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TVTO story

Hi everyone – Meshies & Maybes

21 weeks post-op

Here is my story...

- 1 posterior prolapse repair
- 1 TVTO (for mild stress incontinence)
- 2 urethral stretches
- 2 cystoscopies
- 1 partial mesh resection
- 1 complete (?) mesh resection
- 10 hospital admissions
- 5 catheters
- 10 various antibiotic for persistent UTIs
- 6 GP consultations
- 14 weeks bedridden (pressure sores as a result)

Numerous painful examinations, oestrogen cream , cystitis remedies, thrush treatment, painkillers, localised anaesthetic and the assurance that I'd be "a new woman".

Won't go into all the details, as sadly we all know the script.

When I read all the stories of fellow Meshies on TVT Mum website, it really upset and angered me. We all trusted our surgeons and have been left maimed and badly let down.

I realise I'm one of the more "fortunate" victims but as a result I now have nerve damage to my left side groin, leg and buttock. Sometimes this is so painful that even the strongest painkillers have little effect. I am more incontinent than ever I was pre-mesh, to the extent I wear pads 24/7, very embarrassing.

I would appeal to any "Maybes" considering such an op – DON'T! There are other options available. Please contact TVT Mum for advice, they are much more user friendly.

Love & healing thoughts to you all
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