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My story on the Trans-Obturator Sling (TOT)

hi im jo and i live in the uk

i was due to have thermachoice done to help with my very heavy periods ,i mentioned to the consultant i have a bit of leaking from my bladder ocaasionally nothing too much at all and before i knew it i was off to have urodynamics some weeks later i received a letter to say at the same time as having the thermachoice she would fit a transobturator tape . on the 21st april i had the procedure done i never knew anything about the procedure i just went on the surgeons recommendation was made to believe it was a tape like a ribbon ,i was told very occasionally there was mesh erosion i didnt know what mesh erosion meant i also got told i may have voiding problems and was made to think any problems would be fixed with a tablet i wasnt given a leaflet or any information .

On waking from the procedure my legs hurt like hell i was riling around in pain in the recovery room they said i was fidgiting around when i was coming round i looked at the clock i had been out 2 and a half hours . the surgeon came into me and said the thermachoice hadnt worked so they did the microablation instead and that she had had trouble getting the tape through the left hand side had to have 3 gos kept hitting bone i though omg what have i let myself in for , i was taken to the ward where i was given lots of painkillers i had no sleep whatsoever i felt terrible . the next morning they took the catheter out and the packing i was told to have a shower then drink loads i had to pee and have under 100ml left in my bladder after the 3rd time i had 90ml so they said i could go home i still felt ill it was good friday they were shutting the ward for the weekend i was sent home with a leaflet about tvt aftercare so thought i had one of those fitted!

At home i didnt feel too well my legs hurt like hell especially the right hand side and the hips and groin i was cold and shaky and was having trouble weeing properley on the bank holiday monday i felt so bad hubby took me to a and e and they looked at me like i was from another planet but were concerned about my blood pressure being so high i was took to the gyno ward and they examined me said it looked like i had large stitches up inside and tested my urine said i had an ecoli infection and sent me home with antibiotics, 4 days later i felt worse so hubby took me to a and e again and i was one again took to the gyno ward and given stronger antibiotics each time saying i had a uti , the next day i had an appointment as follow up from the op it was gonna be in october !! i immediatly rang up and asked for an earlier one i saw the registrar a week later who examined me sent me home with a sample bottle and a voiding chart . 2 days later my leg kept giving way on me so i went to my doctor who ive been seeing nearly daily since the op in april he gave me anti imflammatories for my leg . i was to see the consultant but again i saw another registrar who said i had a ecoli infection and gave me co amoxiclav i told her i could feel something in my vaginal wall and it felt like i was sitting on a prickly bush and still had problems with my bladder leaking when moving and was getting constipated too , she felt inside said she couldnt feel nothing by this time i am getting very worried and distressed

wishing i had never had the operation it was at this appointment 4 weeks later i was given a leaflet on the procedure !!!

At home all i could do was cry something i have done since the day after my operation and every day since thinking what am i going to do i cant go on like this i thought of suicide then thought of my 2 disabled children my 3 other children and my hubby and my dad what would they do with out me ??, so wrote to the surgeon telling her everything of how i was feeling etc she wrote back and saw me a week later she looked inside me with a speculum and said o yes the tape has eroded in the vaginal wall its all loose , she could cut it back or remove the midline urethra bit i wanted it all out by now i had enough of feeling ill she said no its too dangerous so on the 9th june i had another operation to remove the urethra bit , a week later i had heavy bleeding and felt ill again shaking of my legs tingling spasms through the whole of my body and my nerves felt so bad i went back to see her and was treated not very nice !! .

since then i have a swelling on the right side of my pubic area feel like i have nettles inside me on the right side my vaginal wall is very sore and i now have a prolapsed bladder and bowel only grade one at the moment and i leak every time i move i get tired just doing the simplest thing all i an do is wish i hadnt had the operation im not sleeping i cant take my kids out even a shopping trip is out the question every day my leaking is getting worse i have had a second opinion from another local hospital they dont even fit tot tapes let alone help with complications ..

I now have an abrasive feeling when i wee i am permanently swollen on the right side by my vagina/ groin / thigh the inside of my vagina is very sore im sure the remaining mesh is trying to get out of me if it eroded into the vagina in a few days the rest is wanting to come out , i cant empty my bladder properley i have to wear pads all the time im in pain, discomfort, cant work mentally and physically exhausted cannot function properley i lost my mum to ovarian cancer at the age of 55 with cancer that wasnt curable but with mesh i never dreamt that it would be a life sentence to me !!

I just do not know what the answer is im 43 years old and are confined to my house im in constant pain and shaking my husband doesnt know what to say or do to help me i am so depressed have been on tablets they made me worse . my husband is taking the kids on holiday in 2 weeks i have to stay at home as i dont feel able and well enough to go ..what are my children going to do without there mum to be there to take them out feeling like any other mother does before this mesh !!

Please please please an someone help me i cant go on like this if it wasnt for lorraine she is a saint and suffering herself too and all the ladies on tvt mum i dont know how i would of got through the last 2 months ..

thanks for listening to me
from jo x

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Urgent Appeal

Where are the surgeons in the UK to help all those ladies who are experiencing severe health problems with the Trans-Obturator Sling (TOT) medical device?

Their surgeons have put this medical device in them and refuse and admit they can't take it out!

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