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Number to Know ...37,724

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A total of 37,724 women have filed suit against **Johnson & Johnson**-subsidiary Ethicon Endo-Surgery in ongoing multi-district litigation being heard in the Southern District of West Virginia. The women say they were injured by the company's pelvic mesh products.

Ethicon Endo-Surgery is facing a class action involving 37, 724 women, as of Mar. 6, who are suing the Johnson & Johnson-subsidiary for complications they suffered after being implanted with the company's pelvic mesh. These women received the mesh implants to treat urinary incontinence or pelvic organ prolapse and have reported complications including pain and the need for revision surgeries. The US FDA and manufacturers of these products had acknowledged safety concerns with these products back in 2012. Other pelvic mesh makers embroiled in these suits include Covidien Ltd., Boston Scientific Corp. and Cook Medical Inc.; the companies have settled some complaints, but many more remain open.

To find out how high the jury awards in these mesh cases have been to date, read *Medtech Insight*'s latest story on this subject <u>here</u>.