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Good Morning,

My Name is [REDACTED] and I am 51 yrs old

On April 16th 2009 I underwent a routine vaginal hysterectomy/ Urethrocoele Repair /cystoscope [REDACTED] Sub-urethral Sling .

My surgeon was [REDACTED].

I was not told any information in regards to the [REDACTED] Sling I was simply told that the sling would give me the best outcome for stress incontinence.

For the first few years I sensed a discomfort within my right hip and pain in my lower back which would run down my legs and cause considerable discomfort but as I have a lower back injury both myself and my regular GP put this down to my lower back and disc issues.

Over the last 4 years this issue has got worse with me experiencing sever pain and having to under go many tests MRI,CT Scans, Bone Density,Ultrasounds these just showed a worsening back condition but it still didn't warrant for surgery and my GP couldn't understand my sever pain levels .

I have been living on opioids now for the last few years trying to control this pain then I started suffering with an aching bladder feeling full like I was bursting but when I went to the bathroom I am unable to go this would last for days and then settle for a few days then come back .

In the last two years I have also suffered with UTI'S extremely sever and nasty ecoli we couldn't work out what was causing this ! I suffer with bloating weight gain due to the fact walking is hard to do I am confined most times to the house I am trying to live a normal life . I suffer with stabbing pain in my vagina it is horrible I have to go to the bathroom and sit on the loo to stop this pain . My husband has complained that after sex his penis is sore and he has skin rubbed off we don't have sex often now as it's painful for us both . We came close to losing our house as due to my condition worsening and unable to stand for long period and always feeling tired and in pain I gave up my job thinking that it was all my back and hip problem.

Last week the project done a segment on the pelvic mesh I did not see this program but my son did and messaged me straight away I contacted the group and they told me I needed to first get my medical records I went to my surgeon filled out the form and was told it was a fee of up to \$50 and that was only if [REDACTED] agreed to release these to me .

I walked across to the [REDACTED] hospital filled out a form and paid \$27 and my operation records where handed to me straight away .

I read these and yes it all fell into place I have a [REDACTED]

When went for my six week check up after the hysterectomy I was told everything was fine and the wound looked good and was healing .

But a few weeks later I was experiencing pain and aching I felt uncomfortable and every time my husband and I had intercourse I would bleed and it was very uncomfortable for us both.

I was concerned so returned to [REDACTED] he was away and [REDACTED] was his locum he had a student in his room and when I told him of my issues he said we will take a look and got me to lay on the bed he looked and got the student to look and then told me I had a blood vessel that had swelled full of blood so that it was like a large cherry and it needed to be popped he never told me it would be painful he said it would be like a pin prick he proceeded to put a pair of sponge holders into my vagina and took hold of the blood vessel and squeezed to pop this blood vessel it popped but it was the most painful experience and I screamed very loud and was crying .

He scolded me and told me I had scared the patients in the waiting room .

He placed Sulfur onto the wound to stop the bleeding .

I recently went for an ultrasound to check my ovaries as there has been a lot of pain in and around this area the technician could not find my right ovary at all and told me there was a lot of scar tissue it was a very painful experience.

I am seeking to have the mesh removed and to try and get my life back to be as normal as possible I have been told that if there is nerve damage done then this will be my life a life of pain and living on pain medication to control the pain.

I went to my Surgeon with hopes he could help me with my woman problems and to make my life pain free.

But I was never told any thing about the mesh I was simple told that it would help me with my inconvenience and that it was fine to use I was not given reading material or told what the product was called I just knew it was a sling to hold up the bladder and muscles I put my trust into this and now it has cost me in so much more..

I believe this horrible device needs to be removed from the market asap and that no other woman need go thru this ever again..  
yours sincerely

Sent from my iPad