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The safety of those who use Ethicon's products is our highest priority. Transabdominal mesh implants like our GYNECARE GYNEMESH PS and ARTISYN products have been used for decades and are well-regarded as the gold standard for treating vaginal vault prolapse. Our products are safe and effective and are backed by years of clinical research and data.

Ethicon values transparency and dialogue with administrative authorities and is committed to continuous improvement of our technical documentation in light of evolving regulatory standards. We disagree with the report's conclusions. To be clear, the report concerns a review of older product documentation and is not a product safety assessment regarding GYNECARE GYNEMESH PS and ARTISYN. Transabdominal prolapse meshes are not subject to any restrictions of use in the Netherlands and remain an important option for doctors and patients.

Recently, both the Inspectie Gezondheidszorg en Jeugd (IGJ) and Dutch gynaecological society (NVOG) have stated that few complications/complaints have been seen with transabdominal prolapse mesh implants. We stand behind our products which are supported with clinical data and are a safe and effective treatment option for upper vaginal prolapse.