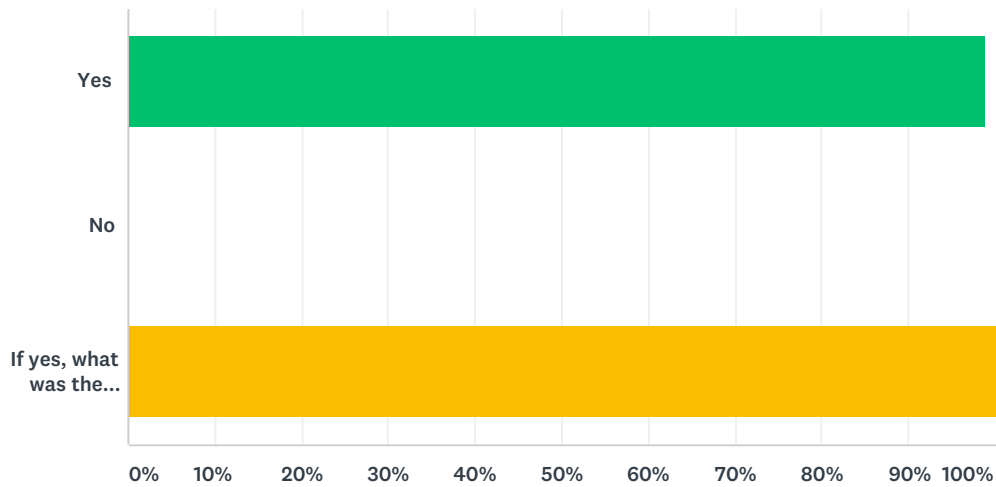


# Q1 Do you believe you have suffered unintended outcomes from using a particular medical device/implant or procedure?

Answered: 185 Skipped: 0



| ANSWER CHOICES  | RESPONSES   |
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| Yes   | 98.92% 183  |
| No  | 0.00% 0     |
| If yes, what was the device/implant/procedure including its brand name if you know? | 100.00% 185 |
| Total Respondents: 185  |             |

| #  | IF YES, WHAT WAS THE DEVICE/IMPLANT/PROCEDURE INCLUDING ITS BRAND NAME IF YOU KNOW?  | DATE                |
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| 1  | <a href="#">Hernia mesh</a> Inguinal hernia mesh repair ( I do not know the brand name of the mesh )   | 1/2/2019 12:25 PM   |
| 2  | <a href="#">Hernia mesh</a> hernia mesh  | 1/2/2019 11:34 AM   |
| 3  | <a href="#">Hernia mesh</a> Surgical mesh for a reoccurring upper abdominal hiatus hernia repair   | 12/26/2018 8:45 PM  |
| 4  | <a href="#">Hernia mesh</a> Hernia Mesh repair with Bard Kugel self expanding mesh patch   | 12/20/2018 10:50 AM |
| 5  | <a href="#">Hernia mesh</a> Hernia mesh  | 12/18/2018 11:45 PM |
| 6  | <a href="#">Hernia mesh</a> Progrid mesh for open bilateral hernia operation   | 12/17/2018 10:02 PM |
| 7  | <a href="#">Hernia mesh</a> Hernia mesh  | 12/17/2018 7:13 PM  |
| 8  | <a href="#">Hernia mesh</a> Hernia mesh  | 12/15/2018 7:06 PM  |
| 9  | <a href="#">Hernia mesh</a> Hernia mesh repair using Pariatex mesh.  | 12/15/2018 5:07 PM  |
| 10 | <a href="#">Hernia mesh</a> Mesh not sure brand name   | 12/15/2018 10:30 AM |
| 11 | <a href="#">Hernia mesh</a> Bard hernia mesh   | 12/14/2018 10:22 AM |
| 12 | <a href="#">Hernia mesh</a> Hernia mesh on two hernia. One can not prove that this is the cause of my problems. I think it was done around 2005. | 12/12/2018 2:50 PM  |
| 13 | <a href="#">Hernia mesh</a> Umbilical mesh... For hernia.  | 12/12/2018 12:13 AM |
| 14 | <a href="#">Hernia mesh</a> Hernia mesh  | 12/10/2018 11:49 AM |

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| 15 | Hernia mesh | Umbilical hernia done in 2016 having trouble with the wound it keeps on discharging puss and blood the mesh has moved going back into hospital to have the wound cleared and the mesh removed   | 12/9/2018 8:47 PM  |
| 16 | Hernia mesh | inguinal hernia surgery prolene tension free  | 12/9/2018 8:04 PM  |
| 17 | Hernia mesh | hernia mesh. ingural  | 12/9/2018 7:15 PM  |
| 18 | Hernia mesh | Mesh for a hernia.  | 12/8/2018 10:05 PM |
| 19 | Hernia mesh | Umbilical repair with mesh  | 12/7/2018 9:22 PM  |
| 20 | Hernia mesh | Umbilical hernia repair with mesh (about A4 in size when I was told only 3-4 inches square)   | 12/7/2018 3:43 PM  |
| 21 | Hernia mesh | Inguinal Hernia repaired with Mesh (Synthetic)  | 12/7/2018 7:58 AM  |
| 22 | Hernia mesh | I have had two inguinal hernia surgeries via laproscopic surgery. Both times the surgeon used polypropylene mesh (3D max by CR Bard) large size ie 10x15cm.                                     | 12/6/2018 11:30 PM |
| 23 | Hernia mesh | Bard3D max mesh   | 12/6/2018 10:07 PM |
| 24 | Hernia mesh | Inguinal hernia mesh implant  | 12/6/2018 10:01 PM |
| 25 | Hernia mesh | Surgipro inguinal hernia mesh   | 12/6/2018 7:52 PM  |
| 26 | Hernia mesh | Mesh inside and outside of muscle from incisional hernia  | 12/6/2018 9:59 AM  |
| 27 | Hernia mesh | Not sure of the brand name inguinal hernia mesh repair  | 12/6/2018 6:14 AM  |
| 28 | Hernia mesh | Mesh to repair a groin hernia   | 12/5/2018 9:27 PM  |
| 29 | Hernia mesh | J & j tvt incontinence mesh   | 12/5/2018 9:00 PM  |
| 30 | Hernia mesh | Groin hernia mesh   | 12/5/2018 8:29 PM  |
| 31 | Hernia mesh | Mesh for hernia repair  | 12/5/2018 8:21 PM  |
| 32 | Hernia mesh | Le jour prolene mesh  | 12/5/2018 8:07 PM  |
| 33 | Hernia mesh | Hernia related mesh unsure of brand   | 12/5/2018 7:47 PM  |
| 34 | Hernia mesh | Permacol by Covidien mesh for Incisional hernia repair in right abdomen   | 12/5/2018 6:58 PM  |
| 35 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh   | 12/5/2018 6:46 PM  |
| 36 | Hernia mesh | Mesh but unnames  | 12/5/2018 6:42 PM  |
| 37 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh repair. Brand unknown.  | 12/5/2018 6:29 PM  |
| 38 | Hernia mesh | Hernia repair x2 Not sure of brand name   | 12/5/2018 6:18 PM  |
| 39 | Hernia mesh | Inguinal hernia surgery, mesh implant   | 12/5/2018 6:12 PM  |
| 40 | Hernia mesh | Hernia Mesh Parietex  | 12/5/2018 5:28 PM  |
| 41 | Hernia mesh | Incisional hernia repair  | 12/5/2018 4:55 PM  |
| 42 | Hernia mesh | Mesh used for Hernia surgery  | 12/5/2018 1:49 PM  |
| 43 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh   | 12/5/2018 12:28 PM |
| 44 | Hernia mesh | Proline mesh unbranded  | 12/5/2018 10:05 AM |
| 45 | Hernia mesh | Mesh to repair a lower abdominal hernia (laparoscopic surgery)  | 12/4/2018 10:01 PM |
| 46 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh   | 12/4/2018 6:30 PM  |
| 47 | Hernia mesh | Do not know the brand name. It was an inguinal hernia operation and mesh was put in place, have had pains ever since. Sometimes just a dull ache at others a full blown sharp pain which lasts. | 12/4/2018 5:26 PM  |
| 48 | Hernia mesh | Mesh Hernia, lower left groin   | 12/4/2018 4:10 PM  |
| 49 | Hernia mesh | Hernia Mesh   | 12/4/2018 6:44 AM  |
| 50 | Hernia mesh | Hernia Mesh implants  | 12/4/2018 1:14 AM  |
| 51 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh   | 12/3/2018 10:38 PM |

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| 52 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh   | 12/3/2018 10:12 PM |
| 53 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh   | 12/3/2018 8:35 PM  |
| 54 | Hernia mesh | Mesh to repair a hernia in groin.   | 12/3/2018 8:03 PM  |
| 55 | Hernia mesh | inferior synthetic mesh as reinforcement to correct an inguinal hernia.   | 12/3/2018 7:05 PM  |
| 56 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh repair, brand unknown   | 12/3/2018 5:57 PM  |
| 57 | Hernia mesh | Surgical mesh   | 12/3/2018 5:36 PM  |
| 58 | Hernia mesh | Mesh repair to double right inguinal hernia in Jan 2012   | 12/3/2018 5:27 PM  |
| 59 | Hernia mesh | Mesh for femoral hernia   | 12/3/2018 4:21 PM  |
| 60 | Hernia mesh | I had a double hernia operation in late 2015 ( Inguinal hernia ). A mesh was put in. Late 2015 I have had constant pain. I had to be taken back to hospital a month later with excruciating pain. Have been on Panadeine Forte and Neurontin ( Gabapentin ) since. I wish I had never had it done....but as I was told by the Doctor...( your hernia will not just disappear and dissipate).You have to have it done...with the mesh...there are no other options. Please help. | 12/3/2018 3:07 PM  |
| 61 | Hernia mesh | Mesh to repair groin hernia   | 12/3/2018 11:43 AM |
| 62 | Hernia mesh | Parietex hernia mesh  | 12/3/2018 11:37 AM |
| 63 | Hernia mesh | hernia mesh   | 12/3/2018 11:14 AM |
| 64 | Hernia mesh | Paraumbilical hernia, mesh repair- NO OTHER INFO PROVIDED re product or brand.  | 12/3/2018 9:00 AM  |
| 65 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh   | 12/3/2018 8:12 AM  |
| 66 | Hernia mesh | Mesh. Ingranal Hernia.  | 12/3/2018 8:06 AM  |
| 67 | Hernia mesh | Mesh for hernia   | 12/3/2018 6:23 AM  |
| 68 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh pain  | 12/3/2018 5:45 AM  |
| 69 | Hernia mesh | Inguinal hernia mesh repair. Left side.   | 12/3/2018 4:51 AM  |
| 70 | Hernia mesh | Mesh implant for inguinal hernia  | 12/3/2018 4:36 AM  |
| 71 | Hernia mesh | Mesh for hernia   | 12/3/2018 2:59 AM  |
| 72 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh   | 12/3/2018 12:02 AM |
| 73 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh for bilateral inguinal hernia repairs   | 12/2/2018 11:39 PM |
| 74 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh   | 12/2/2018 11:25 PM |
| 75 | Hernia mesh | hernia mesh imllant   | 12/2/2018 11:02 PM |
| 76 | Hernia mesh | Right inguinal hernia repair with mesh  | 12/2/2018 10:37 PM |
| 77 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh   | 12/2/2018 10:05 PM |
| 78 | Hernia mesh | Mesh used to repair bilateral inguinal hernia. I don't know the name of the brand.  | 12/2/2018 9:37 PM  |
| 79 | Hernia mesh | Not sure but it was mesh for inguinal hernia repair   | 12/2/2018 8:08 PM  |
| 80 | Hernia mesh | Mesh used in a hernia repair about 20 months ago  | 12/2/2018 8:06 PM  |
| 81 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh   | 12/2/2018 7:29 PM  |
| 82 | Hernia mesh | Left hernia repair 3 times. Twice failed.   | 12/2/2018 6:43 PM  |
| 83 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh. Brand name unknown.  | 12/2/2018 5:59 PM  |
| 84 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh implant   | 12/2/2018 5:35 PM  |

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| 85  | <b>Hernia mesh</b> No idea as to the brand name. I noticed my belly button kept popping out, this made it a bit difficult to go about day to day activity. My specialist suggested a operation to fix the problem by using a mesh to fix the hernia. He said I would be able to home the same day. The pain was really bad and I had a morphine drip for the next 3 days. That caused me to clog up and no bowel movements for the next three days. Fortunately on the morn of the 4th day the pain subsided and I was able to go home on the 5th day. If my pain had stayed I would be like totally incapacitated.   | 12/2/2018 5:27 PM  |
| 86  | <b>Hernia mesh</b> Hernia mesh implants on either side of groin   | 12/2/2018 4:55 PM  |
| 87  | <b>Hernia mesh</b> Not sure of brand but the implant is mesh to repair a hernia.  | 12/2/2018 4:43 PM  |
| 88  | <b>Hernia mesh</b> hernia mesh  | 12/2/2018 4:17 PM  |
| 89  | <b>Hernia mesh</b> Mesh for treatment of hernias  | 12/2/2018 4:13 PM  |
| 90  | <b>Hernia mesh</b> Don't know the product of my 8mesh inguinal hernia ops dating from 1984/2002 All unsuccessful  | 12/2/2018 4:10 PM  |
| 91  | <b>Hernia mesh</b> Covidien Surgipro Mesh SPMM35  | 12/2/2018 3:52 PM  |
| 92  | <b>Hernia mesh</b> Hernia mesh  | 12/2/2018 3:50 PM  |
| 93  | <b>Hernia mesh</b> Dont know. Some kind of mesh.  | 12/2/2018 3:48 PM  |
| 94  | <b>Hernia mesh</b> Mesh hernia implant  | 12/2/2018 3:47 PM  |
| 95  | <b>Hernia mesh</b> I only know I had a hernia repair in 2017  | 12/2/2018 3:43 PM  |
| 96  | <b>Hernia mesh</b> Mesh used to repair hernia in groin area   | 12/2/2018 3:33 PM  |
| 97  | <b>Hernia mesh</b> Hernia surgery in 2013   | 12/2/2018 3:32 PM  |
| 98  | <b>Hernia mesh</b> I'm not exactly sure of the procedure but I had a hernia & what looked like an arch of a bridge in my gut treated where mesh was used to complete solution   | 12/2/2018 3:11 PM  |
| 99  | <b>Hernia mesh</b> Unfortunately, I don't know. It was described by the surgeon as a "thick" as opposed to a "thin" mesh used in a double hernia procedure.   | 12/2/2018 2:35 PM  |
| 100 | <b>Hernia mesh</b> Pp hernia mesh   | 12/2/2018 2:35 PM  |
| 101 | <b>Hernia mesh</b> Mesh used to cover a small umbilical hernia disintegrated, allowing a second hernia to develop. Second, and much larger, mesh placed over damaged tissue appears not to be shrinking as body bulk has reduced, leaving a distended belly which is uncomfortable, unsightly and causing problems with clothing.   | 12/2/2018 2:31 PM  |
| 102 | <b>Hernia mesh</b> Inguinal hernia repair, mesh used in surgery. Pain returned after about a month. I have since had a further 3 operations to try and correct the painful experience. The second operation involved an attempt to repair first operation in which the pain returned about a month afterwards. Follow-up operation included opening up something within my groin which caused my right testicle to hang lower, the pain returned after about a month. Another follow-up operation included cutting nerves (without my prior knowledge) causing a numbness in the groin area. The pain returned after about a month. Follow up visit with the specialist indicated that he couldn't help me any further. While the pain is manageable and mostly happens when driving, it does get quite uncomfortable at times. | 12/2/2018 2:25 PM  |
| 103 | <b>Hernia mesh</b> Mesh. Bilateral open groin hernia surgery  | 12/2/2018 1:51 PM  |
| 104 | <b>Hernia mesh</b> 2 large 150 mm x 100 mm Davrol branded Bard 3 D hernia mesh implants used to repair two 15mm inguinal hernias.   | 12/2/2018 1:26 PM  |
| 105 | <b>Hernia mesh</b> Full apron hernia mesh. I don't know what brand other than it was a full abdominal mesh done laparoscopic  | 12/2/2018 1:24 PM  |
| 106 | <b>Hernia mesh</b> I had mesh implanted to treat a double hernia  | 12/2/2018 1:15 PM  |
| 107 | <b>Hernia mesh</b> Hernia mesh  | 12/2/2018 1:15 PM  |
| 108 | <b>Hernia mesh</b> hernia mesh implanted in both left and right groin   | 12/2/2018 1:10 PM  |
| 109 | <b>Hernia mesh</b> Hernia mesh  | 12/2/2018 1:09 PM  |
| 110 | <b>Hernia mesh</b> Mesh implant for right inguinal hernia   | 12/2/2018 1:04 PM  |
| 111 | <b>Hernia mesh</b> Hernia mesh: Large Bard 3D mesh with STAT tacks  | 12/2/2018 12:51 PM |

