

J&J Hit With \$500 Million Verdict in Hip Implant Trial

Johnson & Johnson and its DePuy unit were ordered by a Texas federal jury on Thursday to pay about \$500 million to five plaintiffs who said they were injured by Pinnacle metal-on-metal hip implants, **Reuters reports**.

Jurors deliberated for a week before finding that the Pinnacle hips were defectively designed, and that the companies failed to warn the public about their risks. The verdict at the conclusion of the two-month trial called for about \$140 million in total compensatory damages and about \$360 million in punitive damages.

A J&J spokeswoman said the company will appeal.

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