

Growing metal-on-metal hip controversy threatens to swallow more device makers

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With patients and physicians submitting adverse events to the FDA and law firms soliciting patients with injuries, the metal-on-metal hip legal storm may be headed to Smith & Nephew next, even though the company's Birmingham hip resurfacing systems have yet to undergo a recall.



As the legal fallout over metal-on-metal hip implants continue to grow, the controversy threatens to swallow all MoM device makers, even those that have avoided a recall so far.

Orthopedic device maker [Smith & Nephew](#) [1] (FTSE:[SN](#) [2], NYSE:[SNN](#) [3]) may be the next to see patient complaints, as adverse event reports gathered from the FDA's MAUDE database progress into lawsuits and then into a collective legal action.

Fellow device maker [Biomet has already blazed that trail](#) [4], with a raft of personal injury lawsuits against its M2A Magnum MoM hips consolidated in a federal court in Indiana, despite the fact that those devices have not been recalled.

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