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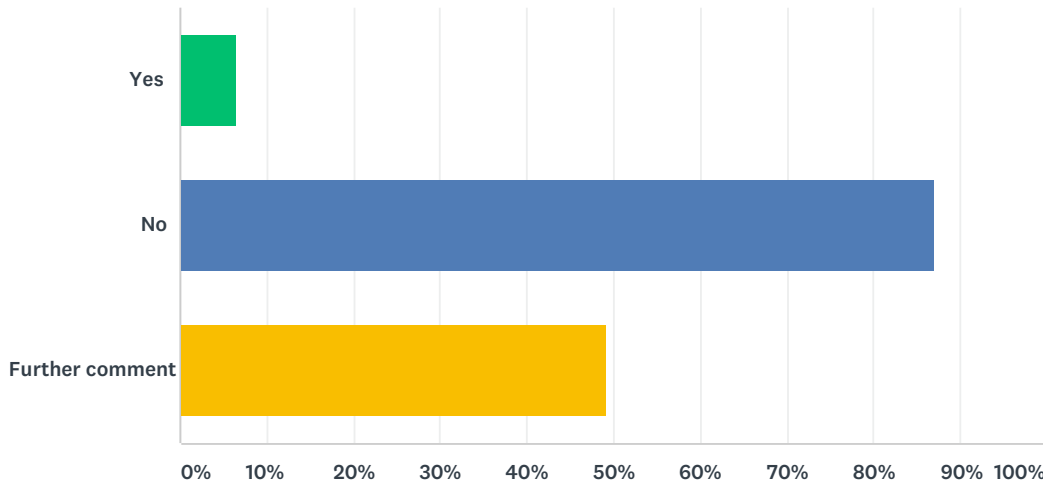
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| 112 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh  | 12/2/2018 12:47 PM  |
| 113 | Hernia mesh | Mesh   | 12/2/2018 12:41 PM  |
| 114 | Hernia mesh | Hernia surgery, not sure if it was mesh or the details. Left inguinal is all I remember.   | 12/2/2018 12:28 PM  |
| 115 | Hernia mesh | Mesh repair inguinal hernia  | 12/2/2018 12:24 PM  |
| 116 | Hernia mesh | Groin hernia mesh  | 12/2/2018 12:04 PM  |
| 117 | Hernia mesh | Ingulguinal hernia in I think 2016/17, hernia back 2018.   | 12/2/2018 12:01 PM  |
| 118 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh used in inguinal hernia repair   | 12/2/2018 11:39 AM  |
| 119 | Hernia mesh | Inguinal hernia repair (Mesh Repair)   | 12/2/2018 11:35 AM  |
| 120 | Hernia mesh | Inguinal hernia mesh   | 12/2/2018 11:34 AM  |
| 121 | Hernia mesh | Mesh to repair a groin hernia right side   | 12/2/2018 11:30 AM  |
| 122 | Hernia mesh | TVM Mesh   | 12/2/2018 10:48 AM  |
| 123 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh - umbilical hernia repair  | 12/2/2018 10:34 AM  |
| 124 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh implant  | 12/2/2018 10:32 AM  |
| 125 | Hernia mesh | AutoSuture - SurgiPro Mech - Polypropylene Mesh - Lot: A1E725 - 1709/2001  | 12/2/2018 10:14 AM  |
| 126 | Hernia mesh | Mesh over left side groin hernia   | 12/2/2018 9:56 AM   |
| 127 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh. Do not know the name of the brand but do know that it contained proline.  | 12/2/2018 9:53 AM   |
| 128 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh  | 12/2/2018 9:43 AM   |
| 129 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh  | 12/2/2018 9:42 AM   |
| 130 | Hernia mesh | Abdominal hernia mesh  | 12/2/2018 9:41 AM   |
| 131 | Hernia mesh | inguinal hernia mesh implant   | 12/2/2018 9:35 AM   |
| 132 | Hernia mesh | Mesh in lower groin left side i have alot nerve damage and alot pain   | 12/2/2018 9:25 AM   |
| 133 | Hernia mesh | Hernia Mesh  | 12/2/2018 9:25 AM   |
| 134 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh  | 12/2/2018 9:16 AM   |
| 135 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh  | 12/2/2018 9:09 AM   |
| 136 | Hernia mesh | Mesh used for intestinal hernia at belly button  | 12/2/2018 9:01 AM   |
| 137 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh  | 12/2/2018 8:56 AM   |
| 138 | Hernia mesh | Mesh was used in an operation to 'fix' an inguinal hernia in my groin. I don't know the brand name.  | 12/2/2018 8:30 AM   |
| 139 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh  | 12/2/2018 8:26 AM   |
| 140 | Hernia mesh | Surgical mesh  | 12/2/2018 7:57 AM   |
| 141 | Hernia mesh | Mesh implanted for inguinal hernia repair  | 12/2/2018 7:32 AM   |
| 142 | Hernia mesh | Permacol mesh made by Covidien used to repair incisional hernia on right abdomen   | 11/30/2018 11:13 AM |
| 143 | Hernia mesh | Double hernia repair 12yrs ago. I can't remember what the mesh product is called.  | 11/27/2018 10:06 PM |
| 144 | Hernia mesh | Bard kugel hernia  | 11/26/2018 7:49 PM  |
| 145 | Hernia mesh | mesh for umbilical hernia repair   | 11/26/2018 9:21 AM  |
| 146 | Hernia mesh | medical mesh used for hernia repair  | 11/24/2018 10:11 PM |
| 147 | Hernia mesh | Polypropylene mesh made by ethicon for a umbilical hernia repair   | 11/24/2018 7:24 PM  |
| 148 | Hernia mesh | 15cm circular Parietex mesh. 4 transfascial sutures and Protax stapler to secure. Covidien Parietex Lot PPF0596X laparoscopic mesh for incisional hernia | 11/24/2018 6:20 PM  |
| 149 | Hernia mesh | C.r Bard hernia mesh   | 11/24/2018 5:43 PM  |

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| 150 | Hernia mesh | Polypropelene mesh  | 11/21/2018 5:42 AM  |
| 151 | Hernia mesh | not known   | 11/20/2018 5:51 PM  |
| 152 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh x 3 Spinal stimulator   | 11/20/2018 1:14 PM  |
| 153 | Hernia mesh | Surgical mesh   | 11/20/2018 12:29 PM |
| 154 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh   | 11/20/2018 12:23 PM |
| 155 | Hernia mesh | Hernia repair   | 11/20/2018 5:14 AM  |
| 156 | Hernia mesh | TVM Johnson & Johnson, Ethicon TVT mesh implants for Prolapse and also incisional hernia repair.  | 11/19/2018 7:15 PM  |
| 157 | Hernia mesh | Had a large abdominal mesh in 2015dec for abdominal hernias from abdominal surgeries x 2 Not sure on name of mesh   | 11/19/2018 6:33 PM  |
| 158 | Hernia mesh | Bard Kugel Inguinal Hernia Mesh   | 11/19/2018 4:27 PM  |
| 159 | Hernia mesh | Hernia Mesh   | 11/18/2018 12:08 PM |
| 160 | Hernia mesh | TVM I had prophylaxis mesh put in when I had a total colectomy and ileostomy created to prevent a parastomal hernia - Ethicon PROLENE*Mesh size 3" x 6" REF PMII LOT JLH236 However after 6 weeks I developed a parastomal hernia and had another laparotomy and a 20cm x 30cm piece of mesh overlaid : Covidien Parietene REF PPC3020 LOT PPF0615X | 11/18/2018 10:22 AM |
| 161 | Hernia mesh | Hernia operation  | 11/18/2018 9:03 AM  |
| 162 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh   | 11/17/2018 5:03 PM  |
| 163 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh near my belly button.   | 11/17/2018 1:36 PM  |
| 164 | Hernia mesh | Covidien Pariatex double inguinal hernia surgery  | 11/16/2018 11:09 PM |
| 165 | Hernia mesh | Surgical hernia mesh abdominal  | 11/16/2018 10:38 PM |
| 166 | Hernia mesh | Mesh, brand unknown for open mesh repair of ventral hernia, Epworth Hospital (Melbourne)  | 11/16/2018 7:46 PM  |
| 167 | Hernia mesh | Bilateral hernia - mesh type unknown  | 11/16/2018 5:12 PM  |
| 168 | Hernia mesh | Daval / Bard Composix E/X Mesh implanted  | 11/16/2018 5:10 PM  |
| 169 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh   | 11/16/2018 5:00 PM  |
| 170 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh   | 11/16/2018 4:56 PM  |
| 171 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh   | 11/16/2018 3:32 PM  |
| 172 | Hernia mesh | Groin hernia mesh repair  | 11/16/2018 1:47 PM  |
| 173 | Hernia mesh | Umbilical hernia mesh C.R. bard Ventralex st  | 11/16/2018 1:21 PM  |
| 174 | Hernia mesh | Polypropylene mesh for umbilical hernia repair  | 11/16/2018 1:12 PM  |
| 175 | Hernia mesh | Kugal Mesh Inguinal Hernia  | 11/16/2018 12:52 PM |
| 176 | Hernia mesh | TVM Hernia parietex and pro lite mesh   | 11/16/2018 11:34 AM |
| 177 | Hernia mesh | Symbotex Hernia mesh  | 11/16/2018 11:13 AM |
| 178 | Hernia mesh | covidien surgipro mesh spm35  | 11/16/2018 10:38 AM |
| 179 | Hernia mesh | Surgical mesh, used for hernia repair.  | 11/16/2018 1:52 AM  |
| 180 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh, brand unknown  | 11/15/2018 9:40 PM  |
| 181 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh polypropylene   | 11/15/2018 9:11 PM  |
| 182 | Hernia mesh | Covidien Pariatex Mesh  | 11/15/2018 8:51 PM  |
| 183 | Hernia mesh | hernia mesh   | 11/15/2018 8:31 PM  |
| 184 | Hernia mesh | Hernia mesh, Covidien parietex.   | 11/15/2018 7:58 PM  |
| 185 | Hernia mesh | Inguinal hernia repair using Covidien Parietex Mesh   | 11/15/2018 7:51 PM  |

## Q2 Do you believe you were given enough prior information about the risks and benefits of this product to give informed consent to your procedure?

Answered: 185 Skipped: 0



| ANSWER CHOICES         | RESPONSES  |
|------------------------|------------|
| Yes                    | 6.49% 12   |
| No                     | 87.03% 161 |
| Further comment        | 49.19% 91  |
| Total Respondents: 185 |            |

| # | FURTHER COMMENT  | DATE                |
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| 1 | No there was no negative information provided I was told that I should be able to play football in about 4x weeks time   | 1/2/2019 12:25 PM   |
| 2 | I was given information about the proposed surgery, but definitely nothing was discussed regarding the type of implant or mesh to be used.   | 12/26/2018 8:45 PM  |
| 3 | Not sure. I do not believe I was given information stating pain following surgery this far post surgery.   | 12/15/2018 7:06 PM  |
| 4 | I was in extreme pain at the time and I don't know what was said to me exactly, but if I had known that the mesh could give me a permanent disability, I definitely would have chosen a different alternative. I don't even believe that I was offered any other method, and he is the surgeon, you are supposed to be able to trust them. Especially when they say that they have done so many and that it is a simple procedure. | 12/15/2018 5:07 PM  |
| 5 | If using mesh can cause problems then no.  | 12/12/2018 2:50 PM  |
| 6 | Difficult to say, as intensity of pain etc. Left me confused and ...   | 12/12/2018 12:13 AM |
| 7 | surgeon told me very safe  | 12/9/2018 7:15 PM   |
| 8 | Not really. Mised in the size of the mesh. Not told it would complicate any later abdominal surgery. Not told about possible complications except for standard anesthesia / surgery ones, nothing specific.  | 12/7/2018 3:43 PM   |



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| 9  | Definitely was not informed of alternative options ie non mesh repair, sit and wait. Made to think it's routine/common and run of the mill surgery and focus was more on non-recurrence of hernia than other potential complications of mesh repair eg chronic pain was not really discussed. I have since done research and know that prior to my surgery in 2013 and 2014, there was already many papers on chronic pain post inguinal hernia surgery | 12/6/2018 11:30 PM |
| 10 | Was told I would be good as new, first week post op developed gastro By third week had massive sinus infection drs thought was lung infection spent six months straight coughing my lungs hurt so much until sinus surgery never connected the two for years till I fond others who had developed sinus infection post op mesh repair. And that was the tip.of the iceberg.   | 12/6/2018 7:52 PM  |
| 11 | No Info whatsoever  | 12/6/2018 9:59 AM  |
| 12 | It's ruined my life I would have never done it if I knew there were risks involved  | 12/6/2018 6:14 AM  |
| 13 | I was not told that it could migrate.   | 12/5/2018 9:27 PM  |
| 14 | I was told there was a slight risk of hernia but nothing about inflammation, seromas etc. Was also not aware it was plastic   | 12/5/2018 8:07 PM  |
| 15 | Nothing mentioned. Surgeon just said "we repair our own mistakes" after bowel surgery.  | 12/5/2018 6:58 PM  |
| 16 | I was given the general pamphlets about a hernia and the recovery..., but they are very generalised.  | 12/5/2018 6:29 PM  |
| 17 | Not told I was having mesh or anything about type   | 12/5/2018 5:28 PM  |
| 18 | I wasn't as informed as I am now that's for sure. I cannot recall surgeon taking extra time to explain risks in detail.   | 12/5/2018 4:55 PM  |
| 19 | Had 2 choices, key-hole or Mesh. Doctors decided on Mesh  | 12/5/2018 1:49 PM  |
| 20 | Obviously not.  | 12/4/2018 5:26 PM  |
| 21 | Never knew I'd suffer like I do, I would have left the hernia how it was  | 12/4/2018 4:10 PM  |
| 22 | I've had four hernia repairs and several bowel resections most likely all used mesh of some sort  | 12/3/2018 8:35 PM  |
| 23 | Don't know - honestly cannot remember.  | 12/3/2018 8:03 PM  |
| 24 | No warning at all. However a few minutes before the surgery the Surgeon popped into my enclosure and asked me if i was sure i wanted the mesh as he would be happy to do it without. He didnt however mention anything about problems with it and it was my second bilateral inguinal hernia repair.  | 12/3/2018 7:05 PM  |
| 25 | I had had 2 previous hernia ops without any complications   | 12/3/2018 5:57 PM  |
| 26 | I was told it had a high success rate and was less than 1% risk of complications. I was not offered any other methods and was given most information on the theater table.  | 12/3/2018 5:27 PM  |
| 27 | There doesn't seem to be a mechanism to collect information which could then be passed on to the patient. My surgeon who I think did an excellent job surgically is probably unaware that I have had any issues despite visit to gp and ultrasound  | 12/3/2018 11:43 AM |
| 28 | I wasn't told that I could be in pain the rest of my life, or that the mesh would shrink.   | 12/3/2018 11:37 AM |
| 29 | The day before the operation, I was advised that a mesh repair was going to happen instead of a stitch.   | 12/3/2018 9:00 AM  |
| 30 | I was informed of the usual complications, but not of issues with the mesh  | 12/3/2018 8:06 AM  |
| 31 | The full extent of the potential side effects was not disclosed.  | 12/3/2018 4:51 AM  |
| 32 | The doctor never discussed the procedure at all   | 12/3/2018 2:59 AM  |
| 33 | No where near sufficient. Not told you may experience ongoing continuous pain.  | 12/3/2018 12:02 AM |
| 34 | I think Dr's should be made to distribute a fact sheet with possible complications and get it signed by the patient.  | 12/2/2018 11:39 PM |
| 35 | I was only told of the benefit that the mesh would reinforce my groin areas. I wasn't told of any risks!!!  | 12/2/2018 11:25 PM |
| 36 | The risk of infection and possibly requiring multiple surgeries to fix it was never mentioned   | 12/2/2018 10:37 PM |
| 37 | I was told some men had post surgery pain that could be chronic but nothing in detail.  | 12/2/2018 8:08 PM  |



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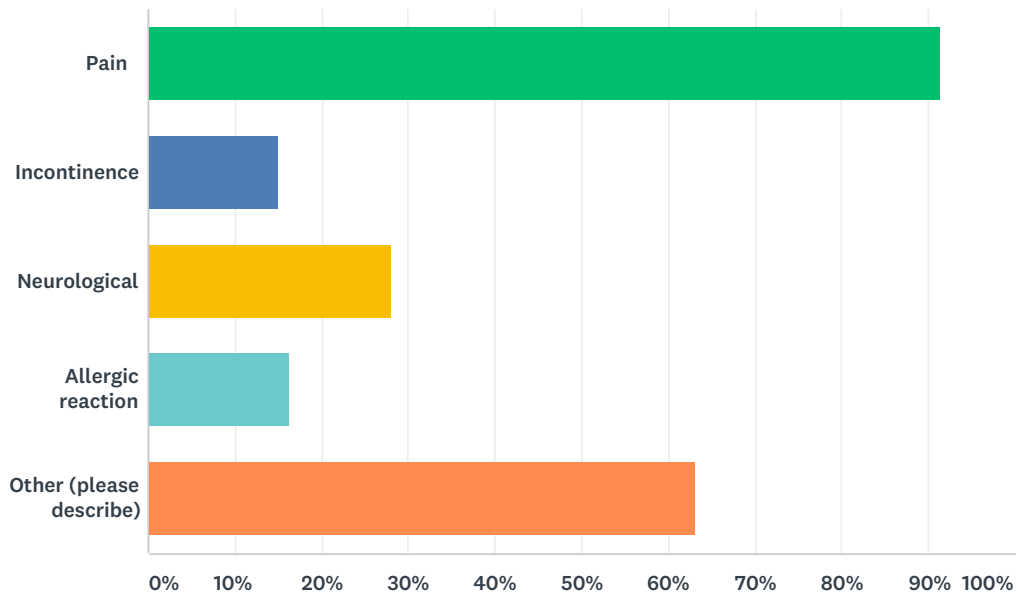
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| 38 | with the benefit of hindsight no   | 12/2/2018 8:06 PM  |
| 39 | The procedure was performed as emergency surgery. While I was provided with information about general risks of surgery and a general description of the procedure, risks associated with the use of mesh and potential side effects including chronic pain was not discussed.  | 12/2/2018 5:59 PM  |
| 40 | It was described as a very safe and widely used product, standard in the industry.   | 12/2/2018 5:35 PM  |
| 41 | He said that he had done this many many times and had no problems.   | 12/2/2018 5:27 PM  |
| 42 | I assumed that the info I obtained was sufficient at the time.   | 12/2/2018 4:55 PM  |
| 43 | I was told this was a routine procedure that had been done regularly for many years and that I'd be back to normal very quickly and able to do heavy lifting after 6 weeks.  | 12/2/2018 4:43 PM  |
| 44 | not really - cannot remember exactly what they said the risks were   | 12/2/2018 4:17 PM  |
| 45 | It was never mentioned to me dangers etc or why mesh kept ripping.As far as I k is all of my 8mesh still inside of ms  | 12/2/2018 4:10 PM  |
| 46 | more befits at the time but the badpart of how much could alter my life and the pain from it   | 12/2/2018 3:52 PM  |
| 47 | Was just told I had triple hernia and sign here for the operation. When they did the surgery nothing was said to me  | 12/2/2018 3:50 PM  |
| 48 | After i had the procedure i was experiencing lots of pain & discomfort as well as the "bulge" still being there so went to the surgeon to express my concerns. He had the audacity to tell me i was the one that was in a hurry to get it all done.  | 12/2/2018 3:11 PM  |
| 49 | No, I was told that mesh would be used as was usually the case and would I be prepared to be part of an experiment using the normal (thin) mesh and a "thicker stronger mesh" on the other side. I was told the it would take longer for the nerves/feeling to grow through the thicker mesh than the thinner one. I agreed to participate expecting there would be follow up discussions with the surgeon at a later date. The only follow up was the post surgery consultation at which there was little "feeling" on either side. | 12/2/2018 2:35 PM  |
| 50 | No risk was mentioned about the mesh itself at all   | 12/2/2018 2:35 PM  |
| 51 | I thought, at the time, that I had enough prior knowledge, but I was not made aware of potential problems if I lost bulk. The cause of the hernias was bloating as a consequence of codeine-based analgesia. I have since come off virtually all pain killers and lost bulk, but not where the large piece of mesh resides. If I had known that the flexible mesh would not shrink I would have opted for different treatment.   | 12/2/2018 2:31 PM  |
| 52 | Non whatsoever, no informed consent form was offered to me and I was advised that I would be back to normal in 2 to 3 weeks. Five years later I still have 2 small hernais, the surgery was a complete failure and I now have a disability.  | 12/2/2018 1:26 PM  |
| 53 | Can not remember any risks of the mesh or staples used to hold the mesh in place. I was told that I would not need any future hernia repairs.  | 12/2/2018 1:24 PM  |
| 54 | I was told nothing, it was secondary to to the main surgery.   | 12/2/2018 12:41 PM |
| 55 | No discussion at all   | 12/2/2018 12:24 PM |
| 56 | Nothing was mentioned  | 12/2/2018 12:01 PM |
| 57 | If I had been given more information about the risks and complications associated with the procedure especially in regard to nerve damage, I don't think I would have gone ahead with the procedure. In my case though, I had to have emergency surgery because the hernia had become strangulated and was cutting off blood supply, in which case I could have died, so the choice was taken away from me in that sense.  | 12/2/2018 11:35 AM |
| 58 | Operation took place 2006 and was told it was a new process and keyhole all will be good don't worry   | 12/2/2018 11:30 AM |
| 59 | I was treated in the UK in 2014 as a public patient  | 12/2/2018 10:34 AM |
| 60 | I particularly asked about future on going pain in my side and I was tod it would not be any worse   | 12/2/2018 10:14 AM |

