

## A Guide To Identify Your Hip Implant

Results achieved in prior matters are not meant to be a guarantee of success as the facts and legal circumstances vary from matter to matter.

**The first step in determining whether you have a legal claim regarding your hip implant is to identify the manufacturer and model of your hip implant device.**

- Joint Replacement Card. You may have been given a card indicating that you have a joint replacement, for use at metal detector screenings required by airports and other security check points. That card should provide the name of the manufacturer, and sometimes will include the model name.
- Medical Record Sticker Page or Chart-Stik Label Page. The best place to find the information on the manufacturer and the model is in your medical records. When a device is sterilized by the manufacturer, each component is placed into a plastic bag, and a sticker is affixed to the bag. That sticker has all the information about that component: the name, model number, lot number, size, and expiration date. When the bag is opened in the operating room, the nurse will peel that sticker off and affix it into your medical chart. That page in your chart is known as the Sticker Page, or Chart-Stik Label Page. (Click on exemplar images below, provided for illustration and informational purposes only. The location and appearance of the product identification may appear differently in different medical records.)
- Operative Report. When your surgeon implants the device, she authors an “Operative Report”. In that 2-3 page report, she describes the procedure in detail, and may include the list of components utilized.
- You have the right to your medical records. This is the easiest way to identify your device components. All you need is the name of the hospital and the date of your surgery. Simply contact the records department at the hospital and request your records, specifically the Operative Report and Sticker Page from any hip surgeries. A letter template to request your records be sent to you may be downloaded below.

[Hip Implant Medical Request Letter \(PDF format\)](#)

### Request a Free Case Evaluation

Once you have obtained your records, we will review them and let you know if you may have a claim against the manufacturer of your hip implant device. Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. lawyers have handled hundreds of hip implant claims, and we have a full time medical professional on our staff.

You may email the records to: [hipimplantid@wilentz.com](mailto:hipimplantid@wilentz.com). Please include a way for us to reach you. We will contact you within 24 hours of receipt to discuss your case. If you prefer to speak to us first, please call the number below to schedule your consultation.