HERNIA MESH LAWSUITS TIMELINE

Hernia mesh devices manufactured by Atrium and Ethicon are the subjects of numerous lawsuits claiming the devices are defective

1 **2000**

A new wave of permanent hernia mesh devices from various manufacturers begins to hit the market.

2 **2010**

Ethicon's Physiomesh product is first approved for sale by the FDA in 2010

3 **2012**

The FDA issues a warning letter for Atrium's C-qur mesh product after a series of investigations

4 **2015**

The FDA files for permanent injunction against the manufacturer of C-qur

5 **2016**

Ethicon issues a voluntary recall of the Physiomesh product after evidence indicates that the mesh is defective and causing major problems in some patients

6 **2017**

Physiomesh lawsuits pending in federal courts are consolidated into an MDL

7 **2018**

FDA issues safety warnings and demands product recalls for hernia meshes claiming they were were the main cause of bowel perforation and obstruction complications

8 **2019**

There are 6,168 lawsuits pending in multidistrict litigations, the first trials are set to begin late 2019 or early 2020