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| 61 | At my initial appointment with the Dr, I told him that I had just recently rejected the stitching material used to stitch me up post caesarean. I emphasised this as it made me very ill and put me in hospital for infections. I wanted assurance that the same material was not being used. He assured me it wasn't. But that was not true. It was the same material. He either lied or didn't do his homework properly. | 12/2/2018 9:53 AM   |
| 62 | I was only told that I shouldn't lift anything heavier than 5kg for the next 6 weeks.  | 12/2/2018 9:43 AM   |
| 63 | They for some unexplained reason had to use a very much larger number of screws(attachment things) which faced me with an unanticipated additional bill of over \$1000. The hospital would not allow me to leave until the extra bill was paid. I had only the amount I was quoted. I spent a frantic hour ringing friends to try and borrow the extra dollars.  | 12/2/2018 9:41 AM   |
| 64 | Plenty of information was available, but was it correct?   | 12/2/2018 9:35 AM   |
| 65 | They had to do it straight away  | 12/2/2018 9:25 AM   |
| 66 | Was told normal routine procedure  | 12/2/2018 9:25 AM   |
| 67 | I was provided a page with general information about the risks of hernia mesh with % people who experience problems after surgery. I was also told verbally about general issues they had seen with the mesh. I had to sign some general indemnity I think as well.  | 12/2/2018 9:16 AM   |
| 68 | Not much info except that it is permanent solution   | 12/2/2018 9:01 AM   |
| 69 | I wasn't informed that I would have indefinite, ongoing pain (which I have had for the last 12 or so years since the operation).   | 12/2/2018 8:30 AM   |
| 70 | Nothing about complications  | 12/2/2018 7:32 AM   |
| 71 | The hernia appeared as a result of previous bowel surgery and the surgeon just said 'we fix our own mistakes'  | 11/30/2018 11:13 AM |
| 72 | I was never told what the mesh would do. Or what would happen to the mesh in my body.  | 11/27/2018 10:06 PM |
| 73 | I was told only way to fix my hernia   | 11/26/2018 7:49 PM  |
| 74 | I was told i could be 100% better  | 11/24/2018 6:20 PM  |
| 75 | No information on possible side effects  | 11/20/2018 12:29 PM |
| 76 | Told 6-8weeks off of work. Unable to do my job due to complications. Terminated nearly 12months ago from work of 23years   | 11/19/2018 6:33 PM  |
| 77 | Definitely not on the initial procedure as I was advised when I was on the trolley going into the theatre that the mesh would be inserted to prevent a hernia.   | 11/18/2018 10:22 AM |
| 78 | I thought it would help  | 11/17/2018 5:03 PM  |
| 79 | No I was just told he was going to fix the hernia. I had no clue how they did it.  | 11/17/2018 1:36 PM  |
| 80 | Was not consulted at all was told after surgery that they had used mesh  | 11/16/2018 10:38 PM |
| 81 | device implanted in Switzerland.Benefits were highlighted while risks weren't really mentioned.  | 11/16/2018 5:10 PM  |
| 82 | I told them I didn't want mesh at all.   | 11/16/2018 5:00 PM  |
| 83 | No idea that chronic pain may be a result  | 11/16/2018 3:32 PM  |
| 84 | I was told it was the best option for repair and should not cause any issues.  | 11/16/2018 1:12 PM  |
| 85 | Not told about possible ongoing pain   | 11/16/2018 11:34 AM |
| 86 | It was put into me while i was under general anesthetic  | 11/16/2018 11:13 AM |
| 87 | I think I may be having an immune response to this mesh, but this is not officially acknowledged as a risk of surgical mesh. I am trying to gather more information and research on this. So I was not warned of this possible risk, but understand why I would not have been.   | 11/16/2018 1:52 AM  |
| 88 | Was only told the mesh was "benign surgical mesh"  | 11/15/2018 9:40 PM  |
| 89 | None whatsoever  | 11/15/2018 8:51 PM  |
| 90 | I was not given an option.   | 11/15/2018 7:58 PM  |
| 91 | Was told by the surgeon that it would be a quick easy fix. No details of complications!  | 11/15/2018 7:51 PM  |

### Q3 What has been the unintended outcome (you can select more than one)?

Answered: 185 Skipped: 0



| ANSWER CHOICES          | RESPONSES  |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Pain                    | 91.35% 169 |
| Incontinence            | 15.14% 28  |
| Neurological            | 28.11% 52  |
| Allergic reaction       | 16.22% 30  |
| Other (please describe) | 63.24% 117 |
| Total Respondents: 185  |            |

| #  | OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE)   | DATE                |
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| 1  | Overall unwell feeling for days on end after minimal exertion example after being intimate or minimal exertion from core muscles. Also unable to wear a belt. having to wear underwear and stretchy pants that loose that they almost fall down constantly. | 1/2/2019 12:25 PM   |
| 2  | scar tissue, adhesions, constipation  | 1/2/2019 11:34 AM   |
| 3  | A further reoccurring hernia within 4 weeks, post surgery from 26/10/17. The hernia encompasses all of the palm of my hand, and protruding from the abdomen.  | 12/26/2018 8:45 PM  |
| 4  | On going discomfort   | 12/20/2018 10:50 AM |
| 5  | Testicular atrophy  | 12/18/2018 11:45 PM |
| 6  | Nerve damage  | 12/17/2018 7:13 PM  |
| 7  | Constant agonising pain. Can hardly walk and I believe that it is also affecting my teeth and gums.   | 12/15/2018 5:07 PM  |
| 8  | Crippled  | 12/14/2018 10:22 AM |
| 9  | Constipation, fatigue   | 12/12/2018 2:50 PM  |
| 10 | Not a great looking belly button...   | 12/12/2018 12:13 AM |

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| 11 | Not healing  | 12/9/2018 8:47 PM  |
| 12 | stomach pain . pins and needles in legs and feet   | 12/9/2018 7:15 PM  |
| 13 | Ongoing infection requiring major surgery to repair bowel and remove as much mesh as possible.   | 12/8/2018 10:05 PM |
| 14 | Vomiting fatigue   | 12/7/2018 9:22 PM  |
| 15 | Bowel blockage immediately after the operation (4 days in hospital). Ongoing bowel issues - incontinence. Occasional stomach pain - apparently they cut in the wrong place and left a hole internally (seen in ultrasound). Weakened abdominal muscles causing bulging when moving from laying down to sitting up.   | 12/7/2018 3:43 PM  |
| 16 | Tremors and seizures after four years of pelvic pain my system almost shut down mesh almost killed me as I developed meningitis/encephalitis and sepsis after mesh failure weird thing is I have permanent nerve damage and my hernia never reherniated Issue I have now Balance issue muscle weakness left side more so Pelvic tremor as one Dr put it non epileptic pelvic tremor, Fibromyalgia Arthritis neck and sholdes, Trigeminal neuralgia, Dyskenesia. Bowel and bladder issue Issue with eating any meat due to damage to bowel function I need 100 percent plant based diet to make sure I'm getting optimal fiber to keep bowls moving If I don't stick with plant based my whole left side locks up and paralysis sets in, My mesh was removed finally in 2016 and triple nerve resection was performed its not 100 percent but the pain is more manageable which means I don't get suicidal like I did in 2015 when the pain was surreal I would have moments where I wished I had blacked out but it didn't happen so in the midst of a pelvic flare up and trigeminal neuralgia flare I would feel like my only option was to end my misery Tried once and faild in 2015 thank goodness, | 12/6/2018 7:52 PM  |
| 17 | Firstly, an abscess formed under inside mesh - surgery. Secondly, a seroma formed under outside mesh - surgery to remove contaminated mesh   | 12/6/2018 9:59 AM  |
| 18 | I can't work I have shooting pain down my leg it's wrecked my life   | 12/6/2018 6:14 AM  |
| 19 | Nerve damage in groin/upper thigh  | 12/5/2018 8:29 PM  |
| 20 | Bowel issues, protruding on one side, back, leg and hip pain   | 12/5/2018 8:07 PM  |
| 21 | Discomfort, change in bowel habits, anxiety, stress, fear that it will dislodge and burst. Feel like it's moving around. Hernia has increased in size and seems to have spread beyond the mesh.  | 12/5/2018 6:58 PM  |
| 22 | Discomfort, bowel not functioning as it should   | 12/5/2018 6:46 PM  |
| 23 | An Abscess 120mm x 100mm x 70mm that burst.., so now lots of scar tissue aswell. Constant swollen groin area, can't sit or ride a bike for too long or my scrotum/penis starts to go numb. (not a nice feeling), can only walk for about 300mtrs till the swelling really starts to annoy me and become uncomfortable. Constantly having to go for a pee, like have prostate problems. No pain as such, but the constant (very large) swollen feeling in my groin.   | 12/5/2018 6:29 PM  |
| 24 | Weight gain.... Severe inflammation  | 12/5/2018 6:18 PM  |
| 25 | Bowel issues. Now possible bowel hernia  | 12/5/2018 5:28 PM  |
| 26 | Infection on day 8, readmitted to hospital, picc line inserted & 4000mg pd of antibiotics administered. Vac attached, theatre every 3-4 days to clean "hole" & reattach vac, 8 weeks in hospital, vac for 3+ months. Last mri showed 13cm "hole", bowel protruding, 24/7 stitch pain so problem not fixed.   | 12/5/2018 4:55 PM  |
| 27 | Constant discomfort and difficulty re bending over (forward)   | 12/5/2018 1:49 PM  |
| 28 | Surgery for partial removal unable to remove all as attached to major blood vessel   | 12/5/2018 12:28 PM |
| 29 | Not sure what you would call it. Palpatations, back pains, generally unwell feeling.   | 12/4/2018 5:26 PM  |
| 30 | It hurts constantly, then roughly 10 + times a week it feels like a burning sensation, just the smallest bump in that area sets off the burning sensation which sometimes has lasted for a month, I can bump it during intercourse and then that burning sensation starts  | 12/4/2018 4:10 PM  |
| 31 | Ongoing pain which comes and goes and can last up to two weeks since the surgery   | 12/4/2018 6:44 AM  |
| 32 | A total failure in fixing my hernia problem.   | 12/4/2018 1:14 AM  |
| 33 | Can be bed ridden with stomach pain  | 12/3/2018 8:35 PM  |
| 34 | Doctor says it's probably nerves trapped in the mesh, pain on hip flexion.   | 12/3/2018 8:03 PM  |

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| 35 | Sexual intercourse is now of limit due to the lightening electrical shock affects i now suffer . I need to be careful with certain movements that i know will trigger the shock.  | 12/3/2018 7:05 PM  |
| 36 | I have a constant swelling pressure in my groin, prohibiting me from doing much exercise/work without becoming extremely uncomfortable. I ended up with a 120mm x 100mm x 70mm abscess that started leaking, forcing me into the emergency dept of our local hospital.  | 12/3/2018 5:57 PM  |
| 37 | Failure of hernia mesh to stay in place - tangled with other tissue - potential for further harm. Additional mesh has also ruptured.  | 12/3/2018 5:36 PM  |
| 38 | Bowl complications, prolapse bladder, nerve damage, on full disability pension  | 12/3/2018 5:27 PM  |
| 39 | Bowel issues due to possible tethering  | 12/3/2018 4:21 PM  |
| 40 | 9 surgeries, chronic infection, debilitating pain   | 12/3/2018 11:14 AM |
| 41 | Discomfort in groin area. Like a grabbing feeling. No desire of sexual contact. I recently went to the emergency department because i knew something was not right but was examined by a registrar and i was told nothing was wrong and i was overthinking it and give it more time.  | 12/3/2018 8:06 AM  |
| 42 | Sharp disabling pain  | 12/3/2018 6:23 AM  |
| 43 | Constant pain post operatively for over 2 years (told by surgeon to expect pain for 2 weeks postop and given script for 20 Panadiene Forte). Pain continues to return in groin intermittently even though it is now 12 years after procedure ( pain is caused by walking too far or standing for too long). I have post micturition soiling.  | 12/2/2018 11:39 PM |
| 44 | For 6 months after surgery I felt like I was constantly re-tearing myself. Cortisone injections didn't help. Now it feels like nerve damage pain. Heat, aching, itching, knife, throbbing, tingling, pressure. Whatever way it wants to feel when aggravated.   | 12/2/2018 11:25 PM |
| 45 | trouble ejaculating   | 12/2/2018 11:02 PM |
| 46 | I developed a painful and dangerous infection on the mesh approximately 15 years after it was implanted. I've now had 6 surgeries over the course of three years to try and remove the abscess/infection/oozing sinus and currently have most of the mesh removed and am suffering from the hernia again. Whilst the mesh was present and now that it is not, I've had occasional discomfort in the local area, and often suffered an internal burning sensation during ejaculation.  | 12/2/2018 10:37 PM |
| 47 | Bowel stuck to mesh   | 12/2/2018 10:05 PM |
| 48 | Nausea, constant feeling like I'm getting or have a cold (even though I don't), some bladder problems, bloating. Extreme ovulation pain which I had not experienced prior to mesh implant.  | 12/2/2018 9:37 PM  |
| 49 | The morning after I was told to get up and have a shower. I experienced a sharp debilitating shooting nerve pain from high above the incision down to the groin almost felt like a stitch was too tight or a nerve was pulled taut. I passed out from the pain. The nurse called a Doctor who said it was normal to feel pain after surgery and to have pain killers. I crawled in agony out of the bed and had to be in a wheel chair in agony as the bed needed to be freed up. The sharp pain continued when I moved so severe I could not even take a breath it was so sharp my whole body froze. It definitely seemed like a tight nerve or felt like a thread of electric pain. It would come and go depending on my body position. I was able to walk after 2 weeks but at unexpected moments the nerve pain would strike and I would be frozen in agony. Over 2 -3 months it continued multiple times a day. I do yoga and about 3 months after the operation I was doing yoga stretching my belly and I felt something pop and the pain instantly abated - as if a stitch had ripped and the tight trapped nerve had been freed. A lump appeared at the point where the pain had originated where I felt the pop - Finally I was able to see a surgeon after at least 3 months or more. I was told most likely a stitch holding the mesh in place was too tight, it had popped but now the muscle had grown through the mesh the mesh was stable. I had no more pain until a year later unexpectedly the same pain started again. I felt it could be a nerve that was trapped in the mesh.. after 3 weeks - perhaps due to my yoga practice - perhaps pulling it free - the pain went away again however I now wonder if it will return at some point. I feel it is nerves trapped in the mesh as the the muscle grows through the mesh and the nerves get trapped with in and potentially stretching can help to pull them through... | 12/2/2018 8:08 PM  |
| 50 | constant nagging low level pain - like I am being constantly pinched in the groin region  | 12/2/2018 8:06 PM  |
| 51 | Reduced range of motion of the left hip. Pain radiating from surgical site. Impotence. Unable to stretch.   | 12/2/2018 6:43 PM  |
| 52 | Mild to moderate discomfort and tightening around the groin area  | 12/2/2018 5:35 PM  |

