

## Morcellation Lawsuit Scrutinizes Procedure; FDA Calls For End to Morcellation Procedure

*In Wake of Morcellation Lawsuit FDA Calls For Termination of Procedures Using Laparoscopic Power Morcellation That Allegedly Causes Leiomyosarcoma, reports Alonso Krangle LLP*

New York, NY ([PRWEB](#)) April 18, 2014 -- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) warned Thursday against using [laparoscopic power morcellation during gynecological](#) surgeries on women because the procedure can potential cause the spread uterine cancer in the abdomen and pelvis. The FDA estimates that one in 350 women undergoing a hysterectomy or myomectomy to remove uterine fibroids has uterine cancer, including leiomyosarcoma, and the use of power morcellation could shorten their chances of survival. [fda.gov/MedicalDevices/Safety/AlertsandNotices/ucm393576.htm, April 2014]

The FDA issued its warning to health care providers, doctors, hospitals, women with uterine fibroids who are considering a procedure using laparoscopic power morcellation and manufacturers of morcellators.

The FDA's notice was prompted, in part, by a Boston couple who launched a campaign last year for medical professionals to stop using morcellation. The 41-year-old woman, who is also an anesthesiologist, underwent a hysterectomy where laparoscopic power morcellation was used.

ABCNews.com reported on April 17, 2014, that the woman was [diagnosed with stage IV leiomyosarcoma cancer](#) after her surgical procedure and the hospital where she had the surgery acknowledged that the morcellator made the disease worse. ABCNews.com further reported that the woman and her husband, who is a surgeon, contacted politicians and members of the health care community, and collected nearly 8,000 signatures for a petition to get medical professionals to stop using laparoscopic power morcellation. [abcnews.go.com/Health/couple-campaign-stop-surgical-procedure-applauds-fda-decision/story?id=23369823, April 17, 2014]

Leiomyosarcoma is a rare and aggressive form of soft tissue cancer involving smooth muscle cells in the uterine and gastrointestinal areas. There appears to be no reliable tests to diagnose possible malignancy in fibroids prior to a gynecological surgery where morcellator use is involved. Four Boston-area doctors called for halt to laparoscopic power morcellation in a draft paper published in the December 2013 New England Journal of Medicine. The doctors examined 10 studies involving 30,000 women who had undergone morcellation and found that nearly 1 in 400 women had uterine sarcoma in the tissue removed during the procedure. [sarcomahelp.org/leiomyosarcoma.html]

### Morcellation Lawsuit

The laparoscopic procedure performed using a morcellator is the [focus of a current morcellation lawsuit](#) filed in March 2014 in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (Case No. 14-1557) by a man whose wife died of an undiagnosed sarcoma after she underwent a hysterectomy in March 2012 at a hospital in Berks County, Pennsylvania. According to court documents, the 53-year-old woman died in February 2013, of metastatic leiomyosarcoma. The husband named as defendants, Ethicon, Inc., Blue Endo and Lina Medical, all of which manufacturers morcellators.

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