

1 Michael A. Galpern
2 **JAVERBAUM WURGAFT HICKS**
3 **KHAN WIKSTROM & SININS, P.C.**
4 1000 Haddonfield-Berlin Road, Suite 203
5 Voorhees, NJ 08043
6 Fax: (856) 702-6640
7 Phone: (856) 596-4100
8 Email: mgalpern@lawjw.com

9 Jennifer P. Elwell
10 **BERGER MONTAGUE PC**
11 1818 Market Street, Suite 3600
12 Philadelphia, PA 19103
13 Fax: (215) 875-4620
14 Phone: (215) 875-3000
15 Email: jelwell@bm.net

16 Christopher J. Geddis
17 **MAZIE SLATER KATZ & FREEMAN, LLC**
18 103 Eisenhower Parkway
19 Roseland, NJ 07068
20 Fax: (973) 228-0303
21 Phone: (973) 228-9898
22 Email: cgeddis@mazieslater.com

23 ***Co-Liaison Counsel for Plaintiffs***

24
25

26 IN RE: Bard Implanted Port Catheter
27 Products Liability Litigation

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION: BERGEN COUNTY

Master Docket No. BER-L-2403-25
MCL No. 640

**MASTER LONG-FORM
COMPLAINT AND JURY TRIAL
DEMAND**

(Applies to All Actions)

28 Plaintiffs in this consolidated action, by and through Plaintiffs’ Co-Liaison Counsel,
hereby file this Master Long-Form Complaint and Jury Trial Demand (“Master
Complaint”) against Defendants Becton, Dickinson and Company; C.R. Bard, Inc.; Bard
Access Systems, Inc.; and Bard Peripheral Vascular, Inc. (collectively, “Defendants”).

1 Plaintiffs seek judgment against Defendants for personal injuries and sequelae thereto
2 sustained from Defendants' unreasonably dangerous implanted port catheter ("IPC")
3 devices.

4 Plaintiffs intend this Master Complaint to achieve efficiency and economy by
5 presenting certain common allegations and common questions of law and fact that
6 generally pertain to Plaintiffs in this MCL. This Master Complaint is created for the
7 convenience of the Court and all parties to give notice of allegations that some or all
8 Plaintiffs in cases consolidated in this MCL allege against Defendants—whether those
9 Plaintiffs' claims are for personal injury or wrongful death, and whether brought by an
10 individual alleging injury or beneficiaries of claims for wrongful death of a Plaintiff or
11 Plaintiff's decedent. Plaintiffs plead all counts of this Master Complaint in the broadest
12 sense and pursuant to all applicable laws and choice-of-law principles.¹ For these reasons,
13 this Master Complaint is solely an administrative device, not an operative pleading that
14 consolidates the separate claims of Plaintiffs. Accordingly, this Master Complaint will
15 become operative only when a Plaintiff incorporates it by reference in his or her Short-
16 Form Complaint.

17 This Master Complaint does not necessarily include all claims asserted in all actions
18 filed in, transferred to, or removed to this Court. Each Plaintiff will adopt this Master
19 Complaint and the causes of action alleged herein by and through a separate Short-Form
20 Complaint. Any individual facts, jurisdictional allegations, and/or additional legal claims
21 of an individual Plaintiff may be set forth as necessary in the Short-Form Complaint. This
22 Master Complaint does not constitute a waiver or dismissal of any allegations or claims
23 asserted in those individual actions, and no Plaintiff relinquishes the right to amend his or
24 her individual claims to include additional claims as discovery continues. This proposed
25 master complaint is intended to be read expansively, and is intended to incorporate but not
26 be limited to, every plaintiff cause of action pending in the MDL litigation, unless such

27 _____
28 ¹ Plaintiffs' claims arise under common law and/or statutory authority, as allowed by law.

1 cause of action is expressly non-cognizable in New Jersey, or expressly withdrawn or
2 waived by plaintiffs in the MCL.

