

STRINGHAM et al v. PROSTHESIS EQUIPMENT, INC.

**Deposition Summary of Sylvia Stringham
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PAGE	LINE	SUMMARY
1	4	Is currently 71 years old, widowed. Was 64 years old at time of her surgery.
2	5-9	Retired in 2002 after being a schoolteacher for 35 years.
2	16-17	Was diagnosed with arthritis in both hips in 1999.
2	21-25	Her left hip has always hurt worse than the right.
6	14-15	After she retired, she became more physically active (dancing) and her left hip “started to degenerate” and she had increased pain.
7	11-13	Had a left hip prosthesis implanted on July 8, 2004. It was manufactured by Prosthesis Equipment, Inc.
8	2-5	Had pain from the start. The pain never went away after surgery. Describes pain as constant, sharp, stabbing, worse with activity.
10	20	Spoke with her surgeon, Jeffrey Mallin, MD about the pain at her first postop visit on July 15, 2004. Was assured that it would go away.
11	14	Sometime in August 2004, the pain got to the point that she was unable to bear weight.
12	6-14	She had the prosthesis removed in August 2004 and replaced by one from a different manufacturer. She was told by Dr. Mallin that the original prosthesis had a vertical crack in it and that he’s never seen anything like it before.
14	5-8	She’s had years of physical therapy and she’s never been able to walk correctly since the surgery. She still has pain constantly.
14	7-21	She uses a cane and walker in the house and wheelchair otherwise. Her social life has been severely limited since the surgery. She used to dance, attend church activities and visit her friends. She’s now “almost a shut-in.”

17	15	She checked on the internet and found that vertical cracks were a problem in the equipment even before hers was implanted.
18	12-17	Dr. Mallin told her that the manufacturer did not inform him of equipment problems. Further, he inspected the equipment prior to implantation and there were no cracks.
18	21-22	She obtained a copy of her medical records and Dr. Mallin did indeed inspect the equipment.
19	46	She contacted her attorney, Mr. Arel, about the class action suit against Prosthetic Equipment, Inc.
20	13-19	She feels that the quality of her life has been ruined by Prosthetic Equipment, Inc. She feels that she should be compensated for her losses.