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| 53 | In the long term I have had no continuing problems, thank God.  | 12/2/2018 5:27 PM  |
| 54 | I have mild pain in my l3ft groin and some other side affects that CT and Ultra scans and other tests cant explain.   | 12/2/2018 4:55 PM  |
| 55 | pain. I can't tell what the long term outcome will be but 6 weeks after the operation I am in constant pain and very limited in what physical activities I can do. I can't yet lie on my left side in bed (left inguinal hernia repair). I was told I would be able to go back to work in a week and be doing heavy lifting by now. But I have trouble tying my shoes, lifting a shopping bag, stretching to reach anything above hear height. I have feelings of nausea. | 12/2/2018 4:43 PM  |
| 56 | Going to toilet and sex   | 12/2/2018 4:10 PM  |
| 57 | Burning sensation. Pain like some one is stabbing me  | 12/2/2018 3:50 PM  |
| 58 | I have the mesh, detached, rolled up i to a tube shape, rattling round in the bottom of my gut cavity.  | 12/2/2018 3:48 PM  |
| 59 | Constipation  | 12/2/2018 3:33 PM  |
| 60 | I still get pains in my gut as well as a burning sensation plus i still have the bulge that was supposed to be fixed by the procedure   | 12/2/2018 3:11 PM  |
| 61 | The left "thicker" side has no nerve sensation (feeling) except an uncomfortable feeling when the area is pressed or touched.   | 12/2/2018 2:35 PM  |
| 62 | Sexual function imparemant  | 12/2/2018 2:35 PM  |
| 63 | Distended belly which is refusing to shrink when other parts of my abdomen are shrinking as I regain fitness and lose weight  | 12/2/2018 2:31 PM  |
| 64 | Groin numbness and lack of feeling.   | 12/2/2018 2:25 PM  |
| 65 | The advice to me from a specialist was to prescribe me pain killers and anti-depressants indefinably and that there was little that could be achieved by me having additional surgery and that I would have to live with chronic pain for ever.   | 12/2/2018 1:26 PM  |
| 66 | Pain was notices some months (1-2) after procedure. The pain was a sharp pain during and post orgasm. Needless to say this was undesirable. The next complication approx 8 years on my bladder had adhered to the mesh this was discovered during a radical prostatectomy. I can not say if the prostate was aggravated by the mesh and if it was the cause of prostate cancer, but regardless the bladder adhesion was a problem.  | 12/2/2018 1:24 PM  |
| 67 | I experienced pricking pain in my groun area from the mesh for around two years   | 12/2/2018 1:15 PM  |
| 68 | testicular pain   | 12/2/2018 1:10 PM  |
| 69 | Intense pain during intercourse, particularly during ejaculation.   | 12/2/2018 1:04 PM  |
| 70 | After 2.5 years, another operation to remove "floating" tack & repair recurrence of hernia  | 12/2/2018 12:51 PM |
| 71 | Bowel adhesions.  | 12/2/2018 12:41 PM |
| 72 | I still get pain sometimes, as if I still had the hernia. Not sure if that is normal or not.  | 12/2/2018 12:28 PM |
| 73 | Pain leading up to and during ejaculation. General pain in area of mesh   | 12/2/2018 12:04 PM |
| 74 | Complete loss of feeling in the groin area and inside leg, loss of sexual function, not being able to walk at times due to pain in the testicles, loss of lifestyle and sporting activities, not being able to work, chronic depression and not being able to perform normal everyday activities properly without ending up in pain or not being able to do anything for days after as a consequence.   | 12/2/2018 11:35 AM |
| 75 | For 4 years it felt like my penis was placed on a steel bench and hit with a 7 pound sledge hammer the pain was 24/7 even today after oprox 12 years I still have pain in my grion  | 12/2/2018 11:30 AM |
| 76 | Was Moderate intermittent pain for some years - Did get pain under control though Pain Specialist provided pain information and stretching exercise that I do every day - now I get mild pain very intermittently and "I can push something back" that fixes the problem - I do have an awareness of the area if I think about it.  | 12/2/2018 10:14 AM |
| 77 | It triggered an autoimmune response.  | 12/2/2018 9:53 AM  |
| 78 | I now have a hernia the size of o fullterm pregnancy. I am no longer able to work or exercise in any meaningful way.  | 12/2/2018 9:41 AM  |



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| 79  | Nerve damage  | 12/2/2018 9:25 AM   |
| 80  | Initially a stretching pain was discussed with Doctor who assured me it was normal. Within one year I was having problems with constant diahorea and leakage with pain. Further investigation revealed a obstructed bowel due to irritation from the hernia mesh. A further surgery was performed for a Bowel resection resulting in large time of work and continuing problem today. Discussions of the mesh glue was cause or just the mesh occurred without anyone owning up | 12/2/2018 9:25 AM   |
| 81  | Overall the operation was a success in that it has reduced the pain to a lower localised level compared to the excruciating radiating pain down my leg before the op. However recovery was much longer than anticipated perhaps a year of slow recovery. I can still feel some localised pain and the presence of the mesh.   | 12/2/2018 9:16 AM   |
| 82  | Frequent urination  | 12/2/2018 9:01 AM   |
| 83  | I experience ongoing affects, ranging from discomfort to intense pain (that sometimes sees me abandon tasks, opting instead to lay down to seek remedy from the pain).  | 12/2/2018 8:30 AM   |
| 84  | Failure and reinjury  | 12/2/2018 7:57 AM   |
| 85  | Discomfort, depression, fear, anxiety, restricted movements. Just have to sit or lie down, can't walk far or stay on feet longer than 1/2 hour or so.   | 11/30/2018 11:13 AM |
| 86  | Lack of or no sex drive. Limited manoeuvrability. Lack of sleep from pain. I was lucky as I got the 1st spinal chord stimulator fitted in Scotland.The Feeling of being empty run down sore and not feeling very well which is really hard to explain to people.  | 11/27/2018 10:06 PM |
| 87  | Feeling butchered Was told I have "chicken wire" in me by the doctor  | 11/26/2018 7:49 PM  |
| 88  | rejection,chronic infection,open weeping wounds,pain, discomfort,mesh coming through skin,depression anxiety,more hernias and lumps under skin,, abcess on skin, skin problems,dental problems,,,,  | 11/24/2018 10:11 PM |
| 89  | Mesh became infected don't know how or why it was in for 8 years without any issues   | 11/24/2018 7:24 PM  |
| 90  | Lost my life as i knew it. Lost my job.cant go to the gym which was my hobby. Lossing out on my kids.   | 11/24/2018 6:20 PM  |
| 91  | Infections and correctional services  | 11/24/2018 5:43 PM  |
| 92  | Blood test done about 3 months after hernia mesh showed that I had a Lupus reading of around 120..no prior knowledge of the condition. 12 months later and the reading had jumped to around 640. I am due to have blood tests again now...  | 11/20/2018 5:51 PM  |
| 93  | Depression anxiety potential autoimmune issues  | 11/20/2018 1:14 PM  |
| 94  | Numbness of legs , groin, penis and testicles, erectile dysfunction, problems with bowel movements  | 11/20/2018 12:29 PM |
| 95  | Vaginal prolapse repair became granulated and was removed along with an entrocele repair, bleeding from vagina and bladder, vaginal sclerosis.  | 11/19/2018 7:15 PM  |
| 96  | Unusual rashes bloating from only a coffee or sandwich Unable to bend over properly & unable to lean on anything Tiredness, shortness of breath   | 11/19/2018 6:33 PM  |
| 97  | My mesh has prolapsed into the inguinal canal. It causes severe pain and altered blood/nerve flow in the genitofemoral nerve.   | 11/19/2018 4:27 PM  |
| 98  | I have bulging in and around the area, pain, a chronic infection, multiple repeat surgeries, scar tissue, the mesh has fused to my bowels causing ongoing problems.   | 11/18/2018 12:08 PM |
| 99  | I have constant nerve pain running into the stoma which is unbearable when the stoma is active.   | 11/18/2018 10:22 AM |
| 100 | Inability to lift even med/light weights, walking causes groinal pain   | 11/17/2018 5:03 PM  |
| 101 | I have pain probably 1 week in every month. My GP fobbs me off. I have been feeling unwell for 2yrs now with no answers. Having bowel issues but again told it's not that without any tests being done.   | 11/17/2018 1:36 PM  |
| 102 | Chronic pain  | 11/16/2018 11:09 PM |
| 103 | Digestive issues  | 11/16/2018 10:38 PM |



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| 104 | Intense pain from the moment I woke from surgery, culminating in having the "repair" repaired again a few months later and I believe the mesh was removed at this time. On the second op, traditional non-mesh repair was used. I continue to experience daily pain, but to a lesser degree. | 11/16/2018 7:46 PM  |
| 105 | After 14 to 15 years with the implant I needed full mesh removal due to total infection of the mesh.   | 11/16/2018 5:10 PM  |
| 106 | Can't preform everyday life without major nerve pain   | 11/16/2018 4:56 PM  |
| 107 | Shooting pains   | 11/16/2018 1:47 PM  |
| 108 | Medicated now for anxiety  | 11/16/2018 1:21 PM  |
| 109 | Sparking Nerve pain down leg and over hip into back. Burning pain at mesh site   | 11/16/2018 12:52 PM |
| 110 | Bowel issues, Lower Pains , pulling the feeling of it been in there.herina reccuinrance then adhere to bowel and then when taken out dr have stitched the never to the mesh.   | 11/16/2018 10:38 AM |
| 111 | Official diagnosis is CFS, with tendonitis of knees, severe chronic back pain, inability to exercise, itching, blurred vision, night sweats, loss of sexual sensitivity and performance.   | 11/16/2018 1:52 AM  |
| 112 | Bowel/gut issues, fatigue, extreme sensitivty to smells & heat, body aches, sinusitis/allergic rhinitis worsened, hernia re-occurance.   | 11/15/2018 9:40 PM  |
| 113 | Major infection and fistula  | 11/15/2018 9:11 PM  |
| 114 | Depression, exhaustion   | 11/15/2018 8:51 PM  |
| 115 | infection  | 11/15/2018 8:31 PM  |
| 116 | Depression, loss of life, constantly in pain, bladder and bowel damage, mentally suffering   | 11/15/2018 7:58 PM  |
| 117 | Insomnia, memory issues, fibromyalgia, unable to work, depression, anxiety, financial ruin...  | 11/15/2018 7:51 PM  |

## Q4 What has been the impact on you of this experience

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| #  | RESPONSES  | DATE                |
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| 1  | It has had a phycological effect by not being able to perform simple things that I should be able to do. And not be able to wear the clothes that I want.  | 1/2/2019 12:25 PM   |
| 2  | I could not get doctors to respond when I complained of pain following op, Had xrays which looked only for more hernias, radiologist pointed out that the mesh had folded over and was touching a nerve but did not put it in report as they were only looking for hernias. It has caused me spend a great deal of my life and money trying to find ways to reduce scar tissue and keep bowels functioning, these include massage, castor oil packs, laser, physio, stretching devices, osteopathy, acupuncture, numerous doctors, psychologists, dietary supplements and food restrictions. I am no longer able to travel freely, am often in a great deal of pain and have to monitor myself constantly to adjust my way of life to accommodate the changes in my body | 1/2/2019 11:34 AM   |
| 3  | Another failed surgical procedure with loss of faith in the medical profession   | 12/26/2018 8:45 PM  |
| 4  | Self doubt when not believed by doctors that it is causing pain. Impaired immune system  | 12/20/2018 10:50 AM |
| 5  | Discomfort and continued pain  | 12/18/2018 11:45 PM |
| 6  | Depression and pain  | 12/17/2018 10:02 PM |
| 7  | Movement is restricted It's harder to do physical work   | 12/17/2018 7:13 PM  |
| 8  | Aching and pain in legs. Numbness in area.   | 12/15/2018 7:06 PM  |
| 9  | I use to feel like I was useless, I still do but getting into mindfulness and meditation I have found things easier to cope with, but it doesn't take away the pain. I can no longer drive. Playing with my children and nieces and nephews is out of the question because I have to always feel guarded of where I am sore. Basically my whole life has been turned upside down and trying to tell specialists and doctors that it is the mesh causing my pain. It is like they are just dismissive right away and try placing the blame for the pain on things like me smoking weed is causing my pains.   | 12/15/2018 5:07 PM  |
| 10 | Two operations   | 12/15/2018 10:30 AM |
| 11 | Life changing for the worst  | 12/14/2018 10:22 AM |
| 12 | All started 2010 when I had a prostatectomy and the mesh inplants were disturbed, I got an excruciating pain down left leg which went away a month or so. The main thing is not able to do much due to fatigue.  | 12/12/2018 2:50 PM  |
| 13 | Long recovery time, during which time... Immobile. ..lack of ability to make muscle in area. What can I say re incontinence...   | 12/12/2018 12:13 AM |
| 14 | Unable to perform various exercises, stretches, Yogo etc ...   | 12/10/2018 11:49 AM |
| 15 | Blood and puss   | 12/9/2018 8:47 PM   |
| 16 | massively  | 12/9/2018 8:04 PM   |
| 17 | as question 3  | 12/9/2018 7:15 PM   |
| 18 | Unable to work for 2 years and left with health problems.  | 12/8/2018 10:05 PM  |
| 19 | Can't work Loss of income Chronic pain Relationship strain Mental health   | 12/7/2018 9:22 PM   |
| 20 | Extreme embarrassment. Reduced hygiene. Pain. Anxiety. Depression. Fear. Loss of trust. Anger.   | 12/7/2018 3:43 PM   |
| 21 | Many!! including Comitting Suicide!  | 12/7/2018 7:58 AM   |
| 22 | I am very angry and bitter about what has happened to me and how it has impacted on me and my family. I have not been able to work full-time, the pain takes its toll on me both mentally, emotionally and physically. I am not the husband, father, son, brother or friend that I would like to be. I hate seeing my wife being always on the edge worrying when a pain spike will hit me, when I will become enraged due to the pain I feel.   | 12/6/2018 11:30 PM  |

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| 23 | Chronic pain   | 12/6/2018 10:07 PM |
| 24 | Ongoing pain (I'd say 2-4 out of 10) and lowered sex drive   | 12/6/2018 10:01 PM |
| 25 | Loss of sex life Ended relationship as I was to sick apparently to be fun anymore Have not been to cinemas in years due to fibro and tinnitus Can't have ct scans without fibro flares My nervous system is all over the place some days loud noise can trigger seizures. Also I have not worked since January 2015 Had to by an automatic as driving a manual became impractical extent of nerve damage means I can't clutch with left leg anymore, Had to sell my home in Victoria as could no longer afford the mortgage due to not being able to work, been put on new start since 2015 but apparently even with all the damage I'm not yet eligible for pension, Mesh injuries seem to consistently end me up in financial hard ship No matter what I do as the measures I take to manage the symptoms caused by mesh failure are not cheap but they help to some extent, | 12/6/2018 7:52 PM  |
| 26 | Unbelievable paid, nausea, depression and a feeling of hopelessness after visiting the doctors many times  | 12/6/2018 9:59 AM  |
| 27 | Horrible, I can't do anything I am waisting away :(  | 12/6/2018 6:14 AM  |
| 28 | Constant pain, a lot of discomfort & major impact on my sex life   | 12/5/2018 9:27 PM  |
| 29 | I am depressed, in excruciating pain, unable to exercise, loss of money and work. My life has been completely ruined   | 12/5/2018 9:00 PM  |
| 30 | Reduced strength significantly, reduced stamina, reduced flexibility, reduced libido, shooting pain and constant pain  | 12/5/2018 8:29 PM  |
| 31 | On going ill health, lost libido, loss of income. Depression   | 12/5/2018 8:21 PM  |
| 32 | Cannot walk for long. Wakefulness at night. Reduced social interaction, reduced work capacity  | 12/5/2018 8:07 PM  |
| 33 | Lost income, can't play sport or with children, degree of mental strain. 11.5 years of working for same firm and now have no sick leave no annual leave. Can't afford to get sick and have had to take leave without pay to have a break away with family. Please more could write a book  | 12/5/2018 7:47 PM  |
| 34 | Depression, anxiety, extreme discomfort, fear, restricted movement, change of bowel and urinary habits, nausea, lack of confidence, reluctance to leave home, pain, fear of unknown as to what's going to happen next. My surgeon said he would strongly advise against any more surgery and to just leave it alone and learn to live with it.   | 12/5/2018 6:58 PM  |
| 35 | Has cramped my lifestyle.  | 12/5/2018 6:46 PM  |
| 36 | Pain, lack of movement   | 12/5/2018 6:42 PM  |
| 37 | Impact has been major. I have not worked (and couldn't work) since the op 2 years ago. I am becoming more depressed with the constant swelling..., it NEVER stops. I have not had sex for over 1 year as it's just too uncomfortable and problematic. I was very energetic but the swelling is turning me into a couch potato. I miss playing with my family. We all (4 of us) do Taekwondo..., and I have had to stop. I have started to gain weight again because of the lack of exercise.   | 12/5/2018 6:29 PM  |
| 38 | Unable to be an active Mum (at times)  | 12/5/2018 6:18 PM  |
| 39 | Don't trust hospital, self employed made my work much harder, extreme pain during sexual intercourse,  | 12/5/2018 6:12 PM  |
| 40 | Chronic debilitating pain so I can't work and I'm messed up on all the prescription drugs  | 12/5/2018 5:28 PM  |
| 41 | The fact I will have to consider further surgery to fix this problem. Had a 2nd opinion "don't fix failed hernia repairs", original surgeon wants to fix but only when pain is too much & make sure you go straight to emergency if pain is intolerable as your life could be in danger due to strangulated bowel.   | 12/5/2018 4:55 PM  |
| 42 | Discomfort, lack of exercise, pain   | 12/5/2018 1:49 PM  |
| 43 | Just ongoing pain for 2 years not knowing what was wrong with me and finding out by chance told by surgeon the mesh can't be causing the pain until they operated!   | 12/5/2018 12:28 PM |
| 44 | With other medical issues combined with the mesh it's been 2 years of suicidal thoughts  | 12/5/2018 10:05 AM |
| 45 | Still able to live a normal life other than putting up with intermittent excruciating pain   | 12/4/2018 10:01 PM |
| 46 | Family life Harder to work and get through the day Bedroom problems Stopped my sporting career Doctor said it's in my head!!!  | 12/4/2018 6:30 PM  |

