

March 13, 2015

Dear Sirs,

Please accept this letter to provide details and request financial support for care of postoperative complications related to transobturator suburethral sling mesh use in Jean Flannery DOB 5/22/1969. I originally saw Jean in October 2014 who presented with a several year history of worsening groin, lower extremity, and vaginal pain as well as dyspareunia which began immediately after vaginal hysterectomy, posterior repair, and transobturator suburethral sling performed in August 2011. She also has associated overactive bladder symptoms and some defecatory dysfunction. She has seen several urogynecologists in Connecticut who refused to perform corrective surgery despite significant symptoms and abnormal exam findings. She has seen pelvic floor physical therapy with mild improvement and was referred to me for further evaluation.

On my exam, she has significant pain on palpation of both mesh arms as well as moderate pain on palpation of the suburethral mesh portion of the sling. She also has mild multiple pelvic floor trigger points which are most likely related to myofascial pain precipitated after placement of the sling. I have performed pelvic floor trigger point injections with the goal of alleviating her debilitating pain which now leaves her unable to work and perform activities of daily living. Unfortunately, this has not resulted in significant improvement and she will require more extensive surgery with complete removal of the mesh.

In reviewing her past medical records, she did not have significant complaints of stress incontinence and did not undergo preoperative urodynamic testing confirming stress incontinence. Thus, the sling was most likely **not indicated** in her case and has now resulted in severe and debilitating pelvic pain and mental trauma. I appreciate your consideration of her case in funding her corrective surgery as she now has Medicaid and is unable to find a surgeon who is willing to adequately take care of her and her complications. I have included a copy of my medical records for your review. CPT codes for her visits and surgery are attached. I look forward to hearing from you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neeraj Kohli', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Neeraj Kohli, MD, MBA

Jena Flannery

Initial Visit 99205

Preop Bladder Testing 51729

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Surgery 27087 – 50

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