



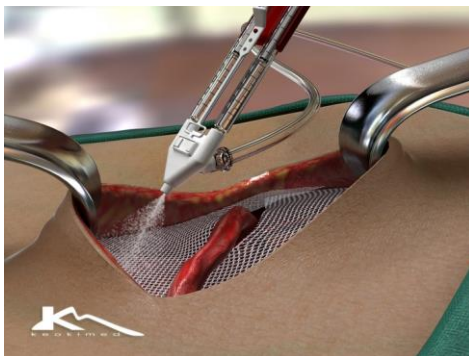
Hernia Mesh

A hernia occurs when an organ, intestine or fatty tissue squeezes through a hole or a weak spot in the surrounding muscle or connective tissue. Hernias often occur at the abdominal wall. Sometimes a hernia can be visible as an external bulge particularly when straining or bearing down. Hernias can occur in both men and women. The most common types of hernias are inguinal: Protrusion of abdominal-cavity contents through the inguinal canal. Femoral: An uncommon type of hernia. It's estimated that only about 1 in every 20 groin hernias are femoral hernias, and the rest are inguinal hernias.

Umbilical: Occurs when part of the intestine protrudes through the umbilical opening in the abdominal muscles. Incisional: Caused by an incompletely-healed surgical wound. Epigastric: Type of hernia which may develop in the epigastrium (upper, central part of the abdomen). Hiatal: Occurs when part of your stomach pushes upward through your diaphragm. The hernia mesh is a commonly used hernia repair product that can be implanted through open or laparoscopic surgery.

What You Should Know

Recently some hernia mesh products have been recalled due to an increase in complications such as pain, adhesions, infection, bowel obstructions, and organ perforation.



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