3 Accordingly, Plaintiffs in MCL 640 allege as follows:

4 **INTRODUCTION**

5 1. Plaintiffs bring this action for personal-injury and/or wrongful-death
6 damages suffered by an injured or deceased party or parties as a direct and proximate result
7 of that party being implanted with an IPC manufactured by Defendants.

8 2. The subject devices include but are not limited to the following products
9 (collectively, “Bard IPCs”):

- 10 a. BardPort M.R.I. Implantable Port;
- 11 b. BardPort M.R.I. Low-Profile Implantable Port;
- 12 c. BardPort Titanium Dome Implantable Port;
- 13 d. BardPort Titanium Implantable Port;
- 14 e. M.R.I. Plastic Dual Lumen Port;
- 15 f. M.R.I. Ultra SlimPort Implantable Port;
- 16 g. Peritoneal Titanium Port;
- 17 h. PowerFlow Implantable Apheresis IV Port;
- 18 i. PowerPort ClearVUE isp Implantable Port;
- 19 j. PowerPort ClearVUE Slim Implantable Port;
- 20 k. PowerPort duo M.R.I. Implantable Port;
- 21 l. PowerPort Implantable Port;
- 22 m. PowerPort isp Implantable Port;
- 23 n. PowerPort isp M.R.I. Implantable Port;
- 24 o. PowerPort M.R.I. Implantable Port;
- 25 p. PowerPort Slim Implantable Port;
- 26 q. PowerPort VUE M.R.I. Implantable Port;
- 27 r. PowerPort VUE Titanium Implantable Port;
- 28 s. SlimPort Dual-Lumen Rosenblatt Implantable Port;

- 1 t. Titanium Low-Profile Port;
- 2 u. Titanium SlimPort Implantable Port;
- 3 v. Vaccess CT Low-Profile Titanium Power-Injectable Port;
- 4 w. Vaccess CT Power-Injectable Implantable Port;
- 5 x. X-Port isp M.R.I. Implantable Port; and
- 6 y. X-Port Low-Profile Titanium Port.

7 3. Plaintiffs' claims for damages all relate to Defendants' designing,
8 researching, developing, licensing, testing, assembling, manufacturing, labeling,
9 packaging, promoting, marketing, advertising, distributing, supplying, and/or selling Bard
10 IPCs.

11 4. Defendants were aware of the defects and risks of Bard IPCs but nonetheless
12 supplied these dangerously defective products to Plaintiffs without Plaintiffs or their
13 physicians having any knowledge of those defects and risks.

14 5. Bard IPCs reached Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' healthcare providers without
15 substantial change in condition from the time they left Defendants' possession and control.

16 6. Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' healthcare providers used Bard IPCs in the manner
17 in which they were intended.

18 7. Defendants are solely responsible for any alleged defect in Bard IPCs
19 regarding their design, warning and/or instruction, and manufacture.

20 8. Bard IPCs have caused Plaintiffs to suffer myriad complications, including
21 but not limited to catheter fracture, migration, and/or perforation; infection; thrombosis;
22 and even death.

23 9. Indeed, published and peer-reviewed scientific literature makes clear that
24 "[IPCs] are not benign and represent an unnatural physiologic state leading to the
25 progressive development of several complications."²

26

27

28 ² Khalid et al., *Outcomes following port-a-catheter placement in the Medicare population*,
Surg. Open Sci. 3 (2021) 39-43.

PARTIES

1
2 10. Plaintiffs are those persons and estates that have brought or will bring actions
3 seeking personal-injury and/or wrongful-death damages caused by Bard IPCs. The
4 identities and citizenship of individual Plaintiffs will be identified in their respective Short-
5 Form Complaints.

6 11. Plaintiffs are persons injured, killed, or otherwise harmed by Bard IPCs.
7 Depending on the law applicable to a particular Plaintiff's claims, Plaintiffs may include
8 deceased individuals and/or their spouses, children, parents, heirs, survivors,
9 administrators, executors, or personal representatives, as well as injured individuals and/or
10 their spouses, children, parents, next friends, legal guardians, conservators, or other
11 authorized representatives.

