

James Young submission of 17 June 2022

PE1865/III: Suspend all surgical mesh and fixation devices

I am now a 58 year old gentleman whom on and around the year of 2013 had a mesh implanted into my right side groin.

Ever since this operation the mesh implant has cut into me and given me pain within my groin testy and right leg as little as three months after the device was implanted.

This pain is severe and can be quite debilitating, to say the least.

It causes pain in my right testicle as if it's being pulled or squeezed. Feels like someone pulling it to the side with a rope.

I was an active man, I was also a sexually active man, ever since this implant I have not had any sexual interactions with my wife for over 5 years and it has caused friction between us.

This mesh has destroyed my private life and my normal daily life.

I cannot ride my bike anymore nor can I sail my boat due to the pain and discomfort.

Boat has since been sold, my bike which is my pride and joy gets left in the driveway, it has not been ridden in some years.

Taking a walk in a daily basis is non-existent. Walking is something that is an achievement in of itself.

I have lost all of my self-confidence and want for life.

The depression and "hermit" lifestyle I have now adopted due to this mesh is nothing apart from disgusting, and doesn't fit.

I want to lie down and not wake up.

My right leg has shooting pains and twitches going up and down it.

My right testicle is constantly sore, this also has shooting type pains.

I can hardly sleep at night also due to this pain.

Medication seldom works to alleviate symptoms.

My mental health has taken a massive tumble.

I was a strong determined focussed man whom had a fire for life, but the mesh has killed that.

I was never told that mesh could cause problems.

I was told it would stop me getting a hernia.

When I signed my consent form I signed a form that didn't give me the full consent.

No one explained that mesh could do this.

I was told that it was safe to use, and that it had been tested in women and that it was safe.

It was a new thing for men and that it was going to protect me from further harm.

That has proven not to be the case.

Now I see that women are badly affected by surgical mesh.

I am a male whom is also badly affected by surgical mesh.

I would like to submit this to petition PE1865 under Roseanna Clarkin.

Thank you for your time.