

## Sample Letter to ASR Patients

Insert Month, Insert Date, 2010

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

I am writing to share important information about your hip replacement implant, the DePuy ASR Hip System. A small number of patients with the hip implant you received have experienced problems that require additional care and potentially further treatment. For this reason, DePuy Orthopaedics, Inc., the provider of your hip, has advised me that they are recalling the ASR Hip System and recommending that patients be evaluated. The “recall” of the ASR Hip does not necessarily mean you will need to have the hip implant removed.

Please call my office to schedule an appointment for the evaluation of your hip. [Alternative beginning to this paragraph: For this reason I have scheduled an appointment with you at my office on insert month and insert date.] During that appointment, I would like to discuss with you any symptoms/problems you are having, additional testing that has been recommended and the best plan for ongoing testing and treatment for you. DePuy intends to cover reasonable and customary costs of testing and treatment if you need services, including revision surgery if necessary, associated with the recall of ASR.

The **Information for Patients** sheet, provided by DePuy, will help to address any questions you may have about your hip implant, the reason it is being recalled and what you need to do. If you have any questions regarding the performance of your hip implant, please contact my office. If you have questions about payment for treatment, please contact DePuy using the phone number included in the **Information for Patients** sheet.

Once again, please contact my office as soon as possible to set up a follow up appointment so that I may address your concerns and discuss the best treatment options for you.

Note: The DePuy ASR™ Hip Resurfacing System was only approved for use outside the U.S. and the ASR™ XL Acetabular System was available worldwide.

Sincerely,

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