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| 47 | Debilitating, not as healthy as I once was. Affected my outcomes with the family as well.   | 12/4/2018 5:26 PM  |
| 48 | It's changed my whole lifestyle, it's changed who I was, I surfed every day up until my operation, now, I can't even lay on a surfboard, it restricts me with other activities too... it's been a real pain in my side, I've tried Cortisone shots into the area, I've seen specialists because the pain is so bad at times   | 12/4/2018 4:10 PM  |
| 49 | Loss of work, unable to sleep   | 12/4/2018 6:44 AM  |
| 50 | I have had varying levels of pain since my first operation in 2010  | 12/4/2018 1:14 AM  |
| 51 | End of sex life. Random days of constant pain.  | 12/3/2018 10:38 PM |
| 52 | Pain to the point of barely being able to walk. It comes and goes now. Since the operation, i always need to go to the toilet   | 12/3/2018 10:12 PM |
| 53 | As above, impacts on my whole life, during pain episodes I don't have one   | 12/3/2018 8:35 PM  |
| 54 | Not massive, like cannot put sock on right foot without pain etc. Pain is not huge - like 4 or 5/10.  | 12/3/2018 8:03 PM  |
| 55 | diminished activity and of course the enormous affect on my relationship.   | 12/3/2018 7:05 PM  |
| 56 | I have not worked for nearly 2 years, have no sex drive.  | 12/3/2018 5:57 PM  |
| 57 | Pain - distrust of surgeons - fear of further health consequences.  | 12/3/2018 5:36 PM  |
| 58 | Full disability pension, unable to sexually perform, numbness mixed with extreme pain, inactivity, unemployable, can't walk or stand for long periods, touch sensitivity, mestual and ovulation issues....  | 12/3/2018 5:27 PM  |
| 59 | Worried about my health all the time. Not wanting to travel. Anxiety  | 12/3/2018 4:21 PM  |
| 60 | Quality of life.....does not exist. Sleeping...nightfall....it just gets worse.   | 12/3/2018 3:07 PM  |
| 61 | Have to limit exercise and lifting and take care to have more frequent breaks when exercising and limit duration of any activity such as digging or weeding   | 12/3/2018 11:43 AM |
| 62 | I can't stand long, sitting can be uncomfortable, walking I have to hold my abdomen. My whole life has been turned upside down. I no longer have any quality of life. I wake up and feel the pain right away. There have been times that I wish I hadn't woken up, and my family see me suffering and withdrawn from society because of this. It was mentioned to me that it is like I stay in my room waiting to die, and sometimes it feels that way. | 12/3/2018 11:37 AM |
| 63 | Life as I knew it has gone... I now simply exist.   | 12/3/2018 11:14 AM |
| 64 | I have had to modify my lifestyle to manage this pain and weakness. Also, less trusting,  | 12/3/2018 9:00 AM  |
| 65 | I held my life together while six doctors failed to diagnose the problem over 12 months.  | 12/3/2018 8:12 AM  |
| 66 | As answered above. I have constant discomfort   | 12/3/2018 8:06 AM  |
| 67 | Quality of life greatly reduced. No sex no sporting activities . Social interaction greatly reduced   | 12/3/2018 6:23 AM  |
| 68 | Limited movement unable to bend on my left hand side pain walking   | 12/3/2018 5:45 AM  |
| 69 | My quality of life has been totally disrupted. Constant, often untreatable pain and side effects of medication that affect every aspect of my life.   | 12/3/2018 4:51 AM  |
| 70 | Reduced stamina. I can't do as much and I need to rest more.  | 12/3/2018 4:36 AM  |
| 71 | I have to be careful when any pressure is placed upon the area  | 12/3/2018 2:59 AM  |
| 72 | Limited work. Sleep in a chair now when pain is bad. Difficulty lying down or getting up. Pain worse when involving diaphragm such as coughing or sneezing is extra painful.  | 12/3/2018 12:02 AM |
| 73 | Ongoing intermittent pain. Accidents post micturition with slight soiling of clothes if penis is not manipulated and drained of urine into toilet paper (usually cant use standing urinal without soiling self post micturition).   | 12/2/2018 11:39 PM |

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| 74 | I had bilateral inguinal hernias. After surgery where I had mesh installed I had 6months of torture feeling like I was re-tearing myself all the time. Now I can't do simple things without experiencing pain or discomfort. It's not all the time, but I'm only 33 and had the surgery 4 years ago, and I feel like it's going to affect the rest of my life. I worry about being pregnant and how carrying a baby will affect it because I can't carry anything too heavy without discomfort or pain, and then there's the straining in labor!!! Just holding friends kids I will start aching after a little while. I have to be careful with what I do so as to not aggravate my groins. I was told I'd be better than new with the mesh, but that hasn't been the case. I had a hernia when I was 10 and was just stitched up and I was fine after, and that one was a lot bigger than these two now. That one was 5cm with my bowel getting stuck in it. These were 1 & 1.5cm respectively. | 12/2/2018 11:25 PM |
| 75 | struggling to have a second child my wife really wants  | 12/2/2018 11:02 PM |
| 76 | I developed a painful and dangerous infection on the mesh approximately 15 years after it was implanted. I've now had 6 surgeries over the course of three years to try and remove the abscess/infection/oozing sinus and currently have most of the mesh removed and am suffering from the hernia again. Whilst the mesh was present and now that it is not, I've had occasional discomfort in the local area, and often suffered an internal burning sensation during ejaculation. From the numerous surgeries I now have substantial scarring and numbness in the area and have suffered numerous bouts of nerve pain, repeated trips to hospital as an inpatient and outpatient and visiting clinic for repeated flow-ups (40kms plus), pain and suffering, including waking up covered in blood and pus, sexual dysfunction, loss of libido, months off work without pay and never knowing if it is going to end.  | 12/2/2018 10:37 PM |
| 77 | Almost makes it not worth living  | 12/2/2018 10:05 PM |
| 78 | The pain is totally debilitating at times and an unable to do much at all. Constant feeling of nausea also makes it difficult to do everyday things.  | 12/2/2018 9:37 PM  |
| 79 | I had 3 months or more of being unable to move easily. Now I am a little uneasy about the pain returning however the hernia has been fixed. I am afraid of a hernia on the other side as I fear having more mesh implanted.   | 12/2/2018 8:08 PM  |
| 80 | just having to put up with it. I can still do everything that I was doing before the op, but, I now have to put up with a constant nagging low level pain. It is particularly more noticeable when sitting.   | 12/2/2018 8:06 PM  |
| 81 | Low level pain and tenderness in groin  | 12/2/2018 7:29 PM  |
| 82 | Unable to return to work.   | 12/2/2018 6:43 PM  |
| 83 | Chronic pain and discomfort. Referred to a pain specialist who was unable to provide any effective treatment. Was advised a relatively small number of patients experience chronic pain and in time I would learn to "block it out" and will "get used to it". While the pain is not severe to the extent that I require pain relief, it is constant and has never gone away.   | 12/2/2018 5:59 PM  |
| 84 | Twisting, sometimes walking, particularly up stairs, kicking balls with my sons, etc. I believe adhesions are the cause. It's not debilitating, thankfully, but it's a constant reminder of my hernia operation, almost daily.  | 12/2/2018 5:35 PM  |
| 85 | If at all possible to never have a mesh implant again, and make sure that anybody that I hear of to not accept that as an option. I do have a small concern that the pain might come back.  | 12/2/2018 5:27 PM  |
| 86 | I am or sure whether it is caused by a mesh failure yet. I have pain that is not explained and i can't get a remedy for the pain dispite a long time of trying to resolve it.   | 12/2/2018 4:55 PM  |
| 87 | Before the operation I was fit, healthy and active. Now I have to spend a lot of time sitting or lying as even sitting brings on pain after a time. I can't do the gardening, mowing, active walks, cycling that I should be doing.   | 12/2/2018 4:43 PM  |
| 88 | as above in 3   | 12/2/2018 4:17 PM  |
| 89 | Constant pain when moving   | 12/2/2018 4:13 PM  |
| 90 | Chronic pain for 30years.I also have complex regional pain syndrome for 4half years now   | 12/2/2018 4:10 PM  |
| 91 | Depression,Pain, My Life i dint have one  | 12/2/2018 3:52 PM  |
| 92 | Slack of sleep. I'm more agrovated. Frustrated  | 12/2/2018 3:50 PM  |
| 93 | I am told that it may cause cancer, and i feel some stress and worry, accordingly.  | 12/2/2018 3:48 PM  |
| 94 | Intestines still gets caught  | 12/2/2018 3:47 PM  |

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| 95  | In pain and very worried what this will lead too   | 12/2/2018 3:43 PM  |
| 96  | Quality of life. Pain during sex. Uncomfortable to sleep on side also when sitting   | 12/2/2018 3:33 PM  |
| 97  | Impacts on physical activities. Pain in left groin may be constant for 3 or 4 days at a time. I have discussed with doctor who says its normal   | 12/2/2018 3:32 PM  |
| 98  | Pain, bloating & the continued unsightly look of the bulge in my gut   | 12/2/2018 3:11 PM  |
| 99  | I don't like anyone touching the area. It is pudgy and slumped .   | 12/2/2018 2:35 PM  |
| 100 | The mesh has left me with severe and permanent chronic pain as it cannot be safely removed I have had to live with this pain for over 5 years  | 12/2/2018 2:35 PM  |
| 101 | Discomfort, looking pregnant, and problems with fitting of clothes   | 12/2/2018 2:31 PM  |
| 102 | I can live with it but it is uncomfortable at times and it may have had implications of sexual function.   | 12/2/2018 2:25 PM  |
| 103 | Less work Low quality of life Relationship breakup   | 12/2/2018 1:51 PM  |
| 104 | Prior to surgery I had almost no discomfort, sadly almost immediately post-surgery for the past 5 years I have experienced chronic and debilitating pain, I am unable to sit in a car or at a desk for any period of time and my social and sporting interests have ground to a halt. My ability to work also has been severely compromised so there is a huge financial loss. I have to pay others to do simple chores for me that I once could do with out a problem. I suffer from depression and my personal life with my wife has suffered. | 12/2/2018 1:26 PM  |
| 105 | The real risk and concern that I may end up with a bowel adhesion and the devastation that presents. Currently the abdominal pains experienced of late plays on my mind.   | 12/2/2018 1:24 PM  |
| 106 | Other men who had similar treatment advised me that it took on average about two years for the impact of the mesh to go away or become a minor annoyance   | 12/2/2018 1:15 PM  |
| 107 | Restricted daily activities  | 12/2/2018 1:15 PM  |
| 108 | loss of libido and adverse effect on my career   | 12/2/2018 1:10 PM  |
| 109 | Makes doing my job much more difficult , very disappointed   | 12/2/2018 1:09 PM  |
| 110 | Impact on sexual relations   | 12/2/2018 1:04 PM  |
| 111 | Not being able to work for 2.5 years, excruciating pain, reliant on family for income & suffering not being able to lead a normal active life as previously  | 12/2/2018 12:51 PM |
| 112 | Constant pain, fear of future product failure  | 12/2/2018 12:47 PM |
| 113 | Turn my life upside down, I thought high dose chemo was bad?   | 12/2/2018 12:41 PM |
| 114 | Discomfort sometimes.  | 12/2/2018 12:28 PM |
| 115 | Over time, it's ten years now, the pain has improved and I don't consider it a daily concern now. But it was for some years. I am concerned it may return  | 12/2/2018 12:04 PM |
| 116 | My doctor at the time assisted in the first operation. Gave inappropriate advice including that my hernia had not returned on more than one occasion, despite my wife witnessing the lump and no physical examination by him.  | 12/2/2018 12:01 PM |
| 117 | Intermittent pain 1.5 years after procedure. I always get pain if I lift anything even vaguely heavy. Pain last 1-3 days.  | 12/2/2018 11:39 AM |
| 118 | Going from having a normal active outdoors lifestyle and enjoying life to hardly be able to tie my shoelaces has been extremely difficult to deal with. It has completely changed my existence and what I am able to do on a daily basis. I am basically not able to do any of the activities I used to before the surgery, and live locked away in my unit because even driving my car is often difficult depending on how bad my pain is.  | 12/2/2018 11:35 AM |
| 119 | This has caused pain to by testicles, epidymis, nerve pain down my leg, and pain at the hernia site. Exercise is difficult and doctors have only been willing to prescribe pain management by Nerve blockers.  | 12/2/2018 11:34 AM |
| 120 | For 4 years it felt like my penis was placed on a steel bench and hit with a 7 pound sledge hammer the pain was 24/7 even today after oprox 12 years I still have pain in my grion to my knee on the inside of my leg  | 12/2/2018 11:30 AM |
| 121 | Pain, Lessoned quality of life. Reduced activity   | 12/2/2018 10:48 AM |



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| 122 | After having the mesh installed I was sick and generally felt very lethargic for months while my body got used to the mesh  | 12/2/2018 10:34 AM  |
| 123 | In first 12 months I experienced regular high to medium groin pain. In second year it had settled to occasional med to low pain.  | 12/2/2018 10:32 AM  |
| 124 | Apart from experiencing the pain. I have been retired though the whole exercise so I have been able to moderate my activities as required.  | 12/2/2018 10:14 AM  |
| 125 | Severe pain over 15 years. Felt like someone had a wood rasp rubbing it   | 12/2/2018 9:56 AM   |
| 126 | I was very very ill for at least 2 years. I continue to have significant allergy issues.  | 12/2/2018 9:53 AM   |
| 127 | I can no longer stand for long periods. Any form of lengthy activity causes me very uncomfortable groin pain.   | 12/2/2018 9:43 AM   |
| 128 | Had to quit a good job and have never got back to a similar position or pay level   | 12/2/2018 9:42 AM   |
| 129 | Depressed, broke, and with no hope in the foreseeable future.   | 12/2/2018 9:41 AM   |
| 130 | Lifestyle change that occurs with regular pain when doing things you normally once did  | 12/2/2018 9:35 AM   |
| 131 | Alot pain in body   | 12/2/2018 9:25 AM   |
| 132 | Large medical bills time off work, pain, ongoing issues from surgery  | 12/2/2018 9:25 AM   |
| 133 | Not a perfect outcome perhaps and living with a new mild lingering pain. It is however a better outcome than not having the operation.  | 12/2/2018 9:16 AM   |
| 134 | Constant pain in the lower part of my stomach where my leg joins the stomach  | 12/2/2018 9:09 AM   |
| 135 | Sharp uncomfortable pain at tummy cause distraction and embarassment due to mild incontinence.  | 12/2/2018 9:01 AM   |
| 136 | Quality of life. The pain at times can be quite crippling. I can no longer do a lot of things I use to do. Most of the time I try and push through it.  | 12/2/2018 8:56 AM   |
| 137 | Discomfort, pain, distraction from work duties, including taking days off. Abandon of study tasks. On occasions when I'm sitting, I have to un button pants if the pain is too much and I sometimes have to lay on my bed to try and remedy the pain. I press on the mesh site to try and alleviate the pain also. Ongoing worry of what is going on inside my body. When I press on it it's hard compared to surrounding flesh. I worry if it may cause cancer or increasing pain in the future. I also wonder about the condition of the mesh ie whether it is deteriorating. | 12/2/2018 8:30 AM   |
| 138 | more or less constant low level pain, sometimes worse requiring days off work   | 12/2/2018 8:26 AM   |
| 139 | I can't do the things I used to enjoy. Can't lift without pain  | 12/2/2018 7:57 AM   |
| 140 | 3 years of severe shooting pain in the groin. So severe it would "fold me" in half. Delayed my second (other side) inguinal repair by at least 12 months because of first experience. Which made the 2nd repair more complex. Fortunately 2nd repair was successful without the severe pain.  | 12/2/2018 7:32 AM   |
| 141 | Living in constant fear that the hernia will burst. Understanding from the surgeon that it is best to 'don't touch it' and 'leave it alone' because removing it could be more dangerous than beneficial. Having to face living with this uncertainty and pain and fear for the rest of my life.   | 11/30/2018 11:13 AM |
| 142 | One of despair. A feeling of one's batteries having run out. Not feeling great and can't explain it. Severe pain. The feeling of the more you shout the less anyone is willing to listen. The feeling of letting ones family and friends down. Letting your work mates down as you can't pull your weight. Fighting every day to work so I can go home at the end of the day feeling as though I've contributed to society and myself.  | 11/27/2018 10:06 PM |
| 143 | Made my depression worse I have put weight on Unable to care for my disabled son  | 11/26/2018 7:49 PM  |
| 144 | causing severe bowel pain before and after movement   | 11/26/2018 9:21 AM  |
| 145 | depression ,worry,anxiety,..no quality of life  | 11/24/2018 10:11 PM |
| 146 | Lost my business,up to my eyes in debt, was on the border line of depression and going to make a decision to end it   | 11/24/2018 7:24 PM  |



