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Hello,

My name is Jessica van Woensel. I am a 29 y.o woman , from Adelaide.
After my daughter was born in 2006, and after breast feeding.. and losing the babyweight I had no breasts left.

As a young woman it made me quite insecure so I decided to save save save to get a breast augmentation. I researched, I had many consultations with surgeons , and was counting the days till my operation(05/11/08).

I went with _____ who has now retired, and trusting him and the Australian Government that everything would be up to standart I had no doubts that any thing possibly could go wrong.

Then about 3/4 months ago (or longer even) It was all over the media, all about PIP .. I checked my notes..and yes I was one of the thousands of woman who has the PIP.

Hearing these horror stories, of woman all over the world..made me worrie. Not just me, but every single woman who has these implants.

I tried to contact _____ .. but he has retired last July (great timing much??) He probably knew what he was doing..Thats why he wont even answe calls anymore.

My stress levels through the roof, I'm a young mum.. My personal situation has changed since Im single mum, I also work a lot to get by(30+ hrs a week).

Now I pay a high rent, paying my car off.. not to mention bills,food, school/ OSH fee's.. like every one else.

So saving money for me , is a very slow process, I cant even afford private health for myself. (my daughter has it tho)

I rang the breast implant information line, which was no help to me what so ever. All I got was "don't worrie about it" , the same old story The TGA is giving us woman. Fact of the matter is :

- * The PIP implants are industrial grade Implants
- * The PIP implants were banned in australia a long time ago.
- * The PIP implants are NON medical grade implants!
- * The PIP implants do have a high rupture rate.
- * Woman all over the world have become ill from these implants.
- * The European country's have picked up the bill for these woman.
- * Australia - out of all country's - * Does nothing! * (accept for an MRI)

whoohooo :/

I am actually greatefull for the MRI , I had it done and had no rupture but they did find 2 gas bubbles in my left implant. So somewhere there might be a tiny cut/ hole. So that means that the stuff might be leaking into my body.

So that is stressing me out! I have had sleepless nights about how I am going to get the money together so I can have these toxic implants removed. an it's just not that,

It's the downtime that stresses me out.. If I dont work, I dont get paid simple as that.

I work for an Agency as personal care worker for Domiciliary Care. So my job is physical. I work minimal 4 full days a week.

I won't be able to work for at least 3 weeks. Who will look after my 6 y.o daughter? who will look after me?

This is just a nightmare! And the way the TGA is going about it, is beyond me. Finding excuses for not having to take any responsibility.

Why does even a country like Israel pick up the bill?! they admit they made a booboo, those implants shouldve never ever hit the shores of these countrys! especially Australia!

If this happend in a 3rd world country then I would understand it a bit better, but a counrty like Australia?!

I am suffering from stress, Don't sleep well at night, and it's mentally consuming me.

I have had to ask people , even my ex if I could borrow the money, but no luck so far.

I have had symphoms over the past few years, like fatigue, head aches, hair loss, and have had many blood tests, and my GP cant tell me what is actually wrong with me. So that makes me wonder, Is it the implants? Then I ask myself, Why am I worrying about this?!This shouldnt've happend in the first place.

Another fact is : This is not going away, and the TGA is handling this very badly and I am not impressed.

The breast implant information line, is a waste of time and money for who ever funding it.

I know of a few woman who have had the PIP implants and they end up having cancer in their breasts, (with no cancer running in the family) , and the child breastfed by the mother who had the PIP implants and the child nd up having brain cancer!

And so on , there are so many stories like this. and I dont want to end up like them. I want to be around for my daughter.

You only have one body, one life... ONE BODY , ONE LIFE.. If you were in my situation, what would you do?

I hope you people will review this, and look at everyones story. And have a closer look at how the TGA is handling this situation.

Have a great day, thank you for reading this.

yours sencirely ,
Jessica van Woensel.