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## Current Cases of Interest



**Bair Hugger-** A type of forced air warming blanket used during surgeries that can spread contaminated air over open wounds. Linked to deep joint infections and the causes need for revision surgery.



**Mirena Birth Control Device-** Mirena is an IUD that releases levonorgestrel as a contraceptive. It has been linked to Pseudotumor Cerebri which can lead to blindness or vision problems.



**Talcum Powder/Baby Powder-** Talc-based powder linked to ovarian cancer when used for female hygiene in the genital area.



**Proton Pump Inhibitors-** Also known as PPIs, are used to treat conditions such as acid reflux, stomach ulcers and gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD). Long-term use of these medications has been linked to various kidney diseases.



**Personal Injury-** Any injury to a person including dog bites, automobile accidents, premise and product cases.



**Xarelto-** A blood thinner medication that has been linked to uncontrollable bleeding. There is no antidote.



**Taxotere-** A chemotherapy drug used in the treatment of breast cancer to prevent cells from growing and dividing. Taxotere is linked to permanent hair loss.



**Orthopedic Implants-** Hip and knee replacement surgeries are one of the most commonly performed surgeries in the US. Unfortunately, there can be complications. Some of those complications can occur when the implant loosens. This can lead to other serious issues such as bone damage, elevated metal levels in the bloodstream, necrosis, pain and revision surgery.

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**Invokana-** is a prescription drug used to control blood sugar in patients with Type 2 diabetes. It has been linked to complications including an increased risk of foot, toe and leg amputations.



**IVC Filter-** A device that is implanted in the inferior vena cava, the main vessel moving blood from the lower body to the heart. Use of retrievable IVC Filters may cause serious side effects like Deep Vein Thrombosis, Fracture or Migration of the Filter.



**Incretin Mimetics-** These drugs work by regulating incretin production in patients with diabetes (lowering their blood sugar) and are also prescribed to assist in weight loss. These medications have been linked to pancreatic cancer.

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