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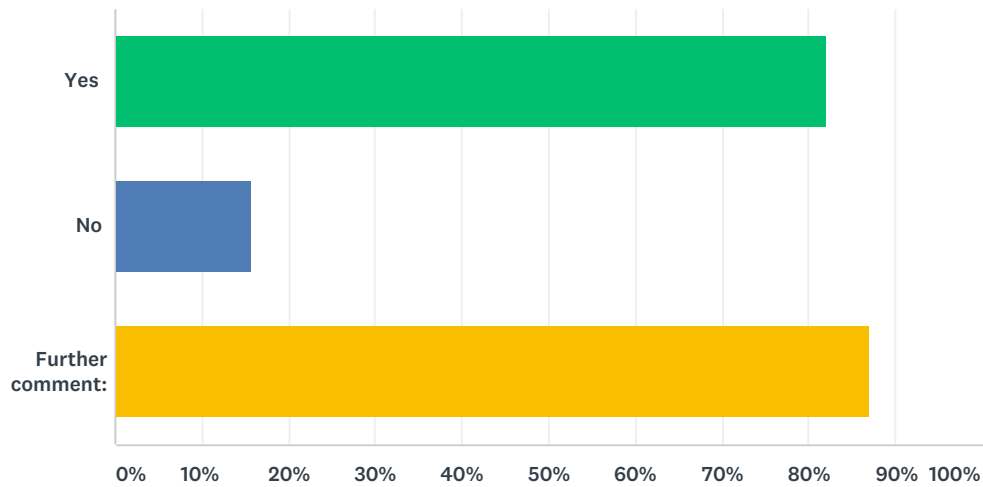
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| 147 | <p>Hi I dont know where to start but im from Glasgow. I had a inguinal hernia mesh fitted in November 2015. It wasnt that bad and really small. I was told i had to have mesh as i was at risk of it twisting and getting strangled. He gave me no other option. Told me i would be 100% better after this and my life would be normal again. This surgeon was Mr Donald Mearthur. It was done at Gartnavel General hospital in Glasgow. I woke up from the operation in extreme pain. I was in recovery for a long time due to going into tachycardi. They blamed it on the tramadol. They didnt notify my husband and he had to come to hospital at 10pm to see if i was okay. The surgeon came that night as he was concerned. I cant remember much just he said it went well. The next day i was forced to get up and about and i was struggling. Very nauseous and sore. I couldnt straighten up. When i went home 3 days later i had to get a pain doctor out. I was calling my GP and surgeon and they were saying it was normal. Nearly 3 years down the line the nauseous and pain is still there. Ive been fobbed off. Suffering constantly. Had to give up work and the gym. Put on so much weight. Now my teeth are rotten under the gum line. Ive suffered collapses and neurology issues. No one seems to know why but it all started nearly 3 years ago. My neurologist and dentist are convinced its due to the mesh. My Gp is bo help saying its psychosomatic even though a psychologist said its clearly not. They are saying im suffering anxiety. Im anxious no one is helping. Mr Mearthur was on no use so requested a second opinion. Mr Paul Glen at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital in Paisley is now seeing me. Hes sent me to pain clinic to have local anesthetic and steroid injections into my stomach even though im allergic to both of these. Im not taking reactions to all antibiotics and allergies i never use to have. Mr Glen has told me there is no one in Scotland that can remove my mesh. Hes sorry. Why are they able to put it in but not remove. I have lost my life. I have 3 kids with additional needs and struggle to care for them . We only have my husbands income and we struggle. We have no way of going private even though its the only way i can get my life back. I just want the chance to get my life back. I need this mesh out. You can feel exactly where it is. I look pregnant all the time because of it. I have a 20cm diameter cirvle in my stomach of mesh even though the hernia was maybe 3 cms. I dont understand why they have done this. I have bowel issues and constant pain. Headaches. Toothache. Sweats. Cramps. Episodes of collapse and no one is helping me as they cant remove this from my body. Im struggling. Ive told my husband it would be easier if i was no longer here. I cant cope anymore. I cant take pain relief anymore as my body goes numb and i pass out. My body was getting addicted. But because GPs dont believe me they wont help. Ive made a complaint to NHS about the way they have treated me and now to my GP. No one is helping me. I dont know what to do. Im so frustrated. I cant live like this anymore. I love my kids and husband. I want to live for them and the life i once had. But i really cant anymore. I cant so this anymore. Im only 35. Been going through this nearly 3 years. I just want someone to hear my voice. So if i die because of what they have done to me this is proof. Ive asked for help. Im suffering. My family are suffering. This is unhuman. Thank you for your time</p> | 11/24/2018 6:20 PM  |
| 148 | "Severe daily pain,permanent disabled...it ruined my life"  | 11/24/2018 5:43 PM  |
| 149 | Debilitating pain, significant lifestyle change   | 11/21/2018 5:42 AM  |
| 150 | I was shocked to have suddenly been diagnosed with an auto-immune disease   | 11/20/2018 5:51 PM  |
| 151 | Unable to work due to severity of chronic pain. Has impacted all facets of my life, now disabled and unable to walk without mobility aids   | 11/20/2018 1:14 PM  |
| 152 | Decreased physical exercise, non existent social life , unable to work  | 11/20/2018 12:29 PM |
| 153 | Long term pain  | 11/20/2018 12:23 PM |
| 154 | No confidence to have intimate relationship   | 11/20/2018 5:14 AM  |
| 155 | No sexual relations with husband. pain continually, have to use catheter to empty bladder properly to try and prevent continual infections. wearing of pads for leakage from bladder.   | 11/19/2018 7:15 PM  |
| 156 | Totally devastated life, unable to play with grandchildren, unable to show dogs Unable to work & unable to do chores I used to do   | 11/19/2018 6:33 PM  |
| 157 | I cannot lie on this side due to referred pain and no longer feel confident of my future with mesh in there.  | 11/19/2018 4:27 PM  |
| 158 | Horrible. It's changed my life. I can't be physically active. Multiple trips to the ER. So many surgeries and CT Scans  | 11/18/2018 12:08 PM |

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| 159 | This surgery was a direct result of damage from prolapse surgery with mesh which caused so much nerve damage there was very little peristalsis to move the contents out and also inadequate sphincter control and recurrent rectal prolapse. An ileostomy was my only option but had to be placed on the left side of my abdomen because of peripheral nerve damage to my right also from the prolapse surgery. I have had numerous issues with severe pain into the stoma and it does not function properly. I have had rhizotomies into the nerve and wear lidocaine patches to calm it down. | 11/18/2018 10:22 AM |
| 160 | Quality of life not the same as before operation. Tired and fatigued not able to do by job properly losing pay due to taking time off work  | 11/18/2018 9:03 AM  |
| 161 | If I had the knowledge, I probably wouldn't have had the procedure.   | 11/17/2018 5:03 PM  |
| 162 | Just dealing with the pain and am wondering if this could be reasons behind some of my bowel issues for the last 6mths. It worries me as when I am in pain I feel like I want to be physical sick which stops me from doing some things.  | 11/17/2018 1:36 PM  |
| 163 | Messed up all my life   | 11/16/2018 11:09 PM |
| 164 | Changed the way I live significantly impacted on my health and lifestyle  | 11/16/2018 10:38 PM |
| 165 | Constipation, extreme pain, loss of income, ongoing daily pain. My second surgeon has said there is nothing more he can do for me. I'm learning to live with it.  | 11/16/2018 7:46 PM  |
| 166 | Stopped work, sometimes can't move outside the house or drive Very limited life   | 11/16/2018 5:12 PM  |
| 167 | more surgery. Loss of work. Recurrence of hernia. Currently waiting for more surgery to repair recurrent hernia.  | 11/16/2018 5:10 PM  |
| 168 | Extreme pain and autoimmune symptoms.   | 11/16/2018 5:00 PM  |
| 169 | Complete quality of life change   | 11/16/2018 4:56 PM  |
| 170 | Unable to work, disabled unable to walk any distance without a mobility aid. It has affected every aspect of my life  | 11/16/2018 3:32 PM  |
| 171 | Always wondering when the next pain will be   | 11/16/2018 1:47 PM  |
| 172 | Mental health, inability to look after my 4 children, strain on my marriage   | 11/16/2018 1:21 PM  |
| 173 | Hard to exercise and bend over  | 11/16/2018 1:12 PM  |
| 174 | Taking lots of anti-inflammatory medication for 5+ years Reduced capacity for some activities and hobbies. Pain   | 11/16/2018 12:52 PM |
| 175 | Having to use lignocaine patches, pain when leaning forward, unable to walk any length of time.   | 11/16/2018 11:34 AM |
| 176 | Pure mental hell due to pain and drugs used to control it   | 11/16/2018 11:13 AM |
| 177 | i don't trust dr as much and when come asking if need hip ect later in life i probly wont have it done due to having the issues and asking ages i go the dr made feel like it was in your head and not the mesh   | 11/16/2018 10:38 AM |
| 178 | Cannot continue doing my job as a freelance filmmaker. Working now at about 20-30% capacity. Serious impact on quality of life, especially due to pain and fatigue.   | 11/16/2018 1:52 AM  |
| 179 | Just had 4 surgeries this year 3 involved having a vacume pump for 6 months as a hospital in the home patient and have kept pictures of everything  | 11/15/2018 9:11 PM  |
| 180 | All aspects of life turned upside down  | 11/15/2018 8:51 PM  |
| 181 | debilitating. constant pain, inflammation and wrecked immune system   | 11/15/2018 8:31 PM  |
| 182 | It has ruined my life.  | 11/15/2018 7:58 PM  |
| 183 | I have lost my fit, healthy, active life. I'm shattered that I will never be the same and will always suffer chronic pain due to my hernia mesh complications unless I have the mesh removed in a further risky operation that I can't afford!  | 11/15/2018 7:51 PM  |

## Q5 Did you report your adverse outcome to your clinician and what was their response?

Answered: 184 Skipped: 1



| ANSWER CHOICES         | RESPONSES |     |
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| Yes                    | 82.07%    | 151 |
| No                     | 15.76%    | 29  |
| Further comment:       | 86.96%    | 160 |
| Total Respondents: 184 |           |     |

| #  | FURTHER COMMENT:   | DATE                |
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| 1  | On numerous occasions, one comment was that it would settle down after a couple of years.  | 1/2/2019 12:25 PM   |
| 2  | Initially I rang his surgery and spoke to his receptionist who promised me she would get the surgeon to contact me. I rang several times and he did not get back to me. I later discovered that he had sent a letter to my GP suggesting that I as a difficult patient and he would see me if she wanted him to. My GP did not let me know and I only discovered this when I left that surgery and collected the notes to take to the next doctor. | 1/2/2019 11:34 AM   |
| 3  | I noted my concerns to my GP, 4 weeks post surgery and he referred me back to the specialist. Their response is "just lose weight"   | 12/26/2018 8:45 PM  |
| 4  | Could not be the hernia patch.   | 12/20/2018 10:50 AM |
| 5  | Was told it's rare and not much can be done now as it may cause further complications  | 12/18/2018 11:45 PM |
| 6  | He was not interested in my reporting  | 12/17/2018 10:02 PM |
| 7  | Corrective surgery   | 12/17/2018 7:13 PM  |
| 8  | Was told it was pretty much in my head and the surgery was successful.   | 12/15/2018 7:06 PM  |
| 9  | They said that there is nothing more that they can do surgically and that I would have to live with it and that the best management is pain management.  | 12/15/2018 5:07 PM  |
| 10 | He refused to make the report.   | 12/14/2018 10:22 AM |
| 11 | Lots of tests done, eg blood tests, ultrasound, scans, cameras up and down. All ok.  | 12/12/2018 2:50 PM  |
| 12 | They hardly believed me when I had hernia let alone this!  | 12/10/2018 11:49 AM |
| 13 | awaiting   | 12/9/2018 8:04 PM   |

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| 14 | said not related to mesh in which i disagree.  | 12/9/2018 7:15 PM  |
| 15 | There was no admission of wrong practice or errors. Doctors accepted no responsibility for the negative outcomes.  | 12/8/2018 10:05 PM |
| 16 | Been to 5 different specialists/surgeons Just handball me to the next one  | 12/7/2018 9:22 PM  |
| 17 | I was in hospital for 4 days instead of day surgery. I've been being "triaged" for 2.5 years for a colonoscopy.  | 12/7/2018 3:43 PM  |
| 18 | No body want do any good advice! One Surgeon suggested to re-operate and remove the Mesh, high risk may 50% or life time disability !?   | 12/7/2018 7:58 AM  |
| 19 | He was most focused on the fact that his job was done as he couldn't see a recurrence of the hernia. He told me pain will likely resolve itself within 12 months. It hasn't (it's been 4 years). He said he wouldn't contemplate doing any revision surgery and just referred me to pain management clinic and we have not been in touch since.  | 12/6/2018 11:30 PM |
| 20 | During consult a few weeks after, said pain was normal and that it should go away  | 12/6/2018 10:01 PM |
| 21 | First I was told not the mesh I spent four years going from Dr to specialist etc no body seem to have answers then after my gp ran very extensive blood test and things kept coming back clear but there was a massive rash over area of mesh and permanent nerve damage in pelvis, He concluded failed inguinal hernia mesh. This was in 2015 I believe after four years of pain meds that hardly helped and visits to hernia surgeons who I feel perhaps knew what was going on with pain issues but didn't want to be held accountable if the mesh had been removed when I first started having issue I may well not have developed autoimmune and memory and speech issues etc | 12/6/2018 7:52 PM  |
| 22 | Shrugged their shoulders and told if they remove the remaining inside mesh the hernia will come back   | 12/6/2018 9:59 AM  |
| 23 | They were not sure why, one dr thought I was making it up to get pain meds another one told me it was all in my mind and then referred me to a physio  | 12/6/2018 6:14 AM  |
| 24 | Unable to help   | 12/5/2018 9:00 PM  |
| 25 | Retried mesh surgery with no improvement, prescribed high dose Lyrica and other pain medication to deal with constant pain   | 12/5/2018 8:29 PM  |
| 26 | Said pain was not mesh related. Joked that I wanted the body of a 20 year old.   | 12/5/2018 8:07 PM  |
| 27 | They said nothing was wrong. Even ct scan showed nothing but one they went inside they could see the mesh was all crunched up hence the pain I was in was real. I was even told it was just in my head   | 12/5/2018 7:47 PM  |
| 28 | Don't touch it. Leave it alone. Strongly advise against any more surgery. Lose weight to assist comfort. Felt dismissed.   | 12/5/2018 6:58 PM  |
| 29 | Blasé response from GP & Specialists   | 12/5/2018 6:46 PM  |
| 30 | Latest Ultra sound Nothing found but around Mesh could be the cause of my pain   | 12/5/2018 6:42 PM  |
| 31 | I just got told it was the Scar tissue, nerve damage, muscle damage, a trapped nerve..., which they sent me for an ultrasound nerve block injection. I have gone back constantly for the last 18 months or more and been continuously sent for more and more tests..., knowing I had long ago run out of money from not working and all the scans.   | 12/5/2018 6:29 PM  |
| 32 | They investigated and found nothing  | 12/5/2018 6:18 PM  |
| 33 | We'll have to do some tests, denied mesh was the problem   | 12/5/2018 6:12 PM  |
| 34 | Just dismissed me saying it can't be the mesh  | 12/5/2018 5:28 PM  |
| 35 | Surgeon & his practice aware of issue all agree to leave it til I can't tolerate at all. No mention of mesh issues altho know it's polypropylene.  | 12/5/2018 4:55 PM  |
| 36 | Post operation, happy that Hernia had been repaired, noted discomfort to the doctor but expected any such pain to disappear with time  | 12/5/2018 1:49 PM  |
| 37 | Referred me to surgeon forgot I also had a large seroma!!  | 12/5/2018 12:28 PM |
| 38 | 2 years of hearing my Dr say sorry dale I'm not trained in that area and my surgeon simply does not responded when questioned  | 12/5/2018 10:05 AM |

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| 39 | No not until now as I didn't feel adverse outcome until more than 10 years later  | 12/4/2018 10:01 PM |
| 40 | Didn't care Had to go to pain management specialist It's been over 4 years  | 12/4/2018 6:30 PM  |
| 41 | Have only just realised that I am not alone in this.  | 12/4/2018 5:26 PM  |
| 42 | Denied that they did anything different although they did say a student surgeon did the operation under the watchful eye of the surgeon. I've since seen a specialist who said to fix this is 50/50 and risky that it may cause more damage   | 12/4/2018 4:10 PM  |
| 43 | Only GP after endoscope colonoscopy one GP state it was the mesh impinging on my nerves in the muscle and nothing could be done I was sent to a surgeon and told the same thing   | 12/4/2018 6:44 AM  |
| 44 | O well this some times happens  | 12/4/2018 1:14 AM  |
| 45 | Went to hospital emergency and essentially told that i was making it up, wasting their time and given 2 panadol   | 12/3/2018 10:12 PM |
| 46 | Been complaining to my surgeon for over a year without a solution   | 12/3/2018 8:35 PM  |
| 47 | Effectively - there is nothing we can see, so nothing we can do, so tough. Live with it. Was couched in much nicer language of course.  | 12/3/2018 8:03 PM  |
| 48 | A specialist treated me with cortisone injections that did help but are not a cure. He said to attempt further surgery to try to repair the damage was like trying to remove chewing gum from hair.   | 12/3/2018 7:05 PM  |
| 49 | About 8 weeks after the operation and then every few months after that, only to be told it was nerve damaged, then muscle damage, scar tissue from the giant abscess that had formed.   | 12/3/2018 5:57 PM  |
| 50 | Had problems immediately after 1st surgery - that surgeon suggested he'd never had a failure or issue with this type of operation - that I was low pain thresh hold - in other words it was in my head. 2nd surgeon trying to fix it advised the original technique used was experimental and not used overseas   | 12/3/2018 5:36 PM  |
| 51 | I have seen extreme pain management specialists, Dr's, surgeon, been on Valium, Lyrica, tramadol, neurophen, panadol osteo and a blend of ketamine cream was prescribed to ease the pain... Nothing worked and the side effects were horrendous so I ceased medications in 2016 and now just survive with it.   | 12/3/2018 5:27 PM  |
| 52 | Have had numerous scans etc but can't find anything   | 12/3/2018 4:21 PM  |
| 53 | " These things just sometime happen "...well not overly helpful from my point of view .   | 12/3/2018 3:07 PM  |
| 54 | To gp who sent me for ultrasound but haven't contacted surgeon  | 12/3/2018 11:43 AM |
| 55 | Said that there is nothing more that they can do and I will have to live with the pain  | 12/3/2018 11:37 AM |
| 56 | "the mesh is settling". "the pain is the mesh moving". "you have nerve damage". "you have a lipoma".  | 12/3/2018 11:14 AM |
| 57 | After assessing for further surgical procedures (not needed), there was little interest in my symptoms and no support.  | 12/3/2018 9:00 AM  |
| 58 | Misdiagnosed.   | 12/3/2018 8:12 AM  |
| 59 | As mentioned above. I did not see the surgeon as it was to expensive but went to the emergency department and saw a registrar, i guess a juniour doctor.  | 12/3/2018 8:06 AM  |
| 60 | Shouldgo away gie it a few years to settle  | 12/3/2018 6:23 AM  |
| 61 | I ended up changing GPs till I found one who took the fake seriously. My initial consultation with the original surgeon was met with dismissiveness so I was referred to another who has tried to help.   | 12/3/2018 4:51 AM  |
| 62 | Still monitoring.   | 12/3/2018 4:36 AM  |
| 63 | He massaged the area  | 12/3/2018 2:59 AM  |
| 64 | Went to surgeon and he said it was nerve damage from before surgery, as in during the time I had the hernias before they were repaired. I never believed that. I thought it was him - dodgy surgeon - because I also ended up with nerve damage at the incision sites as well as underneath the skin where they would have had the surgical tools rubbing doing the key hole surgery. | 12/2/2018 11:25 PM |

