

Medical Crib Sheet

When you speak to your doctor or surgeon about your hip replacement procedure and what's gone wrong with the DePuy ASR XL Acetabular System, it's important to remember that your doctor likely had no reason to believe that the device was defective. Also, your doctor may not be fully aware of all the complications being reported. This crib sheet is designed to make sure you have important information to take care of your health moving forward.

PLEASE NOTE: *This crib sheet is ONLY designed to help people who have a DePuy ASR hip implant. If you believe you have another type of hip implant that is causing you concern, please contact your doctor.*

Tests and procedures you may want to ask for:

Tell your doctor about any and all physical symptoms you're experiencing, especially if you are feeling any pain or if you can see any change in the area around the hip implant.

Ask for a blood test to check for heavy metal poisoning. Specifically, you need a blood test to check for your chromium and cobalt levels.

Ask for copies of the X-rays of the initial implant. Your doctor should have these on file and you are entitled to copies of them; they're in your medical records.

Ask for a test to check for metal hypersensitivity.

Questions you may want to ask:

Do I need a hip revision surgery immediately?

If I need a hip revision surgery right away, what are the chances of that surgery being successful?

Is it possible to check for metallosis?

If your doctor recommends revision surgery:

BE SURE TO LET YOUR DOCTOR KNOW YOU WANT TO SAVE YOUR EXPLANT. DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING THAT ALLOWS DEPUY ACCESS TO YOUR MEDICAL RECORDS OR YOUR EXPLANT.

This is extremely important. Your medical records and the explant itself are the best evidence you have in the case against DePuy, and DePuy is trying to gain access to patient records. Don't sign away your legal rights.

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