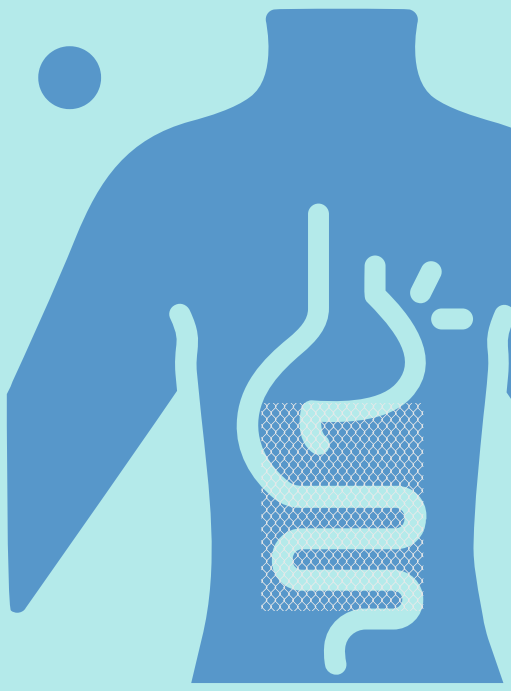
HERNIA MESH LAWSUITS TIMELINE



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

2000

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

2010

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

2012

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

2015

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

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

2017

Physiomesh lawsuits pending in federal courts are consolidated into an MDL

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

2019

By the end of 2019 there are 6,168 lawsuits pending in the Hernia Mesh MDLs

2021

The Atrium C-Qur bellwether test trial is set for 7/7/21 and the first test trial in the Bard Hernia Mesh MDL is set for 8/1/21