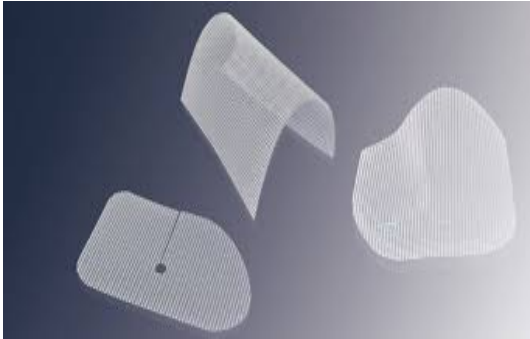
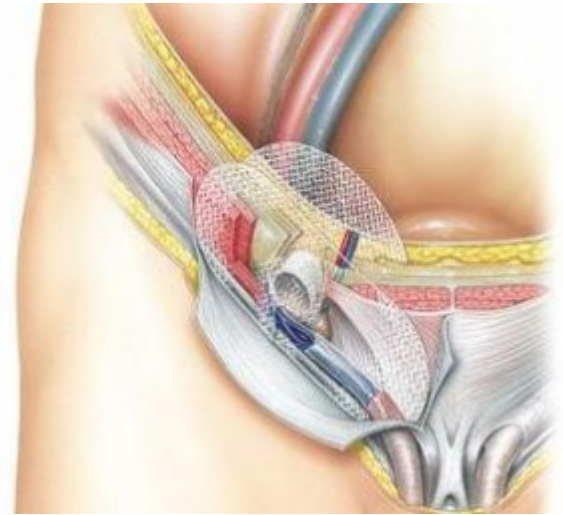


## WHAT IS HERNIA MESH?



A commonly used hernia repair product that can be implanted through open or laparoscopic surgery.



### What is a hernia?

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.

### Most Common Types of Hernias:

**Inguinal**- A 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.

### What are the concerns?

Recently some hernia mesh products have been recalled due to an increase in the following complications:

- Pain
- Adhesions
- Infection
- Bowel Obstructions
- Organ Perforation