

# HOW MEDICAL DEVICES HARM PATIENTS



DEFECTIVE MEDICAL DEVICES ARE A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY. A FAULTY DEVICE CAN CAUSE A PATIENT SERIOUS HARM OR SOME CASES, DEATH.

## EXAMPLES OF DEFECTIVE DEVICES

- ✓ **METAL-ON-METAL HIP IMPLANTS**  
E.G., STRYKER, DEPUY, ZIMMER, BIOMET, WRIGHT
- ✓ **KNEE REPLACEMENTS**  
E.G., DEPUY ATTUNE, ZIMMER
- ✓ **IVC FILTERS**
- ✓ **MESH FAILURES**  
INCLUDING MANY TYPES OF HERNIA AND TRANSVAGINAL MESH
- ✓ **HEATER-COOLER UNITS**  
USED IN HEART BYPASS SURGERIES
- ✓ **INTRAUTERINE DEVICES (IUDS)**
- ✓ **PACEMAKERS**

## DEFECTIVE MEDICAL DEVICES IN THE U.S.



- THE FDA REGULATES MEDICAL DEVICES, BUT THEY LACK THE RESOURCES TO SCREEN EVERY DEVICE BEING USED.
- MANY DEVICES ARE FAST-TRACKED FOR APPROVAL THROUGH LOOPHOLES IN THE OFFICIAL APPROVAL PROCESS.
- AFTER SERIOUS PROBLEMS OR THE POTENTIAL FOR SERIOUS PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN DETECTED, MANY DEVICES ARE RECALLED.

## COMMON REASONS DEVICES ARE RECALLED



QUALITY-RELATED DEFECT



MANUFACTURING-RELATED DEFECT



SOFTWARE ISSUES



MISLABELING

## WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INJURIES CAUSED BY FAULTY MEDICAL DEVICES?

The manufacturer is ultimately responsible for the design, quality, labeling and performance of their products.

In many cases, injured patients or family members who have lost a loved one due to faulty medical devices can file product liability claims to get compensation for the losses they have suffered.



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