Power Morcellator Lawsuit Plaintiffs Applaud New FDA Aggressive Stance On Medical Device Safety Warnings

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Banville Law reports on an article recently published by STAT, detailing the U.S. Food and Drug Administration?s plans to issue new safety communications earlier than typically done, which may be due to the increasing amount of lawsuits involving multiple medical devices and products, including laparoscopic power morcellator tools.

In the past, the FDA has worked to established a system that relies on reports of ?adverse events? including deaths, medical complications, and other information to spur their public safety warnings. Now, however, they feel that the current procedure is not enough, and that they must find a way to issue their warnings sooner.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration made this announcement on Wednesday, indicating that from this point forward they plan to take a much more aggressive stance when it comes to reporting on potentially dangerous medical devices. They noted that in some instances, they may even issue early safety risk warnings prior to having validated those risks.

This announcement follows a recent surge in lawsuits filed against multiple medical devices, including power

morcellators which are used during gynecological surgeries on uterine fibroids. These tools have become a subject of much controversy, and many plaintiffs have stepped forward alleging that the surgical tool uncovered and spread cancer cells within their body, creating an aggressive and advanced cancer that often proves fatal.

An FDA statement read: ?We believe there is also a need to notify the public about emerging signals that the agency is monitoring or analyzing, even when the information has not been fully analyzed, validated, or confirmed, and for which the agency does not yet have specific recommendations.? They also added: ?Such communication may also reduce or limit the number of patients exposed to the potential risk while the issue is being further evaluated.?

In 2014, the FDA issued a safety warning specifically addressing laparoscopic power morcellation, and indicating that women should refrain from undergoing these procedures due to the risk of spreading previously undetected cancer.

In the meantime, lawsuits against the devices continue to be filed. Those filed against manufacturer Ethicon have been consolidated to form multidistrict litigation number 2652 in the U.S. District of Kansas.

As the plaintiffs involved await trial, attorneys at Banville law are working to ensure that anyone who has undergone laparoscopic power morcellation and who was since diagnosed with cancer will be able to fully explore their legal rights. These women may be entitled to legal action and significant compensation. At this time, the attorneys at Banville Law are offering free legal consultations for affected persons.

To request additional information on power morcellation lawsuits, or to ask questions, please contact the attorneys at Banville Law by calling (888) 997-3792.

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