12 12. Defendant Becton, Dickinson and Company ("BD") is a New Jersey
13 corporation with a principal place of business at 1 Becton Drive in Franklin Lakes, New
14 Jersey.

15 13. BD is a citizen of New Jersey for diversity-of-citizenship purposes.

16 14. BD is the parent company of Defendants C.R. Bard; Bard Access Systems,
17 Inc.; and Bard Peripheral Vascular, Inc.

18 15. BD conducts business throughout the United States, including the State of
19 Arizona.

20 16. At all relevant times, BD has been engaged in the business of researching,
21 developing, designing, licensing, manufacturing, distributing, supplying, selling,
22 marketing, and introducing into interstate commerce, either directly or indirectly through
23 third parties or related entities, its medical devices, including Bard IPCs, to be implanted
24 in patients throughout the United States, including the State of New Jersey and Plaintiffs'
25 states of residence, implant, and/or injury.

26 17. Defendant C.R. Bard, Inc. ("C.R. Bard") is a New Jersey corporation with its
27 principal place of business located at 1 Becton Drive in Franklin Lakes, New Jersey.

28 18. C.R. Bard is a citizen of New Jersey for diversity-of-citizenship purposes.

1 19. C.R. Bard is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BD.

2 20. C.R. Bard conducts business throughout the United States, including the
3 State of New Jersey.

4 21. At all relevant times, C.R. Bard has been engaged in the business of
5 researching, developing, designing, licensing, manufacturing, distributing, supplying,
6 selling, marketing, and introducing into interstate commerce, either directly or indirectly
7 through third parties or related entities, its medical devices, including Bard IPCs, to be
8 implanted in patients throughout the United States, including the State of New Jersey and
9 Plaintiffs' respective states of residence, implant, and/or injury.

10 22. Defendant Bard Access Systems, Inc. ("BAS") is a Utah corporation with its
11 principal place of business located at 605 North 5600 West in Salt Lake City, Utah.

12 23. BAS is a citizen of Utah for diversity-of-citizenship purposes.

13 24. BAS is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BD.

14 25. BAS is a wholly-owned subsidiary of C.R. Bard, Inc.

15 26. BAS operates under the business trade name C.R. Bard, Inc.

16 27. According to Defendants, BAS was or "is the principal manufacturer and
17 distributor" of Bard IPCs.³

18 28. BAS conducts business throughout the United States, including the State of
19 New Jersey.

20 29. At all relevant times, BAS has been engaged in the business of researching,
21 developing, designing, licensing, manufacturing, distributing, supplying, selling,
22 marketing and introducing into interstate commerce, either directly or indirectly through
23 third parties or related entities, its medical devices, including Bard IPCs, to be implanted
24 in patients throughout the United States, including the State of New Jersey and Plaintiffs'
25 states of residence, implant, and/or injury.

26

27

28 ³ JPML Dkt. 20 at 23.

1 43. BPV's product offerings were taken over by and integrated into BD's
2 Interventional and Medical segments.

3 44. BD created the new Interventional segment to include a majority of C.R.
4 Bard, BAS, and BPV product offerings, including Bard IPCs.

5 45. Today, BD is the parent company of C.R. Bard, BAS, and BPV.

6 46. "BD," "C.R. Bard," "BAS," "BPV," and "Defendants" include any and all
7 parent companies, subsidiaries, affiliates, divisions, franchises, partners, joint venturers,
8 and organizational units of any kind; their predecessors, successors, and assigns; their
9 officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives; and any and all other persons acting
10 on their behalf.

11 47. John Does are the fictitious names of corporations, partnerships, or other
12 entities, the true identity of which are unknown to plaintiffs at the present time despite due
13 diligence, who are responsible for the negligent manufacture, testing, distribution, and/or
14 marketing of the products at issue.

15 48. John Roes are the fictitious names of individuals, the true identity of whom are
16 unknown to plaintiffs at the present time despite due diligence, who are responsible for the
17 negligent manufacture, testing, distribution, and/or marketing of the products at issue.

