

HOW MANY MORE WOMEN WILL THE FDA CONDEMN TO CANCEROUS BREAST IMPLANTS?

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The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) continues to expose women to toxic breast implants *knowing that safe alternatives are available*. Two types of breast implants have been available since the 1980's: textured and smooth. Some 10 million women have had these implants.

In 1997 the first case of cancer associated with textured implants was reported. In 2011 a Medical Device Alert was published about the risks of textured implants and cancer. By 2016 the World Health Organization (WHO) designated a new cancer associated with only textured implants.

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By February 1, 2017 the FDA knew of at least 359 cases of cancer and 9 deaths, all associated with textured implants and no cases associated with smooth implants. On May 3, 2019 The New York Times <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/02/health/breast-implants-cancer-fda.html> reported over 600 cancer cases and over 20 deaths due to textured implants which are now banned in many countries, yet the FDA “will not prohibit its sale in the US”. Knowing that smooth implants are safe, the FDA says “the risk from textured breast implants linked *to a cancer of the immune system, was too low to justify action.*”

Let us look closely at what the FDA is saying. The risk of cancer and death for millions of women does not justify action to ban the sale and production of a toxic product.

In other words-- the *profits* for a billion dollar pharmaceutical company **is more important** than *the needs of millions of women*. Knowingly making profits from the bodies of maimed and murdered innocent women is the quintessence of this economic system.

We should ask ourselves ---

Could the needs of the people and the planet power society rather than profits? Would the vast majority live healthier lives? Is it time to take another road?

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