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## Day 18: Linda Gross v. Ethicon Surgeon Says Prolift Warnings Were Adequate

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Ethicon attorney,  
Christy Jones

**February 6, 2013** ~ On this Day 18 of the *Linda Gross v. Ethicon* trial, the defense team brought **Dr. Miles Murphy**, 42, to the stand for a second day. His testimony actually started Tuesday afternoon when attorneys for Linda Gross concluded her case.

**Dr. Murphy** is a urogynecologist practicing in Pennsylvania. He has worked for **Ethicon** as a consultant and in training other doctors in the use of **Prolift mesh**, the product Ms. Gross was implanted with in July 2006.

Thanks to **Courtroom View Network** for access to this trial!

### CLARIFICATIONS

**Christy Jones** of Butler, Snow first established that Dr. Murphy was not there to discuss **Linda Gross** specifically. He affirmed that even though his testimony directly related to the product used on Ms. Gross in July 2006.



Dr. Miles Murphy, urogynecologist

Dr. Murphy then went through some rather graphic slides of a **Prolift** procedure. (Any image shown here has been edited.)

Unlike the animation he showed the jury yesterday to explain the difference between the various prolapse surgeries and abdominal versus vaginal procedures, these images showed the cannulas or tubes inserted into the body to deliver the mesh via trocars, or a hollow metal instruments that plunge into groin tissue just outside the vagina.



Prolift procedure, edited  
Courtesy: Courtroom View  
Network

At one point the doctor in the Ethicon training film is shown rocking the tools back and forth in the essentially blind procedure that places the **Prolift**, using the instruments to feel the correct placement.

Jones asked if this so called "blind procedure" is dangerous to the woman?

Murphy: "I would respond there are sections of the procedure that, for lack of a better term, are "blind." That doesn't mean the surgeon shouldn't know at all times where the device is and where the

surrounding anatomy is."

Jones: 'Is there anything unusual about the Prolift procedure?'

Murphy: "No."

When the mesh was shown pulled out of the buttocks Jones asked if there was any roping or folding of the mesh apparent?

Dr. Murphy said there was no "roping" and in fact, he said he had never heard of that term, (roping is a term made up for this...he began to say).

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