeon who just looked at me and tilted his head to one side and then just walked away.

I was discharged from hospital the next day and could hardly walk the pain was taking my breath away.

From then on I have tried to get answers to my pain, I have had x rays, scans, and steroid injections in my hips. I was sent back to my implant surgeon on 2 different occasions and he told me there was nothing wrong with my sling.

He referred me to pain clinic which I refused as I wanted to know what was wrong and did not want to hide the problem under pain control.

In 2017/8 I was over the moon to learn we had a mesh clinic, I was referred there and seen a DR who also told me how amazing my mesh was he actually gave me a full history lesson on mesh including who and why invented it. Then told me if i had it removed "at best I would have to self-Catheter but most likely have a colonoscopy bag". On my second/third visit, a doctor put a camera in my bladder and started pulling at my mesh to see where my pain was coming from the most painful experience I have had, and to this day I don't have the results of this procedure and the mesh clinic has never been in touch with me.

In 2019 I decided to go to Dr Veronikis in St. Louis he removed all my mesh and gave me a full report on it. Including a pathology report this is damning evidence to what mesh does to our body. One side of my tvt implant was in a major artery and was ready to rupture.

I now have a rectal prolapse and I've been to a DR in Monklands hospital but as soon as he was told I had mesh removed in the USA he did not want to know and sent me for physio. We all know that will not help me. I've been back on to Dr Veronikis who is happy to help and will do my follow up operation.

I am mesh injured and will always have problems due to this