My Life of Hell with the implant of a Transvaginal Mesh operation for Stress Urinary Incontinence

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To all of you women out there in **The United Kingdom and Worldwide** if you are contemplating having surgery of a transvaginal mesh for stress urinary incontinence bladder surgery.

"STOP" and read this article and all or some of the contents of this site.

It has taken me six years of suffering and asking for help from the doctors and surgeons who I thought that we could trust with our bodies.

It appears that the very people that we think we can trust are liars and cover up for each other.

They are also economical with the truth and play around with your mental health and also your physical health until in the end if you are one of the lucky ones who can persevere and ask many questions you may end up with the truth.

"The Truth" when you finally hear about it after years of delving for the truth can be devastating.

Do you really want to hear that what you" yourself" knew all along through knowing your body best, through the ongoing symptom's had been right all the time.

My local hospital, which is in the vicinity of Prescot Merseyside, are the people who have tried to cover up what has happened to me.

The consultant in the Urology department sent me away and would not even give me a second opinion.

The gynaecologist who performed the original operation did not even reply to my letters asking for a meeting to discuss my ongoing symptoms with him. He was also based in the local hospital Prescot Merseyside

It is the right for every patient to have a second opinion about his or her health in The NHS and this should never have been dismissed.

It has taken 4 years of asking questions of all these people in two NHS Trusts in England this has been 4 years of hell to extract what is the truth.

Lies in one hospital and drip fed and economical with the truth in another.

Eventually when you do find out that your body is destroyed by a mesh medical device, which is made of polypropylene, petroleum based, fourteen inches in length, which has serrated edges and embeds itself into your tissue the bladder area and becomes part of you, you become completely and utterly devastated

This mesh medical device is not meant to come out of your body, but did anyone tell me this! "No" they did not". They called it a "tape" with no explanations about complications.

I have now found out that the bladder neck is seriously damaged and needs an operation to remove a urethral diverticulum my urethra is destroyed with erosion and requires reconstruction.

This is no easy task as they wish to take the labial folds and graft them around the urethra. What a nightmare!

The mesh well that is broken up and I need to be cut open to try to find it. "They want to go fishing within my body"

Do I really want this done to me! "No I bloody do not"

I have asked the question what will happen if I do not have these operations.

I am being told that no! The tape won't kill me, but I do know that the infection will.

This infection of transvaginal mesh, which I have in my body at this present time, will eventually run riot and properly kill me in the end if I do not have something done about it.

I am tired depressed and at times suicidal and rue the day that I ever let some bastard from gynaecology perform this transvaginal mesh operation to my bladder 6 years ago.

"I would also like to know where are all of the Solicitors out there in "The United Kingdom"

Why are they not dealing with these mesh complications against the pharmaceutical companies?

Many women need help they are consumed with pain and as well as getting no help from the surgeons who implanted this evil mesh into our bodies without telling us the risks there are very few Solicitors willing to take on these cases as litigation.

In America there are now over 10,000 litigation cases going to court against pharmaceutical companies regarding transvaginal mesh complications.

Who is scaring off the solicitors in this country?

Why are the Media reluctant to put this barbaric operation in the press in England and the rest of The United Kingdom?

Who is controlling them?

The Medicine Health Regulator in The United Kingdom is a toothless Watchdog. The Government are useless and so are The Department of Health in England.

There are nearly **3,000 mesh complications removals** that have been performed in the NHS hospitals in England and after receiving these statistics from my member of parliament which where from The NHS source statistics and giving them to The Medicine Health Regulator United Kingdom they are still not recorded as adverse **incidents/complications** on their data base.

To all women in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland who are suffering mesh complications please approach your own member of parliament and ask him or her to table questions in your parliament and ask for the number of implants and explants of this transvaginal mesh medical device since the records began.

This will give us a truer picture of the devastation of this mesh device within The United Kingdom

To all women who are suffering from complications of transvaginal mesh in The United Kingdom please go to The MHRA UK website and register your complications and make sure that you get an answer back from them that it has been recorded.

To register complications with The MHRA UK you will need to ask your hospital where you had your operation performed to provide you with the name of the device, the serial number and the batch number.

Write to the Chief Executive if you wish to get a response rather than the consultant who did your operations.

The contents of this article are to make you all aware of my journey from hell and I am not alone there are thousands more out there also like me.

I never thought that one day I would be talking on an internet about such personal intimate details but this is what happens when peoples lives are devastated by this cheap and nasty product that no one in authority wishes to talk about.

I am angry and in a dilemma about the difficult surgery that lies ahead, but what I can say is that one-day I will get even with the liars of the medical profession who have messed around with my body and my head.

To all surgeons who read this article I hope that it pricks your conscience and that you stop using this cheap and nasty quick fix mesh product and revert back to traditional surgery using the patient's own tissue.

I have recently been to The European Commission in Brussels Belgium to meet with Jaqueline Minor The Director of Consumer Affairs. This journey was a nightmare journey to undertake as I am not well but I wanted to highlight to them in Europe the devastation of this transvaginal medical device.

The meeting was very fruitful and it was interesting to learn that they themselves at The European Commission did not know the figures themselves relating to the operations for removal of transvaginal mesh within each member of the twenty-seven members of The European Union.

I did find out from a general practitioner in attendance at the meeting that in Sweden alone they have figures of 2,000 mesh removals.

This is a small summary of how I feel and what I have done to highlight the serious complications of transvaginal mesh for bladder surgery.

I hope that all who read the articles on the site whether you are a sufferer or contemplating this surgery that it has helped you in some way.