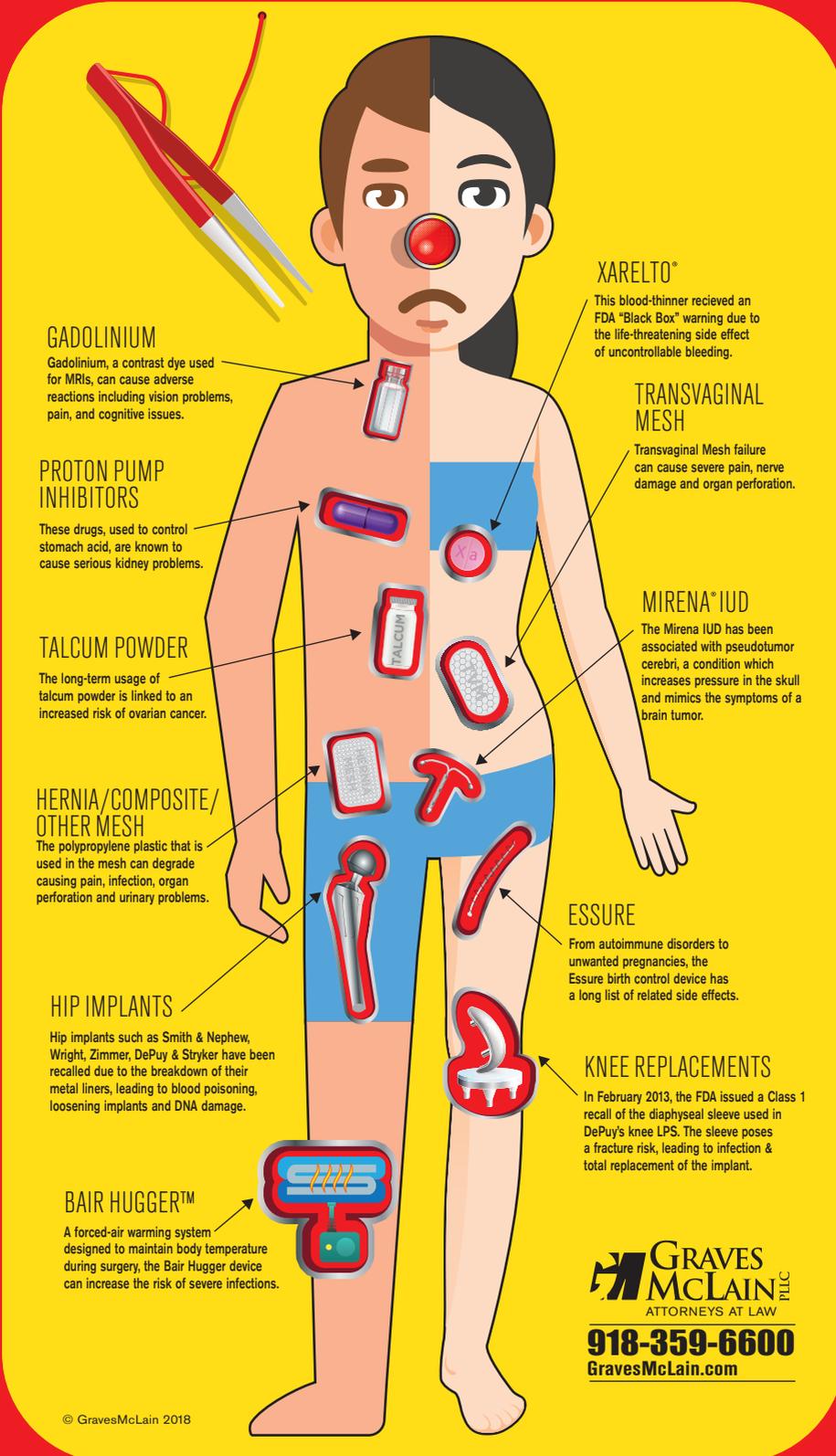


Defective Medical Devices & Dangerous Drugs

Thousands of medical devices are recalled every year, due to serious product defects that cause severe harm. Many people will require revision surgery and extensive, painful rehabilitation to recover. To help you stay informed about defective products, below is a list of the most common and the damage they cause.



GADOLINIUM

Gadolinium, a contrast dye used for MRIs, can cause adverse reactions including vision problems, pain, and cognitive issues.

PROTON PUMP INHIBITORS

These drugs, used to control stomach acid, are known to cause serious kidney problems.

TALCUM POWDER

The long-term usage of talcum powder is linked to an increased risk of ovarian cancer.

HERNIA/COMPOSITE/OTHER MESH

The polypropylene plastic that is used in the mesh can degrade causing pain, infection, organ perforation and urinary problems.

HIP IMPLANTS

Hip implants such as Smith & Nephew, Wright, Zimmer, DePuy & Stryker have been recalled due to the breakdown of their metal liners, leading to blood poisoning, loosening implants and DNA damage.

BAIR HUGGER™

A forced-air warming system designed to maintain body temperature during surgery, the Bair Hugger device can increase the risk of severe infections.

XARELTO®

This blood-thinner received an FDA "Black Box" warning due to the life-threatening side effect of uncontrollable bleeding.

TRANSVAGINAL MESH

Transvaginal Mesh failure can cause severe pain, nerve damage and organ perforation.

MIRENA® IUD

The Mirena IUD has been associated with pseudotumor cerebri, a condition which increases pressure in the skull and mimics the symptoms of a brain tumor.

ESSURE

From autoimmune disorders to unwanted pregnancies, the Essure birth control device has a long list of related side effects.

KNEE REPLACEMENTS

In February 2013, the FDA issued a Class 1 recall of the diaphyseal sleeve used in DePuy's knee LPS. The sleeve poses a fracture risk, leading to infection & total replacement of the implant.

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