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| 65 | I reported the adverse outcomes to a different hospital (public) to a different surgeon (original surgeon was as a private patient) after a referral from my GP when a large lump started forming above the site of the mesh and under the scar. The usual reaction was this happens, and it is a foreign body, and it should be easily solved through more surgery.   | 12/2/2018 10:37 PM |
| 66 | More painkiller  | 12/2/2018 10:05 PM |
| 67 | When I went back to see the surgeon months after surgery as the pain was not getting better was to say this happens to some people we don't know why and he offered to give me cortizone injections, I'm 44 and didn't want to go down that route as there are some severe side effects from long term use of cortizone. Have been referred to pain specialist, but they have not recognised the mesh as the problem. GP keeps trying to find other causes for the pain.   | 12/2/2018 9:37 PM  |
| 68 | I reported it the morning after the operation and was told to take more pain killers. I reported it to the GP 2 days later as it was still there and felt strange as it felt like a single tight thread of pain high in the belly above the incision down to the groin. The GP discounted it as post op pain. When the stitch popped 2 - 3 month later and a lump appeared in my belly where it popped I went to another GP who sent me to the surgical department where I was seen a few weeks alter and told a stitch securing the mesh had been ripped out and the nerve pain was an irritated nerve. | 12/2/2018 8:08 PM  |
| 69 | he strongly denied that it was the mesh, and suggested that time might lesson things which it hasn't. My GP has suggested some very strong pain intervention medication, that I am reluctant to start taking, partly because I can still function pretty much as I did before the op, albeit with some discomfort.   | 12/2/2018 8:06 PM  |
| 70 | 'Take it easy.' 'Change employment.'   | 12/2/2018 6:43 PM  |
| 71 | Some 6 months after the surgery I saw the surgeon and asked if the ongoing pain was normal - he told me full recovery would take up to 12 months and added that I was possibly one of the "unlucky" small percentage of patients who experience chronic pain following this type of surgery. He suggested I see a pain specialist if the pain persisted.   | 12/2/2018 5:59 PM  |
| 72 | That's common, don't worry about it.   | 12/2/2018 5:35 PM  |
| 73 | He said he didn't really understand why I had this problem. None of his other patients had had this outcome. rather dismissive really. I think than it is because the pain had gone away and he needed to take no more notice.   | 12/2/2018 5:27 PM  |
| 74 | See above answer.  | 12/2/2018 4:55 PM  |
| 75 | I visited my clinician 3 weeks after the procedure and reported abnormal levels of pain. He said I just had to give it more time. I was going to contact him again tomorrow when I heard about others having problems in a report on the ABC.  | 12/2/2018 4:43 PM  |
| 76 | Was told in 2003 no more ops by surgeon  | 12/2/2018 4:10 PM  |
| 77 | Pain medication. Was told the mesh might be rubbing on nerves  | 12/2/2018 3:50 PM  |
| 78 | My urologist told me what had happened. I can't recall the surgeon who did the hernia repair.  | 12/2/2018 3:48 PM  |
| 79 | Went back to the hospital which performed the repair and given a scan which didn't show any negitve results and was issued with some pills as they told me it might be a nerve problem   | 12/2/2018 3:43 PM  |
| 80 | Give it time to settle in  | 12/2/2018 3:33 PM  |
| 81 | Informed its normal  | 12/2/2018 3:32 PM  |
| 82 | See response to question 2   | 12/2/2018 3:11 PM  |
| 83 | Too bad, nothing we can do, mesh cannot be removed.  | 12/2/2018 2:35 PM  |
| 84 | Have reported the problem to the GP, who advised that there wasn't much that could be done.  | 12/2/2018 2:31 PM  |
| 85 | After 4 operations, he indicated that he could no longer offer any help.   | 12/2/2018 2:25 PM  |
| 86 | No response  | 12/2/2018 1:51 PM  |
| 87 | Difficult to contact the surgeon, when I did he did not want to accept any responsibility.   | 12/2/2018 1:26 PM  |
| 88 | The post mesh implant I raised the issue of the orgasm pain with both the GP and the surgeon and they assured it would go away but in some cases it may take time. It didn't.  | 12/2/2018 1:24 PM  |
| 89 | I was warned to expect the symptoms  | 12/2/2018 1:15 PM  |
| 90 | Ultrasound, now referral to hospital for diagnosis   | 12/2/2018 1:15 PM  |



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| 91  | the specialist said it would go away that was 12 month ago  | 12/2/2018 1:10 PM  |
| 92  | I had a ultra sound but no issues with the hernia repair according to the ultrasound, doctor said if I wanted the next step is a cat scan, I decided to put up with the pain  | 12/2/2018 1:09 PM  |
| 93  | Readily dismissed and suggested no connection to hernia repair.   | 12/2/2018 1:04 PM  |
| 94  | 3 times & was told to "toughen up"!!!!!!  | 12/2/2018 12:51 PM |
| 95  | He did not do it, go to a phyc  | 12/2/2018 12:41 PM |
| 96  | I reported it to my GP and he was not surprised, and explained that it was yet another one that he had had reported.  | 12/2/2018 12:28 PM |
| 97  | Only to surgeon and go. Surgeon that performed the surgery no longer performs them. The surgeon I talked to said it's best to leave it as surgery could make it worse and my situation wasn't life threatening  | 12/2/2018 12:04 PM |
| 98  | If it happens again take myself to hospital more so to have proof other than ours.  | 12/2/2018 12:01 PM |
| 99  | I am aware that little can be done for post-herniorrhaphy pain syndrome. I may seek help eventually.  | 12/2/2018 11:39 AM |
| 100 | The response at the time was to treat with medication and see a pain management clinic to learn how to cope and manage my pain on a daily basis. Not enough is known about nerve damage or chronic nerve pain. If so many suffer from chronic pain conditions, why isn't more research being done to deal with it?                        | 12/2/2018 11:35 AM |
| 101 | I have had ct scans and ultrasounds. My GP thinks that the bowel surgeon who inserted the mesh will be unable to help as no anomaly shows in my results. They prescribed Lyrica, which I am unwilling to take as it affects my mental abilities, contains lactose which I am intolerant of. I don't want pain management I want it fixed. | 12/2/2018 11:34 AM |
| 102 | It will heal with time don't worry  | 12/2/2018 11:30 AM |
| 103 | Nothing they can do   | 12/2/2018 10:48 AM |
| 104 | For second opinion I had scans and advice from The Alfred Hospital. They recognised the problem but could do nothing.   | 12/2/2018 10:32 AM |
| 105 | I made a formal complaint to the AMA at the time - did not seem to be tribunals back in 2001/2. The surgeon did get back to me - cannot remember any specific outcomes of this meeting  | 12/2/2018 10:14 AM |
| 106 | He said this can be normal as it was rubbing on a nerve   | 12/2/2018 9:56 AM  |
| 107 | After a very difficult time trying to get past the receptionist, I finally got an appointment with the Dr. I had severe ascites in my abdominal cavity ( I don't drink). He needed all the fluid out and sent me home.  | 12/2/2018 9:53 AM  |
| 108 | I thought I might have been overdoing things, but having read recently of the experiences of others, I now realise this isn't just 'the new norm'.  | 12/2/2018 9:43 AM  |
| 109 | Surgeon told me I was fine and to get back on my bike (literally)   | 12/2/2018 9:42 AM  |
| 110 | Go and lose 37 kilos so we can repair the hernia.he also wrote a nasty letter about me to the referring gp  | 12/2/2018 9:41 AM  |
| 111 | Recommended to see if the pain settled down, if not then further surgery  | 12/2/2018 9:35 AM  |
| 112 | I have so many nerve surguy and try blocking pain   | 12/2/2018 9:25 AM  |
| 113 | Nothing gained form this  | 12/2/2018 9:25 AM  |
| 114 | Initially they kept me in hospital for an extra day because of the slower recovery for observation. I had one or two check ups later.   | 12/2/2018 9:16 AM  |
| 115 | I spoke to my local GP who said "it happens sometimes but there's nothing you can do about it" and made no record of it.  | 12/2/2018 9:09 AM  |
| 116 | Thought it was normal till I read this article  | 12/2/2018 9:01 AM  |
| 117 | No mention of possible mesh complications. Pain related to the surgery. Just have to wait until I recover.  | 12/2/2018 8:56 AM  |



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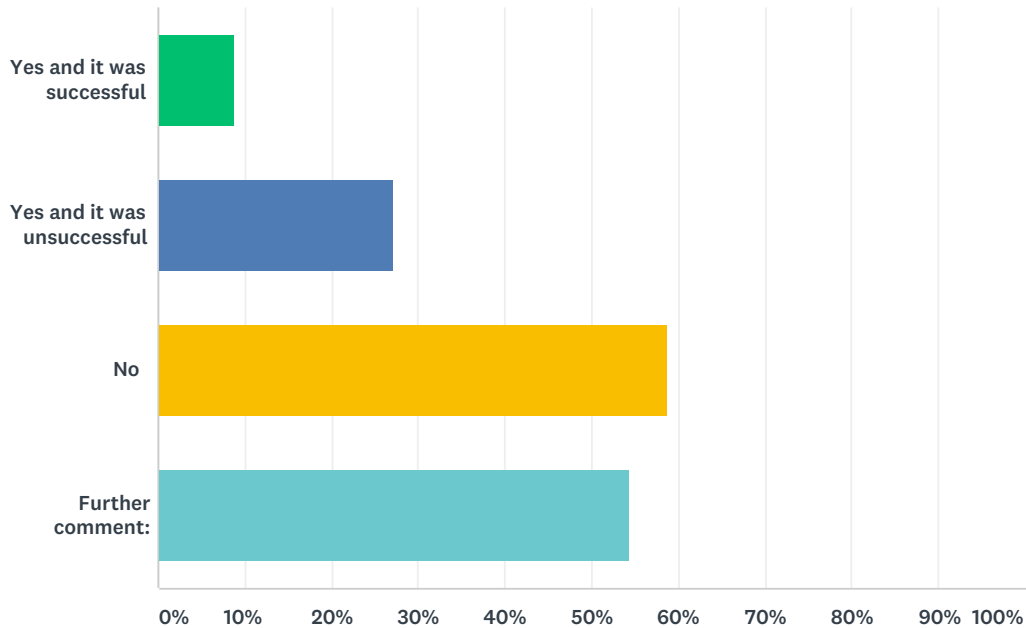
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| 118 | I haven't talked to my doctor about it (even though my operation was 12 or so years ago). Although the discomfort is daily, the intense pain is only every now and then which I thought was normal. I only realised today after reading a news story that many others have similar issues after surgery where mesh has been used and I have now realised that there may be an issue with mesh and that it's not meant to be normal. I also have since read that there was no way of tracking what product was used, materials it was made of, risks that maybe associated with it (eg. no safety data sheet) and no way of really knowing the integrity of the product. The news story has educated me and has also given me links to social media and this survey, hence why I have come forward today. | 12/2/2018 8:30 AM   |
| 119 | they're not going to operate again because there's a risk they'll make it worse. And it's only low level pain, manageable by Panadol, Ibuprofen etc.   | 12/2/2018 8:26 AM   |
| 120 | Planned third repair for later this year   | 12/2/2018 7:57 AM   |
| 121 | Didn't want to know anything about it. GP was one who managed my recovery.   | 12/2/2018 7:32 AM   |
| 122 | "Don't touch it. Leave it alone. Learn to manage and live with the discomfort and pain because to remove it could be more dangerous than beneficial. You could die if another surgery occurred to remove the mesh. There is no safe alternative. The mesh used is safe. There was no alternative than to use this mesh. It's not going to move or burst. You would benefit from losing some weight because that would decrease the pressure on the mesh. Your other medical conditions are more concerning and riskier than this mesh implant. I can refer you to a colleague for a second opinion if you like."   | 11/30/2018 11:13 AM |
| 123 | Yes. And the clinician told me to get back to my work and just to get on with it.  | 11/27/2018 10:06 PM |
| 124 | Initially was told it's in my head But have just talked to a new doctor and they have referred me to a new surgeon for their opinion   | 11/26/2018 7:49 PM  |
| 125 | extremely hard to eradicate  | 11/24/2018 10:11 PM |
| 126 | ly wasn't the mesh. Fobbed me off. Lied and threw me out the room.   | 11/24/2018 6:20 PM  |
| 127 | Ignore and deny tactic   | 11/24/2018 5:43 PM  |
| 128 | Surgeon thought I would have redness in the area if the mesh was a problem...did not really comment on the sudden diagnosis of Lupus..   | 11/20/2018 5:51 PM  |
| 129 | Referral to pain management specialist   | 11/20/2018 1:14 PM  |
| 130 | To my Gp still undergoing tests  | 11/20/2018 12:29 PM |
| 131 | Not yet  | 11/20/2018 12:23 PM |
| 132 | Still waiting after 17 months  | 11/20/2018 5:14 AM  |
| 133 | Local Dr. advised, having treatment and advice from incontinence clinic and being seen by Gyn. surgeon. Treating surgeon has never been advised.   | 11/19/2018 7:15 PM  |
| 134 | Gp exercise more loose weight Surgeon, probably have pain for rest of life learn techniques to deal with the pain  | 11/19/2018 6:33 PM  |
| 135 | He put more mesh over the top of this malfunctioning one.  | 11/19/2018 4:27 PM  |
| 136 | I've told them and nothing comes of it   | 11/18/2018 12:08 PM |
| 137 | He conducted ileoscopies and converted the loop end stoma into an end stoma. This should be in question 5 - my diet has had to be changed to virtual baby food due to the fact that the stoma does not stretch normally as it would without the mesh. There is no give so passing output gets extremely painful.   | 11/18/2018 10:22 AM |
| 138 | Nothing wrong with me im perfectly healthy so go home and be happy its definately not the mesh all the uproar over it is a load of bullshit  | 11/18/2018 9:03 AM  |
| 139 | This happens   | 11/17/2018 5:03 PM  |
| 140 | Did not report anything to the Dr who did the operation but I have asked my GP if this could be a problem but I get fobbed off.  | 11/17/2018 1:36 PM  |
| 141 | Play the dumb game   | 11/16/2018 11:09 PM |
| 142 | Couldn't care less and have told me that it is safe despite continued problems   | 11/16/2018 10:38 PM |

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| 143 | After some months and further investigation (scans, etc.) I insisted on a second opinion from an alternate surgeon who immediately saw on the MRI (the same one the first surgeon saw!) that the mesh appeared to have bunched, hence the pain.   | 11/16/2018 7:46 PM  |
| 144 | Nerve block   | 11/16/2018 5:12 PM  |
| 145 | yes.it originally appeared as a cyst on my abdomen.cyst removed but recurred.after various tests a White Blood Cell Nuclear Scan showed the infection on the mesh.Decision made to remove all the mesh.   | 11/16/2018 5:10 PM  |
| 146 | After 2 visits I'm having it removed, but I'm very concerned about the surgery.   | 11/16/2018 5:00 PM  |
| 147 | Keep getting handballed around and no one wants to deal with it   | 11/16/2018 4:56 PM  |
| 148 | Referred me to a pai management specialist  | 11/16/2018 3:32 PM  |
| 149 | Wait and see  | 11/16/2018 1:21 PM  |
| 150 | Not yet. Still early on since my surgery  | 11/16/2018 1:12 PM  |
| 151 | Told me could not understand why I would be upset with suffering constant pain and learn to live with it. I could look into permanent nerve blocking procedures   | 11/16/2018 12:52 PM |
| 152 | Recommended nerve block injections and to go to pelvic mesh clinic  | 11/16/2018 11:34 AM |
| 153 | Live with it Give me a perscription for 460 Tramadol pain killers   | 11/16/2018 11:13 AM |
| 154 | Have had multiple tests. Ended up with the CFS team but they cannot help with the possibility that the mesh has triggered the CFS. I have also been referred to the 'unexplained illness' specialist who is a psychiatrist - this is a concern that I am being taken down a psychiatric pathway. I asked to see an immunologist and the consultant refused to take the referral from my GP. | 11/16/2018 1:52 AM  |
| 155 | On last check up reported gut/bowel issues, surgeons response was "you can come back and thank me when you've lost weight"  | 11/15/2018 9:40 PM  |
| 156 | Removal of mesh and a large portion of bowel  | 11/15/2018 9:11 PM  |
| 157 | Play the dumb game ... no accountability...   | 11/15/2018 8:51 PM  |
| 158 | dismissive.   | 11/15/2018 8:31 PM  |
| 159 | Still looking for answers.  | 11/15/2018 7:58 PM  |
| 160 | My surgeon is in denial that the mesh could be causing my issues and he's not responding to my further communication  | 11/15/2018 7:51 PM  |

## Q6 Have you received treatment to address the problem

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| ANSWER CHOICES              | RESPONSES  |
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| Yes and it was successful   | 8.70% 16   |
| Yes and it was unsuccessful | 27.17% 50  |
| No                          | 58.70% 108 |
| Further comment:            | 54.35% 100 |
| Total Respondents: 184      |            |

| # | FURTHER COMMENT:   | DATE                |
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| 1 | I have been sent for ultrasounds, x-rays, gastroscopy's, colonoscopy's, by specialists. I have been told it might be irritable bowel syndrome or a stomach bug. One specialist suggested It may be an attachment problem and he may be able to do a partial removal of the mesh? | 1/2/2019 12:25 PM   |
| 2 | I have been advised that to have the mesh removed may entail removing some of the bowel and could cause all sorts of other complications, so I under my current Dr am treating it with laser, massage, etc as mentioned above  | 1/2/2019 11:34 AM   |
| 3 | In most part it was successful But I'm still hindered by this around 20-30 % of my movement is restricted due to this issue  | 12/17/2018 7:13 PM  |
| 4 | I have tried chiropractic which gives temporary relief. Very brief.  | 12/15/2018 7:06 PM  |
| 5 | Right groin need to be operated just had left done twice   | 12/15/2018 10:30 AM |
| 6 | Mesh was removed, but im still ill   | 12/14/2018 10:22 AM |
| 7 | No because nothing was found to be wrong.  | 12/12/2018 2:50 PM  |
| 8 | doctor says mesh ok. has not checked with x-ray.   | 12/9/2018 7:15 PM   |
| 9 | 2.5 years waiting for a colonoscopy. They tried laxatives at one stage but the results were intolerable & it didn't fix it. Apparently I have a large (almost poolball sized) lump where my bowel was pinched off / blocked. (Detected by ultrasound)                            | 12/7/2018 3:43 PM   |

