

## Power Morcellator Lawsuit Claims Tool Exposed, Spread, And Upstaged Uterine Cancer

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Banville Law reports on another lawsuit, this one filed against manufacturer Gyrus Acmi LP in regards to the power morcellator tool they manufacture. It is one of many filed against various laparoscopic power morcellator manufacturers, which all share similar allegations that when the devices are used for hysterectomies or myomectomies on uterine fibroids, they can uncover and spread uterine cancer cells which were previously hidden from doctors and patients.

Details from the plaintiff state that the laparoscopic power morcellator which was used during her gynecological surgery both exposed and spread cancer cells which had previously been encapsulated within one of her uterine fibroids. When inside of the fibroid in this way, the cells are virtually impossible to detect without surgery.

As many others do, the woman in this case states that the quickly rotating blades on the morcellator spread the sarcoma cells throughout her body. Although she was deemed cancer free before surgery, she was diagnosed with a widespread and high-grade cancer shortly after surgery. She continues to fight this cancer today, but it is not responding well to treatments and has negatively impacted her likelihood of surviving the

disease.

Lawsuits very similar to this one have been filed nation-wide, bringing much attention to power morcellation

procedures. In 2014, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a safety warning regarding the device,

asking women to refrain from undergoing power morcellation to remove uterine fibroids due to a risk of

spreading previously undetected cancers. They also estimated that 1 out of every 350 women who currently

undergo these procedures may have uterine sarcoma cells and not know it.

Again on December 31st, 2015, the FDA drew attention to the device when they announced a new policy

designed to inform the public sooner when medical devices are being investigated.

Morcellator lawsuits continue grow in number, and those filed against manufacturer Ethicon (a division of

Johnson & Donson) have been consolidated by the U.S. Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation to form

MDL No. 2652 in the U.S. District of Kansas where they are currently presided over by Judge Kathryn H.

Vratil. They have made history as the first women-majority MDL.

The attorneys at Banville Law are working to help women who may have undergone laparoscopic power

morcellation and who were subsequently diagnosed with cancer to ensure that they have the opportunity to

explore their legal rights. These women may be entitled to compensation. At this time, the attorneys at

Banville Law are offering free legal consultations to those affected.

To request more information or ask questions, please contact Banville Law by calling (888) 997-3792.

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