

Johnson & Johnson Said to Agree to \$4 Billion Settlement Over Hip Implants

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Johnson & Johnson has tentatively agreed to a settlement that could reach up to \$4 billion to resolve thousands of lawsuits filed by patients injured by a flawed all-metal replacement hip, said two lawyers briefed on the plan.

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The tentative settlement, which is subject to court approval, represents one of the largest payouts in history for product liability claims involving a medical device.

A spokeswoman for the company's DePuy Orthopaedics unit declined to comment on the possibility of a settlement.

The agreement will cover those patients who have already been forced to have the device, known as the Articular Surface Replacement, or A.S.R., removed and replaced with another artificial hip, said the lawyers who spoke about the agreement only on the condition of anonymity.

Under the deal, each patient would receive about \$350,000 on average in compensation, though that will figure will vary depending on factors like a patient's age and medical condition.

The precise value of the settlement is not yet clear because lawyers for patients are trying to estimate how many of the 12,000 A.S.R.-related lawsuits were filed by patients who actually underwent a replacement. Lawyers say that number is believed to be 7,000 to 8,000 cases.

The eventual cost of the deal to Johnson & Johnson will rise as more patients who received the device undergo future operations to have it replaced.

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