18 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

19 49. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Constitution Article
20 VI 3,2 which grants the Superior Court "original jurisdiction throughout the State in all
21 cases." The statutes under which this action is brought do not contravene this choice of
22 venue.

23 50. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because all Defendants
24 are present and doing business within New Jersey and have continuous and systematic
25 contacts in New Jersey, including Bergen County.

26 51. Additionally, this Court has personal jurisdiction over BD and C.R. Bard
27 because BD and C.R. Bard are citizens of New Jersey and their principle place of business
28 is in New Jersey.

1 52. Specifically, Defendants engaged in the following contacts in the state of
2 New Jersey:

- 3 a. Conducted business in the state of New Jersey;
- 4 b. Regularly solicited business in the state of New Jersey;
- 5 c. Specifically transacted and conducted business in the state of New Jersey
6 with respect to Bard IPCs;
- 7 d. Targeted medical professionals in the state of New Jersey for the sale and use
8 of Bard IPCs to be sold to and/or used by medical personnel within the state
9 of New Jersey;
- 10 e. Engaged in substantial and continuing contact with the state of New Jersey;
- 11 f. Derived substantial revenue from goods used and consumed within the state
12 of New Jersey;
- 13 g. Purposefully directed their business activities, particularly with respect to
14 Bard IPCs, to the state of New Jersey;
- 15 h. Purposely placed Bard IPCs into the stream of commerce in the state of New
16 Jersey;
- 17 i. Expected or reasonably should have expected that Bard IPCs would reach
18 the state of New Jersey and be purchased and used by individuals in the state
19 of New Jersey;
- 20 j. Anticipated or reasonably should have anticipated that Bard IPCs would
21 reach the state of New Jersey and be purchased and used by individuals in
22 the state of New Jersey;
- 23 k. Engaged in a persistent course of conduct in the state of New Jersey with
24 respect to Bard IPCs;
- 25 l. Committed a tort in whole or in part in the state of New Jersey;
- 26 m. Reasonably expected or should have expected their acts to have
27 consequences within the state of New Jersey; and/or
- 28 n. Intended to serve the market of the state of New Jersey and therefore
purposely availed themselves of jurisdiction there.
- o. Upon information and belief, there are many additional examples of other
contacts within the State, which will be explored through discovery.

53. Pursuant to the Supreme Court of New Jersey's Notice and Order of
Approval of MCL Designation of Bard Implanted Port Catheter Products Litigation filed

1 on October 15, 2024⁵, venue for actions alleging injuries by Bard IPCs is proper in Bergen
2 County for centralized case management by Superior Court Judge Gregg A. Padovano.

3 54. Venue is proper in this Court under New Jersey Rule of Court 4:3-2(b)
4 because all Defendants regularly conduct business in New Jersey and Bergen County and
5 a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims occurred here.

6 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

7 *Implanted Port Catheters*

8 55. Defendants “offer a diverse portfolio of power injectable and non-power
9 injectable vascular access ports.”⁶

10 56. These port devices, including Bard IPCs, are also known as “ports,”
11 “implanted port catheters,” “port-a-caths,” “mediports,” or “totally implantable
12 vascular/venous access devices.”

13 57. The first IPC was introduced in 1982.⁷

14 58. IPCs are intended to provide access to a patient’s vascular system (i.e., the
15 circulatory system made up of blood vessels), specifically for patients who require repeated
16 and/or long-term venous access.

17 59. IPCs may be used for the delivery of intravenous (“IV”) fluids; medication
18 such as the administration of chemotherapy or immunotherapy; or total parenteral nutrition.

19 60. According to Defendants, more than 90% of patients with IPCs use their IPC
20 for cancer treatment.⁸

21 61. IPCs may also be used for blood-product administration and blood
22 withdrawals, among other uses.

