Life After Failing TVM Treatments is a Rollercoaster of Side Effects for Women

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CONCORD, Calif., May 15, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Imagine what it would feel like to have a cheese grater wearing at your tissue every time you moved. For women with **transvaginal mesh** [1] (TVM) implants this stomach wrenching analogy can hit home all too closely. Complications from the surgical mesh began being reported shortly after it was introduced in the 1990's. With years of data supporting the dangers of transvaginal mesh the question arises - Why did the FDA not issue a warning until 2008?

Conditions Treated by Transvaginal Mesh
The practice of inserting surgical mesh into women arose as a solution to multiple medical conditions involving the bladder and reproductive organs. TVM was used to treat:

* Pelvic organ prolapse, a condition marked by weakened pelvic muscles and organs (such as the bladder, rectum and uterus) dropping into the vagina. Prolapse most often affects women after childbirth, a hysterectomy or menopause.

* Stress urinary incontinence, a problem marked by leaking urine as a result of pelvic muscles that are unable to support the bladder and urethra. These types of conditions were treated with surgical slings made of the mesh. In research reviewed by the FDA ten percent of women treated with TVM to correct pelvic organ prolapse faced severe and life changing complications within one year of the surgery.

Complications Caused by Transvaginal Mesh The most serious complication of TVM is mesh erosion or mesh extrusion. Transvaginal erosion occurs when the coarse edges of the synthetic material cut through the vaginal lining and other neighboring organs. This can cause a number of problems including infection, bleeding, organ perforation, painful intercourse or even urinary incontinence. Other less severe complication caused by transvaginal mesh are constipation, vaginal scaring and bladder infections.

Resources for Sufferers of Transvaginal Mesh Side Effects
Four major manufacturers produced the majority of surgical mesh used in the United States. These companies have been served with over 700 lawsuits from women affected by the transvaginal mesh product. Receiving financial compensation alone is not enough for the women who suffer from TVM complications. The side effects of the mesh often leave life-long physical and emotional damage that leave women unable to live the lives they were meant for.

There is a resource for women in need of assistance to rebuild their lives and planning for the future after transvaginal mesh or surgical sling implants failed

them. To assist sufferers of mesh implant complications Dr. Greg Vigna , a Certified Life Care Planner and founder of the Life Care Solutions Group, recently launched **TVM123.com** [1]. Commenting on the TVM resource Greg notes, "I am pleased to mention Dr. Michael Hibner , an internationally recognized authority in the field of urogynecology, along with attorney Howard Nations who together with the Life Care Solutions Group are offering the best in medical information and comprehensive legal solutions for your transvaginal mesh case."

Women are encouraged to visit TVM123.com to learn how to take their life back after experiencing mesh surgery side effects.

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