



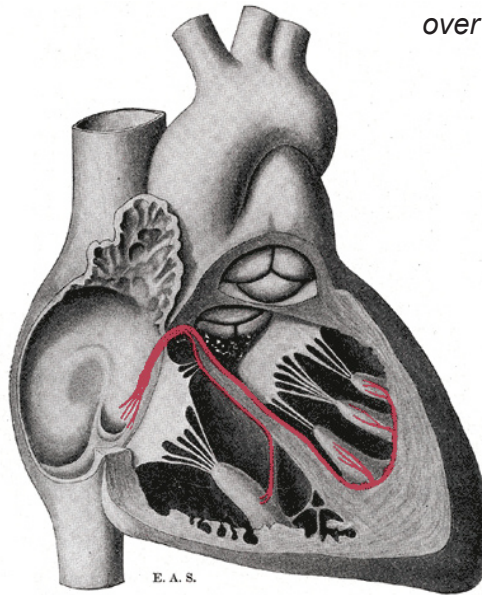
Spotlight On Justice



HEART IMPLANTS: THE MOST DANGEROUS MEDICAL IMPLANTS EVER MADE

“Sometimes I dream that I explode and at the same time I explode I say, ‘Oh, my valve.’”

Ruth Barillas testifying in her trial over a defective heart valve.



Because of medical risks, heart implants are not always removable even if the device fails or is later recalled, forcing patients to live with ticking time bombs in their chests. Until Congress passes new legislation, heart implant manufactures are immune from liability for these defects.

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