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| 10 | Yes, Variety of pain killers! Cortisone injection.   | 12/7/2018 7:58 AM  |
| 11 | Seeing psychologist at pain management clinic only every couple of weeks - advised to not take opiates as addictive, told to pace myself and that's about it. A forum to vent to someone but no real solution - just to put up with the "new normal". No real discussion about the possibility of mesh causing my pain, my very knowledgeable GP wasn't even aware of the problem of post operative hernia mesh pain, had to give her information to get her up to speed!  | 12/6/2018 11:30 PM |
| 12 | I assumed there was nothing that could be done about it  | 12/6/2018 10:01 PM |
| 13 | I'm.in a position where pharmaceutical meds make my issues worse so I had to work.with my naturopath on practical intervention to help me cope without the dietary intervention and supplements I believe I would not be around today I also believe I would be wheelchair bound as I almost bought a wheelchair in 2015 I realized if I sat down in a wheelchair I was going to die with my multiple issues so I do all I can to stay on my feet, Insomnia from pain issues has also been a major complication, I'm.at the point where I can only manage the damage I believe my issues are a life time thing thanks to the implantable mesh device, I lodged a formal complaint against a staff member at franskon hospital In 2015 or 2016 when he tried to pass off my complications as mental illness with in a week or so hospital called me back to tee up.appointment to see head of the surgical department about mesh removal, He did a good job with removal considering the mess mesh left me in Still to this day I don't trust drs much as I feel a lot that could have helped me only lied to me the scariest thing was when I realized because they left it so long its irreparable damage, My brother confided in me that he didn't think I would see 2016 I said to him at the time your not the only one I honesty don't know how I got through 2015 I was sure the infection would take me out if I didn't neck myself first, Truth is most of my family don't understand the magnitude of my health issues, I needed a lot of help to move house as I can't lift furniture like I used to as I said it never reherniated it was just loads of nerve damage and infection that triggered spasticity and to many other issue. It seems like Parkinson's to me but neurologist says not Felt like cross between Parkinson's Alzheimer's and ms when the mesh failed. I now live in NSW as the heat helps ease my fibro And spasticity. | 12/6/2018 7:52 PM  |
| 14 | Have had two surgeries and told the remaining mesh may also become contaminated and require further surgery. Time bomb   | 12/6/2018 9:59 AM  |
| 15 | I've had quarterzone injunctions helped a little bit   | 12/6/2018 6:14 AM  |
| 16 | Ongoing treatment to manage pain and lymphatic issues  | 12/5/2018 8:07 PM  |
| 17 | Mesh was taken out   | 12/5/2018 7:47 PM  |
| 18 | On Lyrica and panadeine forte for pain, nausea tablets, surgeon advised against any further action. He said he could recommend a colleague for a second opinion if desired.  | 12/5/2018 6:58 PM  |
| 19 | Antibiotics  | 12/5/2018 6:46 PM  |
| 20 | I have been to a Natropath to try help with the pain in my stomach, it is ongoing, but totally out of my reach financially   | 12/5/2018 6:18 PM  |
| 21 | Tried multiple nerve blocks but they had no effect   | 12/5/2018 5:28 PM  |
| 22 | Some pain has disappeared  | 12/5/2018 12:28 PM |
| 23 | I've had a colonoscopy but still the pain persists   | 12/4/2018 10:01 PM |
| 24 | Amitriptyline With all kinds of side effects   | 12/4/2018 6:30 PM  |
| 25 | See above, have only just become aware of how extensive the problem is.  | 12/4/2018 5:26 PM  |
| 26 | Cortisone injections into my groin, the injections were so painful I never went back, I think it did help a little   | 12/4/2018 4:10 PM  |
| 27 | Paine killers and anti inflammatory medication with little relief. I get relief at night when i fold a small wheat bag and place at the area of pain and roll onto the pillow to sleep.  | 12/4/2018 6:44 AM  |
| 28 | Several operations latter and I still have a hernia  | 12/4/2018 1:14 AM  |
| 29 | I tried but humiliated by doctors  | 12/3/2018 10:12 PM |
| 30 | I don't think anyone has looked if it's a mash issue, I've had Exploratory surgery and colonoscopy with out any benefit in reduction of pain   | 12/3/2018 8:35 PM  |
| 31 | See q5.  | 12/3/2018 8:03 PM  |

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| 32 | They told me it was probably nerve damage, so sent me for a guided injection nerve blocker..., it didn't work.  | 12/3/2018 5:57 PM  |
| 33 | 2nd surgeon described original mesh as 'a mess' unable to be removed and had to be secured as it was hazardous. Repair lasted some time. But not sustained. Need to go back but can't face it   | 12/3/2018 5:36 PM  |
| 34 | As per previous question  | 12/3/2018 5:27 PM  |
| 35 | Haven't been back to gp yet but issue seems to be the rigidity of the mesh compared to the surrounding muscles and ligaments the mesh appears to be in right place if this is the case I doubt much can be done about it  | 12/3/2018 11:43 AM |
| 36 | Pain management is all they did.  | 12/3/2018 11:37 AM |
| 37 | 9 surgeries, 5 different meshes used. Pain persists, plus I was left with a chronic bacterial infection which requires lifelong antibiotics.  | 12/3/2018 11:14 AM |
| 38 | Saw another surgeon- same response.   | 12/3/2018 9:00 AM  |
| 39 | mesh removed.   | 12/3/2018 8:12 AM  |
| 40 | All sort of mind altering drugs. No affect  | 12/3/2018 6:23 AM  |
| 41 | I am on various medications and had a neurectomy to try to stop the pain. It has been somewhat successful - the pain is lessening gradually but it is a long and slow and unpredictable road.   | 12/3/2018 4:51 AM  |
| 42 | Basically, monitoring and paracetamol.  | 12/3/2018 4:36 AM  |
| 43 | Cortisone injections a few months after surgery. They said nothing else could be done. Just need to live with it. Sometimes I think they didn't believe I was in so much pain.  | 12/2/2018 11:25 PM |
| 44 | need to see a doctor  | 12/2/2018 11:02 PM |
| 45 | I developed a painful and dangerous infection on the mesh approximately 15 years after it was implanted. I've now had 6 surgeries over the course of three years to try and remove the abscess/infection/oozing sinus and currently have most of the mesh removed and am suffering from the hernia again. Whilst the mesh was present and now that it is not, I've had occasional discomfort in the local area, and often suffered an internal burning sensation during ejaculation. I'm waiting to have 12 months of no recurring infection symptoms, before they can attempt to fix the hernia. | 12/2/2018 10:37 PM |
| 46 | Just given more painkillers   | 12/2/2018 10:05 PM |
| 47 | see above   | 12/2/2018 8:06 PM  |
| 48 | Apparently no support offered   | 12/2/2018 6:43 PM  |
| 49 | No further treatment is needed. I hope it stays that way. I can feel for the guy in the story.  | 12/2/2018 5:27 PM  |
| 50 | My pain is still unexplained.   | 12/2/2018 4:55 PM  |
| 51 | Many times unsuccessful four different surgeons op on me over the years.  | 12/2/2018 4:10 PM  |
| 52 | had mesh removed but due to IBD from it i live with that issue still and can only eat very basis foods  | 12/2/2018 3:52 PM  |
| 53 | The pills that I was given had an adverse affect on me, the pain still exists   | 12/2/2018 3:43 PM  |
| 54 | I did speak to a local GP who agreed that the bulge did not look right who in turn suggested I go back & see my surgeon which I did to no avail   | 12/2/2018 3:11 PM  |
| 55 | I have spent far too much time and money investigating and trying treatments to end the pain to no avail.   | 12/2/2018 2:35 PM  |
| 56 | Only as listed above, 3 follow-up operations  | 12/2/2018 2:25 PM  |
| 57 | I was put in touch with a hernia specialist, a professor that specialises in hernia repairs, his letter to me while protecting the industry and his colleagues did conclude that the surgery was the cause of my complications and his best advice to my general practitioner was to prescribe me pain killers and anti-depressants indefinitely and that there was little that could be achieved by me having additional surgery and that I would have to live with chronic pain for ever.   | 12/2/2018 1:26 PM  |
| 58 | I am going for neural injections and possibly further operations to fix the problem   | 12/2/2018 1:10 PM  |

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| 59 | Another operation - open surgery funded by family. Removal of tack & repairing hernia. Mesh still in place  | 12/2/2018 12:51 PM  |
| 60 | Sent to pain management at Royal Melbourne and they did not know what to do.  | 12/2/2018 12:41 PM  |
| 61 | I had three "herna pop outs" sought 2nd opinion from medical practitioner from same clinic who examined me and referred me immediately to another surgeon. My original GP was training and assisted the first surgeon and/or did the first repair. He has since not addressed the whole situation with me nor offered any explanation as to his lack of due diligence.  | 12/2/2018 12:01 PM  |
| 62 | The medications to treat my pain only work to a certain degree, none have been able to eliminate the pain totally and there has often been the nasty side effects associated with certain medications. There has only recently been available certain surgical procedures to reduce or eliminate my chronic pain. The problem is they are far to costly and not an affordable option for me at this point in time or the near future. | 12/2/2018 11:35 AM  |
| 63 | The nerve has grown through the mesh and no doctor will go there  | 12/2/2018 11:30 AM  |
| 64 | After some years finally got on to a Pain Management specialist and got me doing core strength exercises that reduced the pain from Moderate intermittent to Mild intermittent - I still do these exercises a couple of times a week and the pain does come back I stop -   | 12/2/2018 10:14 AM  |
| 65 | It eventually went away   | 12/2/2018 9:56 AM   |
| 66 | I have ongoing allergy problems that restrict me heavily.   | 12/2/2018 9:53 AM   |
| 67 | Settled down after several years and now only an occasional shooting pain on some days  | 12/2/2018 9:42 AM   |
| 68 | Still doing alot nerve blocking   | 12/2/2018 9:25 AM   |
| 69 | Per comments above ongoing issues   | 12/2/2018 9:25 AM   |
| 70 | I suppose I haven't really gone back to explain my issues because I was warned these things could happen so I am just living with it as I doubt anything further can be done. I have tried losing weight to reduce the pressure on the hernia and pain as I gained weight after the operation due to the long recovery time.  | 12/2/2018 9:16 AM   |
| 71 | I had pain relief injected into the nerve. And took nerve blockers for awhile.  | 12/2/2018 8:56 AM   |
| 72 | I have only loosened clothing, taken Panadol and rested.  | 12/2/2018 8:30 AM   |
| 73 | Was medication for 2 years.   | 12/2/2018 7:32 AM   |
| 74 | I went into another hospital to have an exploratory operation to find out what was going on. I was taken down to operating theatre last thing in the morning as they thought it was a cut and shut. Three and a half hours later after trying to remove the mesh from my right side. Surgeon said it was a mess trying to get the mesh out as it was embedded in my tissues.  | 11/27/2018 10:06 PM |
| 75 | mesh gets trimmed and cut away on 3monthly appointments   | 11/24/2018 10:11 PM |
| 76 | I had both meshes removed   | 11/24/2018 7:24 PM  |
| 77 | Pain clinics but that dont fix the problem. Neurological clinics.   | 11/24/2018 6:20 PM  |
| 78 | Its still 15 to 20percent attached to my spermatic cord   | 11/24/2018 5:43 PM  |
| 79 | Have had nerve injury from removal itself and recurring hernias after removal.  | 11/21/2018 5:42 AM  |
| 80 | Pharmaceutical Physio Spinal stimulator   | 11/20/2018 1:14 PM  |
| 81 | Still identifying problems  | 11/20/2018 12:29 PM |
| 82 | Have seen surgeon re removal of hernia mesh but he is not at all confident that outcome would not be worse and that other organs could be damaged. No sign of any further treatment for bladder problems.   | 11/19/2018 7:15 PM  |
| 83 | It is hard to find and one surgeon told me there is a risk of death also.   | 11/19/2018 4:27 PM  |
| 84 | I have been told that there is nothing more that can be done and just manage the pain.  | 11/18/2018 10:22 AM |
| 85 | Drugs and more drugs  | 11/16/2018 11:09 PM |
| 86 | While my pain has decreased substantially, I still experience daily pain and cannot exercise as I used to, resulting in weight gain.  | 11/16/2018 7:46 PM  |
| 87 | I have subsequently been to many Drs, including nerve block in the end  | 11/16/2018 5:12 PM  |

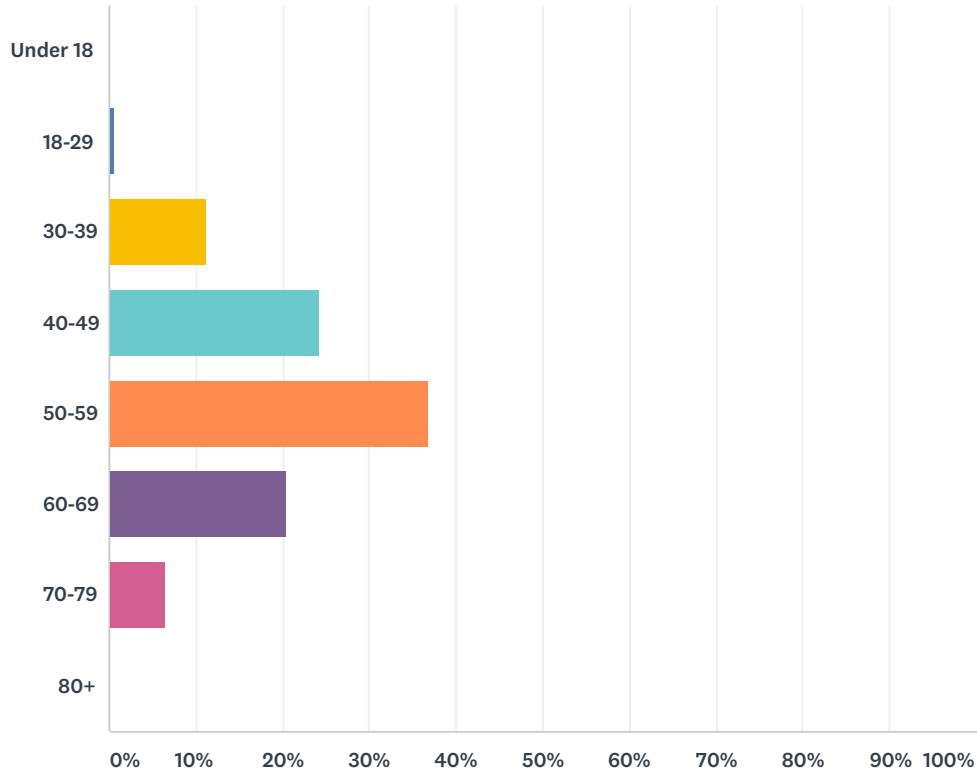
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| 88  | Yes the mesh was removed successfully. But the hernia recurred 4/5 months later. Further surgery needed.  | 11/16/2018 5:10 PM  |
| 89  | Just pain relief and nerve block in which I refused.  | 11/16/2018 5:00 PM  |
| 90  | Now on so many pills, had neurological spinal stimulator implanted which has been unsuccessful  | 11/16/2018 3:32 PM  |
| 91  | Nothing we can do???  | 11/16/2018 1:47 PM  |
| 92  | Chiropractic treatment help relieve trapped nerves for short periods of time. Eg 2 weeks the financial cost has been huge but trying to reduce need to take medicines | 11/16/2018 12:52 PM |
| 93  | No improvement at all   | 11/16/2018 11:34 AM |
| 94  | i require surgery to remove mesh but finding surgeon in Australia hard . Found one in UK who said mesh should come out sooner that later                              | 11/16/2018 11:13 AM |
| 95  | but only time will tell so far can walk without pain and fewer issues with my IBS since been done   | 11/16/2018 10:38 AM |
| 96  | Referral to CFS team and psychiatric referral. None of which acknowledge that the mesh might be causing my symptoms.  | 11/16/2018 1:52 AM  |
| 97  | Very painful surgery to recover from  | 11/15/2018 9:11 PM  |
| 98  | Drugs   | 11/15/2018 8:51 PM  |
| 99  | It's complicated as the professionals would say.  | 11/15/2018 7:58 PM  |
| 100 | I have had two separate injections of steroids into the inguinal canal  | 11/15/2018 7:51 PM  |



### Q8 Your age group?

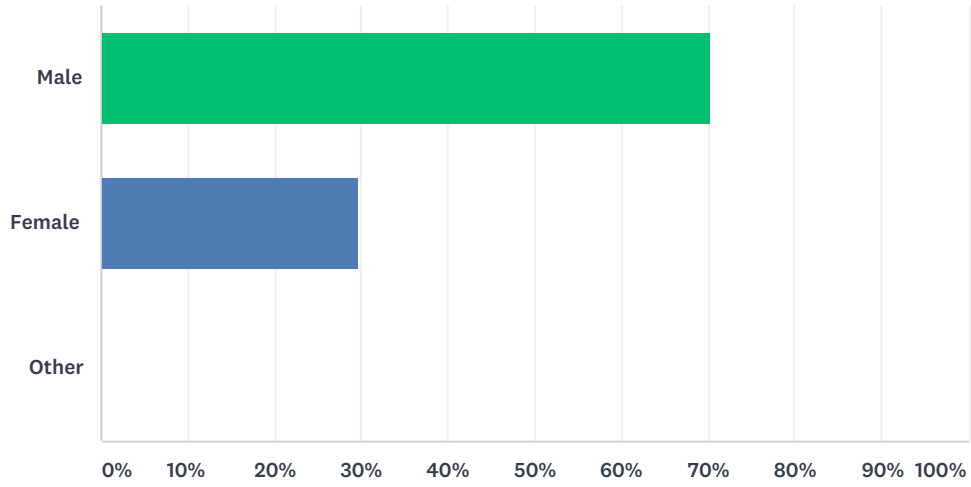
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |            |
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| Under 18       | 0.00%     | 0          |
| 18-29          | 0.54%     | 1          |
| 30-39          | 11.35%    | 21         |
| 40-49          | 24.32%    | 45         |
| 50-59          | 36.76%    | 68         |
| 60-69          | 20.54%    | 38         |
| 70-79          | 6.49%     | 12         |
| 80+            | 0.00%     | 0          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |           | <b>185</b> |

### Q9 Gender

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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Male           | 70.27%    | 130 |
| Female         | 29.73%    | 55  |
| Other          | 0.00%     | 0   |
| TOTAL          |           | 185 |