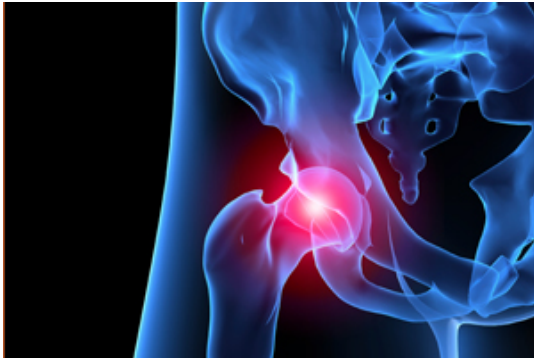


FLASH: Stryker recalls pair of metal hip implants, halts global production

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Orthopedic devices maker Stryker recalls a pair of metal-on-metal hip implants and halts global production after discovering potential for "fretting and/or corrosion" that could cause pain, swelling and tissue damage.



Orthopedic devices giant [Stryker](#) [1] (NYSE:[SYK](#) [2]) announced recall of a pair of hip implants over concerns that the devices may be prone to "fretting and/or corrosion at or about the modular-neck junction," which may lead to pain, swelling and adverse reactions in surrounding tissue.

The recall affects the company's Rejuvenate Modular and ABG II modular-neck hip stems, and Stryker decided to terminate global production of the devices after discovering a potential trend in post-market surveillance data.

"While modular-neck stems provide surgeons with an option to correct certain aspects of a patient's anatomy and hip biomechanics, given the potential risks associated with fretting and corrosion at the modular neck junction, Stryker Orthopaedics decided to take this voluntary action," hip reconstruction vice president and general manager Stuart Simpson said in prepared remarks.

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