



QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR STRYKER

REJUVENATE DOCTOR

At Kershaw|Talley, we represent hundreds of individuals with defective hips. After reviewing thousands of medical records, and speaking with numerous orthopedic surgeons, we discovered alarming variations in the way orthopedic surgeons deal with patients implanted with Stryker Rejuvenate or ABGII hips. There are surgeons who are aggressive in their treatment and opt for revision surgery. Others, err on the side of caution and closely monitor their patients via repeat blood tests, XRAYs, and physical examination. In addition, many surgeons have little information on the most recent science regarding cobalt and chromium toxicity, and the impact these metals can have on your body.

For your convenience, we compiled a list of questions every Stryker patient should ask their surgeon. This ensures your clinician is taking the appropriate steps necessary for your treatment while aiding an understanding of his or her opinions with respect to your hip. We hope these questions are helpful. If you have any comments or concerns about your doctor's answers to these questions, please feel free to contact us at (888) 635-3970 or by email at stalley@kcrlegal.com and wkershaw@kcrlegal.com

QUESTIONS

1. What is your understanding as to why the Rejuvenate or ABG II was recalled?
2. What types of tests do you believe should be performed to make sure that metal ions from my Stryker hip are not causing tissue damage in my hip?
3. What types of complications can result from tissue damage?
4. What types of things do you look at when deciding to recommend revision surgery?
5. Should I be getting a blood test to determine the amount of titanium in my blood, in addition to blood tests for cobalt and chromium? Are there any known risks associated with titanium?
6. How much cobalt and chromium in my blood is too much? Do I have to be worried about any long term health issues such as cancer, thyroid disorders, or heart issues?
7. What do the most recent studies say about the health impacts of having high levels of chromium and cobalt in my body?

8. What is your understanding of the revision rates for the Stryker ABG II and Rejuvenate hips?
9. If you think my hip is likely to fail in the future, is there any reason to wait until the metal ions have caused damage to my hip before having surgery?
10. If I don't have revision surgery, should I be getting my blood tested for cobalt and chromium on a regular basis? If so, how often?
11. If I don't have revision surgery, should I be getting MRIs performed on a regular basis? If so, how often?
12. What are the risks of having revision surgery?
13. What does revision surgery entail? Will you be removing all of the hardware?
14. How many revision surgeries have you personally performed where the stem had to be removed? What is your complication rate with these surgeries?
15. After revision surgery will the rehab be different than my first operation?
16. Do I need to be more concerned about fracturing my femur during rehab since you are replacing the stem?
17. In what percentage of the revision surgeries performed by you, were you able to remove the stem without fracturing the femur?
18. What type of hip would you use to replace the Stryker Rejuvenate or ABG II?
19. How long is the recovery period expected to be after revision surgery?