

EXPERT MEDICAL OPINION

Expert Medical Opinion — Device Causation — Lopez v. MeshTech Medical, Inc.

Did the Model M-20C composite mesh implanted on 03/18/2023 cause Mr. Lopez's chronic pain, small-bowel erosion, and subsequent surgeries?

CASE OVERVIEW	
CASE	Lopez v. MeshTech Medical, Inc.
EXPERT	R. Castellanos, MD
SPECIALTY	General / minimally invasive surgery
QUESTION	Did the Model M-20C composite mesh implanted on 03/18/2023 cause Mr. Lopez's chronic pain, small-bowel erosion, and subsequent surgeries?
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DATE PREPARED	08/13/2026

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Question presented: Did the Model M-20C composite mesh implanted on 03/18/2023 cause Mr. Lopez's chronic pain, small-bowel erosion, and subsequent surgeries?

Records and imaging reviewed

BASIS	FINDINGS
Temporal pattern	Pain began at the mesh edge within 3 months; adhesion and erosion developed at the same site.
Intraoperative findings	Mesh erosion into ileum over a 3 cm segment; mesh fully explanted 12/04/2024.
Mechanism	Folded/rolled mesh edge adjacent to bowel created a chronic inflammatory adhesion that eroded into the ileum.
No competing cause	Pre-operative colonoscopy normal; no inflammatory bowel disease; no other intra-abdominal pathology.

Opinions

Opinion 1 — Causation. The mesh caused the chronic pain syndrome and mesh-enteric fistula requiring resection and explant, within reasonable medical probability.

Opinion 2 — Pain. Chronic post-surgical pain after mesh explant is a recognized sequela of prolonged mesh-enteric inflammation and adhesion.

Opinion 3 — Recurrence. The 05/2025 recurrence at the explant site is a complication of the explant/repair sequence and is compensable as a consequence of the device failure.

Qualifications

Board-certified in the relevant specialty; active clinical practice; prior expert testimony experience; no financial interest in the parties. Curriculum vitae available on request.

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Opinion rendered within a reasonable degree of medical probability. Draft prepared with MedRecords AI and reviewed, edited, and signed by the expert.