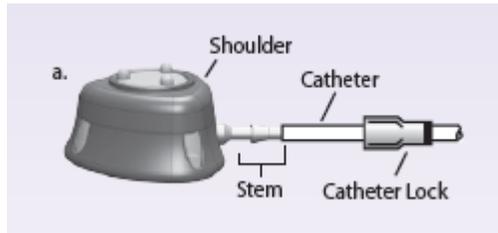
23
24 ⁵ [Notice and Order - Approval of MCL Designation of Bard Implanted Port Catheter
25 Products Litigation | NJ Courts.](#)

26 ⁶ [https://www.bd.com/en-eu/offerings/capabilities/vascular-access/port-devices-and-
27 needles/implantable-port-devices.](https://www.bd.com/en-eu/offerings/capabilities/vascular-access/port-devices-and-needles/implantable-port-devices)

28 ⁷ Tumay & Guner, *Availability of totally implantable venous access devices in cancer is
high in the long term: a seven-year follow-up study*, Supportive Care in Cancer (2021)
29:3531-3538.

⁸ [https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/cdrh_docs/pdf18/K181446.pdf.](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/cdrh_docs/pdf18/K181446.pdf)

1 62. IPCs consist of two main components: an injection port and a catheter.⁹



7 63. The IPC's first component is called a "port" or "port body," referring to an
8 opening for the passage of fluid.

9 64. Injection ports vary in shape, profile, material, size, volume, and access
10 angle.

11 65. All ports, however, have a raised center, or "septum," where the needle is
12 inserted for access to the patient's vascular system.

13 66. Ports may have one or two septa, the latter of which allows for simultaneous
14 access with two needles.¹⁰



19 67. The number of septa is sometimes indicated by the terms "single lumen" or
20 "dual lumen."

21 68. The port body may be made of plastic, silicone, or titanium.

22 69. Connected to the port is the IPC's second component: a small, flexible tube
23 called a "catheter."

24 70. According to Defendants, "[t]he catheters used with infusion ports are
25 essentially the same design as externalized, stand-alone intravascular catheters."¹¹

26
27 ⁹ JPML Dkt. 20-3 at 8.

¹⁰ JPML Dkt. 20-2 at 2.

28 ¹¹ https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/cdrh_docs/pdf15/K153359.pdf.

1 71. The catheter is connected to the port with a “cathlock.”

2 72. The catheter may be “pre-attached,” meaning it comes connected to the port,
3 or “attachable,” meaning it may be attached to the port by the physician during
4 implantation.

5 73. Various catheter options exist, including but not limited to the ChronoFlex
6 and Groshong catheters discussed further below.

7 74. Catheters may be made of silicone and/or polyurethane.

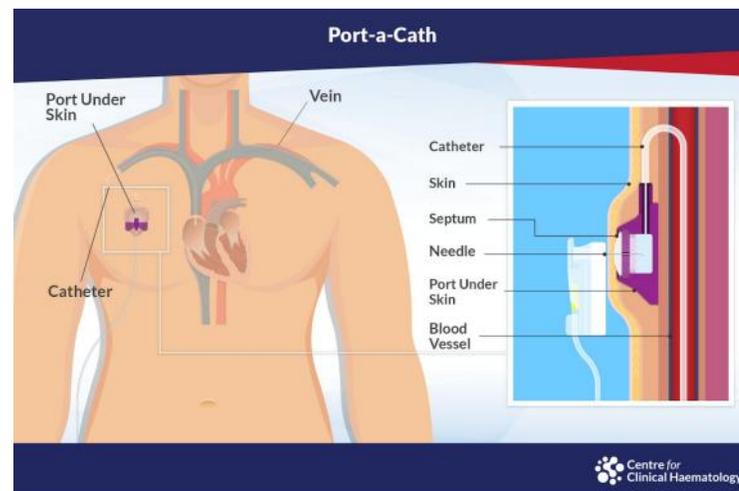
8 75. Catheters may also vary in width to conform to the patient’s anatomy.

