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## Cartiva Implant Injuries & What to Expect

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**If you are experiencing these symptoms, you are not alone, and it is likely not your fault.**

Many patients are told by their original surgeons that their pain is "normal" or that they are just "slow healers." If you are months or years post-surgery and still suffering, the device may have failed.

### Common Symptoms of Cartiva Failure:

- **Return of Pain:** Sharp or aching pain in the big toe joint, often worse than before the surgery.
- **Loss of Range of Motion:** Stiffness and an inability to bend the toe (hallux rigidus).
- **Telescoping Toe:** The toe appears shorter or visually deformed due to the implant sinking into the bone.
- **Cysts and Swelling:** Visible swelling around the joint or cysts detected on X-ray.

**The Road to Revision:** Tragically, the only fix for a failed Cartiva is typically a revision surgery. Because the implant requires removing bone to install, simply taking it out isn't enough. Most patients require a **conversion to fusion (arthrodesis)**.

- *Note:* Because the Cartiva procedure removes bone, a revision fusion often requires bone grafts and hardware (plates and screws) to bridge the gap. This is a more invasive surgery than a primary fusion would have been.

**Compensation for These Injuries:** We are fighting to recover damages for:

- Pain and suffering (past and future).
- Medical bills for revision surgeries and physical therapy.
- Lost wages during recovery periods.
- Permanent loss of mobility.

**To speak with an attorney about your legal options, please call: 732-313-2323.**