

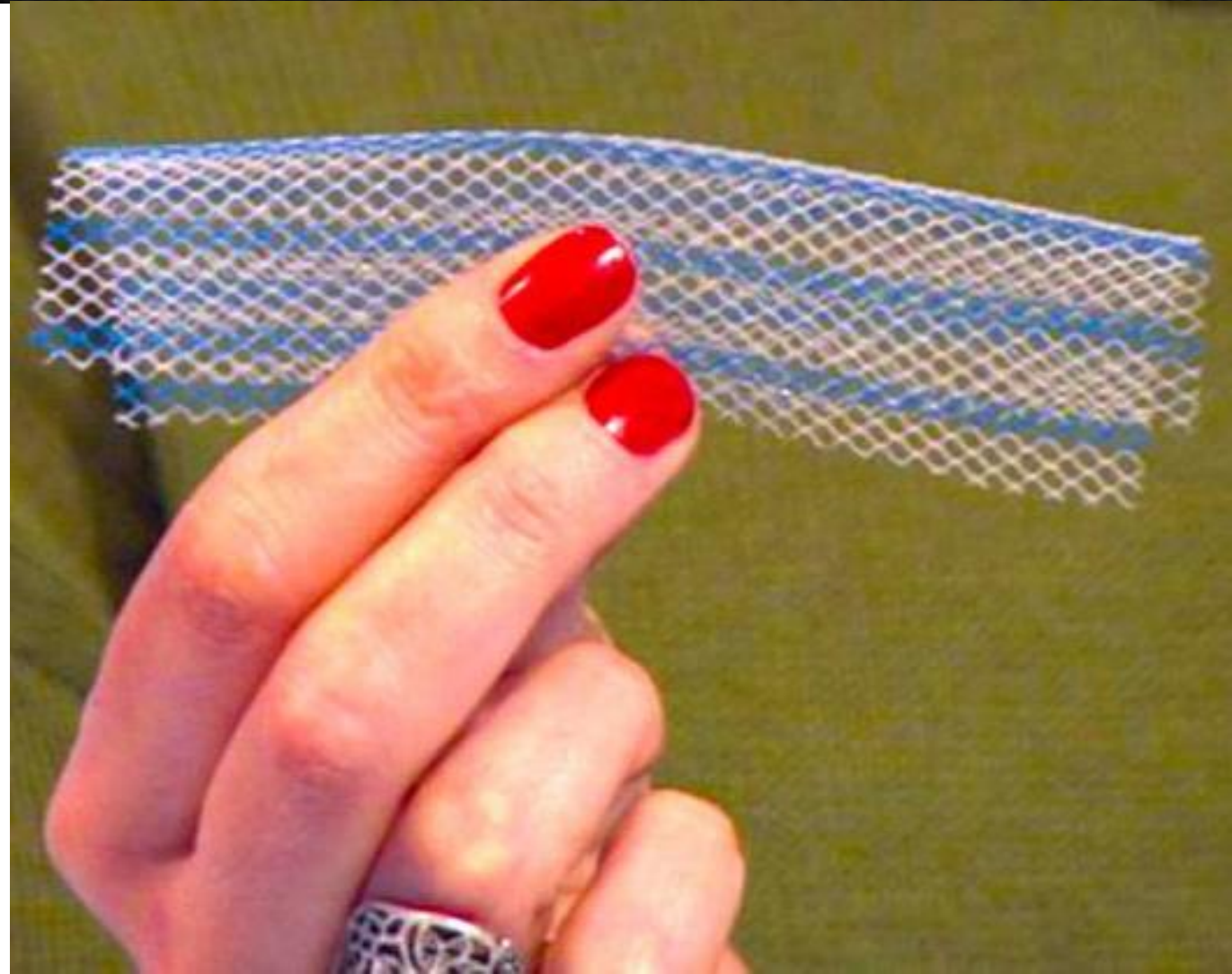
PHYSIOTHERAPY AND THE MESH CRISIS

MYRA ROBSON

PELVIC HEALTH PHYSIOTHERAPIST

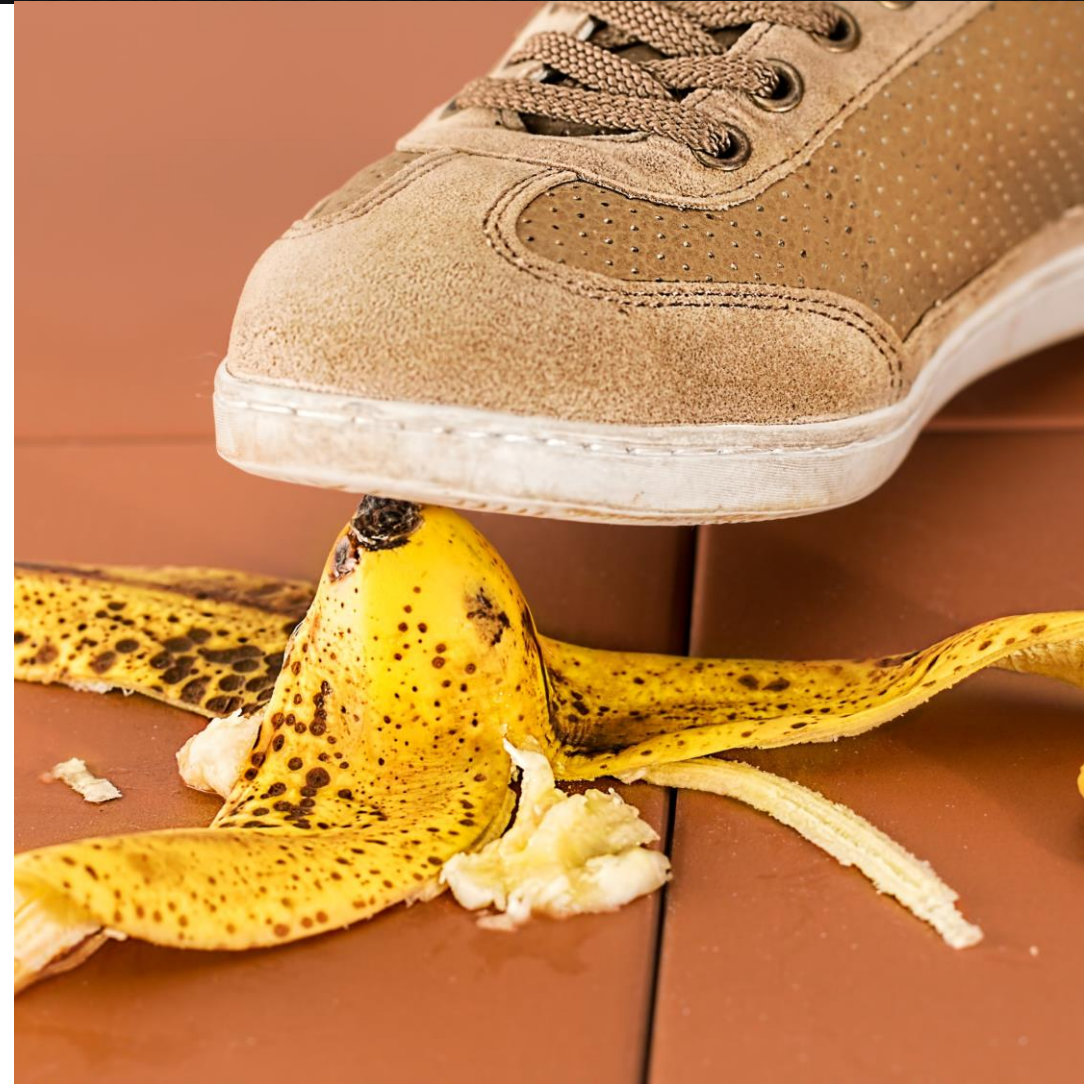
HOW DID I GET INVOLVED?

- DISCUSSION WITH KATH SANSOM
- JOINED 'SLING THE MESH'
- 18 MONTHS TO BE ACCEPTED
- GROUP ADVICE AND SUPPORT
- BUILDING BRIDGES
- NOW INVOLVED IN MESH UK
- HELPING WITH GUIDELINES
- GOVERNMENT REVIEW BODY



WHAT WENT WRONG?

- REMAINS UNCLEAR
- TABOOS MAKE IT WORSE
- CONSENT
- MEDICAL DEVICE TESTING
- POOR AWARENESS OF CONSERVATIVE MEASURES
- DESIRE FOR A “QUICK FIX”





CHANGING LANDSCAPE



WE ARE THE BEARS...

PRESENTING SYMPTOMS

- PAIN
- EROSION
- INFECTION
- ADHESIONS
- PAINFUL SEX



THE GREATEST PROBLEMS



ANGER TOWARDS...

- DOCTORS
- PHYSIOTHERAPISTS
- COMPANIES
- MESH GROUPS
- NHS/HEALTHCARE
- LEGAL SYSTEM



FEAR OF...

