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◆ An employee of Washington Hospital in Washington, Pa., who underwent surgery and allegedly was photographed during, has filed suit against the hospital, a doctor and several coworkers, saying photos of her genitals were shared. Operating room unit secretary Sheila Harosky was undergoing hernia repair in September 2016 when a scrub nurse used a cell phone to photograph her exposed genitals and then shared the photos, the suit said. The hospital disputed the version of events, saying Harosky “initiated and participated in the circumstances giving rise to her lawsuit by bringing fake intestines into the operating room and requesting that they be placed on her abdomen at the time of the surgical procedure as a practical joke on her friends, co-workers and surgeon.” Harosky is seeking more than \$75,000 in damages. Learn more details at <http://bit.ly/2qmb1kt>.

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