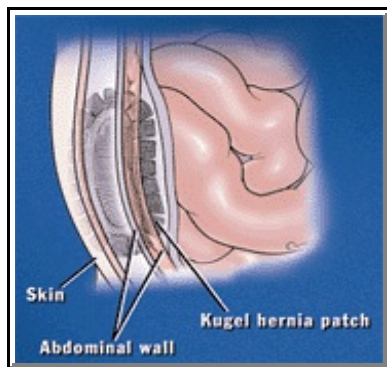
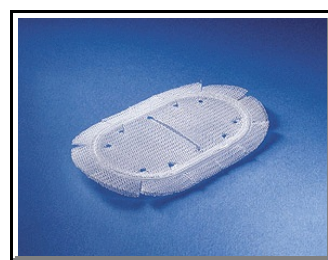


# Kugel Hernia Repair Mesh Patch Recall Warns Patients of Risk of Death, FDA Urges Medical Attention



The FDA has urged patients determine if they have a Bard Kugel Mesh Hernia Patch that is part of the FDA hernia mesh recall. The U. S. Food and Drug Administration recently issued a “Class 1” recall of these hernia mesh repair patches because the defect associated with the use or exposure to the Patch has a reasonable probability to cause serious adverse health consequences, including death, according to the FDA.

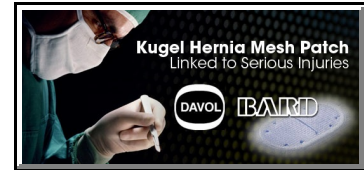
Patients who have had a hernia repaired with a mesh patch should review the latest recall information to see if they are affected, and they should register for compensation claims by contacting the MATTHEWS & FULLMER law firm and speaking with an attorney immediately about your claim at 1.800.899.3352.



The Bard® Composix® Kugel® Mesh Patch (Kugel Patch) was used to repair ventral or incisional hernias caused by thinning or stretching of scar tissue that occurs around incisions after surgery. The working component of the patch is a plastic “memory recoil ring” that causes the patch to spring open after surgeons fold it flat in order to insert it into the body. Unfortunately, this “memory recoil ring” is prone to breakage during the stress of placing it inside the body. Should this device break, it can cause a number of serious and potentially life-threatening complications, such as bowel perforation and/or chronic intestinal fistulae, or abnormal connections of passageways between intestines and other gastrointestinal organs.

The Composix Kugel Mesh Patch is manufactured by Davol, Inc., a division of C.R. Bard. On January 24, 2007, the FDA issued the following Kugel Hernia Patch safety alert: “Recall classified as Class I because the defect associated with the use or exposure to the Bard Composix Kugel Mesh Large Patch has a reasonable probability to cause serious adverse health consequences, including death.”

The FDA has urged patients to determine if they have one of the defective hernia patches that is part of the FDA hernia mesh recall. The U. S. Food and Drug Administration recently issued a “Class 1” recall of these hernia mesh repair patches because the defect associated with the use or exposure to the Bard® Composix® Kugel® Mesh Large Patch has a reasonable probability to cause serious adverse health consequences, including death, according to the FDA.



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Additional patches manufactured and distributed by Davol Inc. and C.R. Bard, Inc. have been included in the investigation of defective hernia mesh patches. The current list of potentially defective hernia mesh patches has been expanded to include the following patches:

- All nine (9) models of the Bard® Composix® Kugel® Hernia Patches (Product Codes 0010201 through 0010209)
- All other Davol hernia patches with PET rings, including the Bard® Kugel® Hernia Patch; Bard® Ventralex® Hernia Patch; Bard CK Parastomal Patch; and Bard® Modified Kugel™ Patch; and
- Other Davol hernia meshes composed of layers of polypropylene and ePTFE, including the Bard® Composix® E/X Mesh.

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If you are not sure what type of hernia mesh patch you have implanted in you and you would like additional information about how you should proceed with your possible claim, please contact MATTHEWS & FULLMER today. Please contact us at 1.800.899.3352.

Thousands of claims have already been filed by individuals who were implanted with a defective hernia mesh patch. If you or a loved one believe you have been implanted with a defective hernia mesh patch, you should take immediate action to protect your rights. Claims must be filed within certain periods of time, depending on your state, and failing to take timely action could result in your claims being rejected or denied.

We offer a free, no hassle consultation. Call today and speak with an attorney about your claim, 1.800.899.3352.

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