- WORSENING SYMPTOMS
- POTENTIAL SYMPTOMS
- REMOVAL SURGERY
- RETURN OF ORIGINAL PROBLEM
- HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS
- THE FUTURE

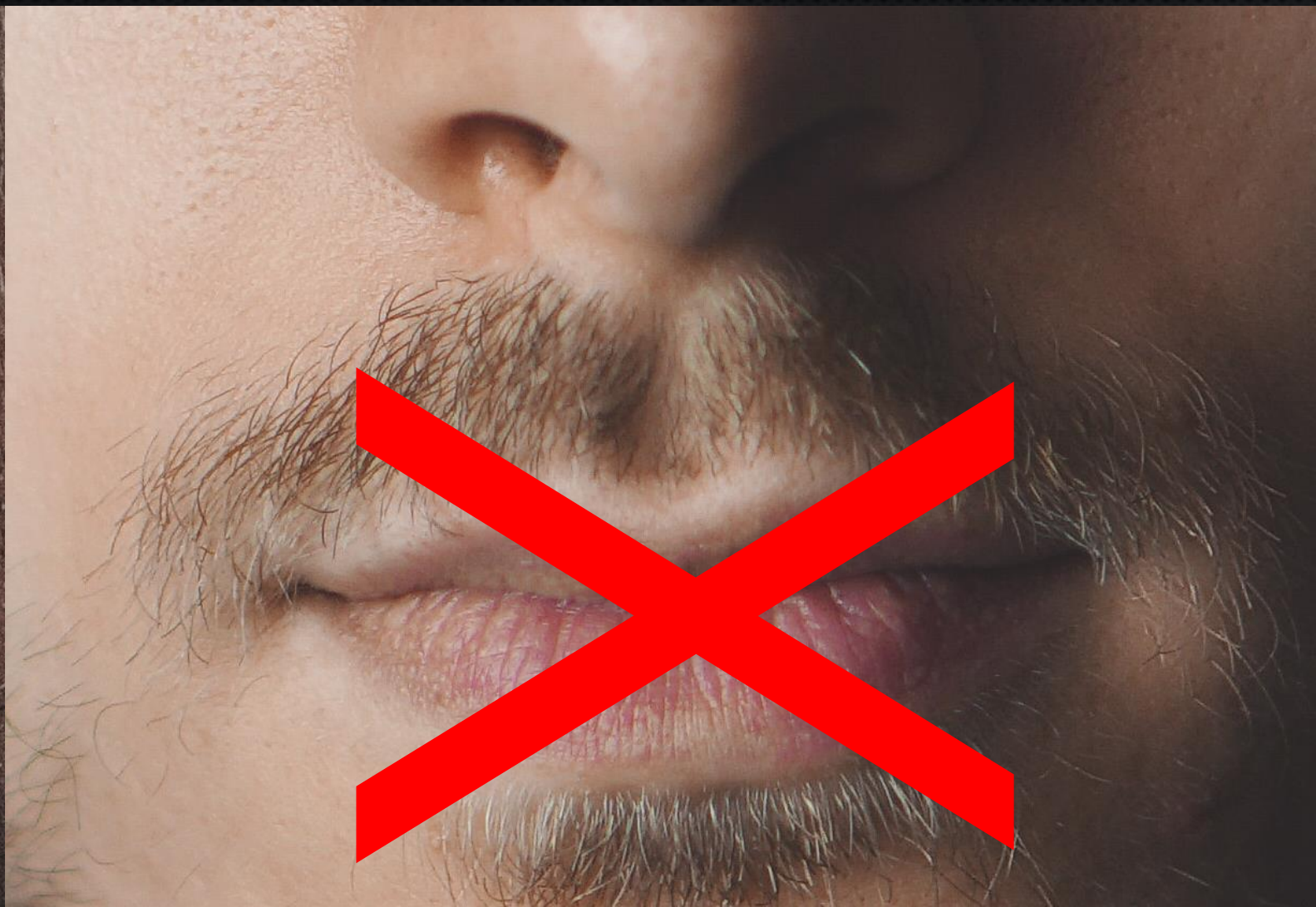


QUESTIONS

- I HAVE MESH COMPLICATIONS – WHAT DO I DO?
- I HAVE MESH BUT NO COMPLICATIONS – WILL I GET THEM?
- I HAVE INCONTINENCE/PROLAPSE – WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?
- I HAVE A HERNIA – WHAT SHOULD I DO?
- WHERE DO I GO?
- WHO DO I SEE?
- WHO CAN I TRUST?
- WHO DO I ASK?



WHAT DO WE DO?



WHAT DO WE DO?

- TRUST
- GUIDELINES
- EVIDENCE



UCLH - LEADING THE WAY

OVER TO VIRGINIA...