Johnson & Johnson Hit With Over $1 Billion Verdict on Hip Implants



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A federal jury in Dallas ordered Johnson & Johnson and one of its subsidiaries to pay more than $1 billion in damages Thursday for “despicable and vile conduct” in selling Pinnacle metal-on-metal hip implants that they knew were seriously defective, **reports *The Dallas Morning News***.

The New Jersey pharmaceutical and medical device maker and its DePuy Orthopaedics subsidiary must pay damages to six California plaintiffs who say they suffered serious chronic and painful medical problems caused by the device.

“The trial was the third in a series of bellwether cases being held by U.S. District Judge Ed Kinkeade,” reports Mark Curriden of Texas Lawbook for *The Morning News*. “More than 8,900 cases against Johnson & Johnson and DePuy have been filed across the U.S. The lawsuits have been consolidated in what is known as multi-district litigation.”

Read *The Morning News* article.