Legal: 1st DePuy metal-on-metal hip lawsuit hits Ireland

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Ireland marks the 1st lawsuit against metal-on-metal hip maker DePuy Orthopaedics, with local reports predicting many copy-cat suits to follow.



The controversy over <u>Johnson & Johnson</u> [1] (NYSE:<u>JNJ</u> [2]) subsidiary DePuy Orthopaedics' recalled metal-on-metal hip implants hit courts in Ireland for the 1st time this week.

Irene Pierson, who had both hips replaced with DePuy implants, filed a lawsuit against Johnson & Johnson, DePuy and Ireland's Health Service Executive, a regulatory body responsible for overseeing public healthcare and social services.

Pierson had her right hip fitted with a DePuy implant in March 2007 and her left hip in September 2008, and claims that the implants were "not of merchantable quality, and have both commenced to malfunction," the <u>Kildare Nationalist</u> [3] reported.

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