9 76. The unit of measurement for the catheter component of an IPC is the “Fr,”
10 which is based on the French Scale measurement system and is determined by multiplying
11 the catheter’s diameter by 3.

12 77. For example, if a catheter has a diameter of 3.2mm, then the size is 9.6 Fr.

13 78. IPCs are surgically placed subcutaneously (i.e., beneath the skin).

14 79. IPCs are often implanted in the lateral region of the chest beneath the
15 clavicle.



24 80. The catheter is either tunneled under the skin until it reaches an insertion
25 point in the designated vein, or the catheter is inserted directly into the vein and advanced
26 through the blood vessels to the proper location.

27 81. In many cases, the tip of the catheter is advanced from its insertion point to
28 the junction of the superior vena cava and the right atrium of the heart.

1 82. An interventional radiologist or vascular surgeon typically performs the
2 implant surgery.

3 83. A nurse or radiological technologist then accesses the IPC to administer
4 medical treatment.

5 ***Defendants' Development of IPC Devices and Technologies***

6 84. Defendants began designing and developing various IPCs, including some
7 Bard IPCs, in the 1980s.

8 85. Since then, Defendants have patented or licensed various patents relating to
9 Bard IPCs, including but not limited to:

- 10 a. Patent No. 5,167,638 (Subcutaneous Multiple-Access Port), filed on July 9,
11 1991;
- 12 b. Patent No. 5,360,407 (Implantable Dual Access Port with Tactile Ridge for
13 Position Sensing), filed on August 29, 1991;
- 14 c. Patent No. 5,399,168 (Implantable Plural Fluid Cavity Port), filed on July
15 29, 1992; and
- 16 d. Patent No. 6,213,973 (Vascular Access Port with Elongated Septum), filed
17 on January 12, 1998.

18 86. Defendants have registered various trademarks relating to Bard IPCs,
19 including but not limited to:

- 20 a. Groshong, first used in commerce on or around October 1987, and registered
21 on April 28, 1992, and September 13, 2005;
- 22 b. BardPort, first used in commerce on or around January 31, 1994, and
23 registered on August 20, 1996;
- 24 c. SlimPort, first used in commerce on or around August 14, 1996, and
25 registered on April 7, 1998, and April 12, 2005;
- 26 d. ClearVue, first used in commerce on or around July 22, 2004, and registered
27 on April 11, 2006, and November 13, 2012; and
- 28 e. PowerPort, first used in commerce on or around August 1, 2006, and
registered on November 28, 2006.

29 87. Some Bard IPCs are denominated "Slim" or "Low-Profile" to describe the
30 port's reduced dimensions, including the following Bard IPCs:

- 31 a. BardPort M.R.I. Low-Profile Implantable Port;

- 1 b. M.R.I. Ultra SlimPort Implantable Port;
- 2 c. PowerPort ClearVUE Slim Implantable Port;
- 3 d. PowerPort Slim Implantable Port;
- 4 e. SlimPort Dual-Lumen Rosenblatt Implantable Port;
- 5 f. Titanium SlimPort Implantable Port;
- 6 g. Titanium Low-Profile Port;
- 7 h. Vaccess CT Low-Profile Titanium Power-Injectable Port; and
- 8 i. X-Port Low-Profile Titanium Port.
- 9 88. Other Bard IPCs are denominated “isp” to refer to an “intermediate sized
- 10 port,” including the following Bard IPCs:
- 11 a. PowerPort isp Implantable Port;
- 12 b. PowerPort ClearVUE isp Implantable Port;
- 13 c. X-Port isp M.R.I. Implantable Port; and
- 14 d. PowerPort isp M.R.I. Implantable Port.
- 15 89. Still other Bard IPCs are denominated “M.R.I.,” signaling their plastic port
- 16 material, including the following Bard IPCs:
- 17 a. PowerPort M.R.I. Implantable Port;
- 18 b. PowerPort duo M.R.I. Implantable Port;
- 19 c. PowerPort VUE M.R.I. Implantable Port;
- 20 d. X-Port isp M.R.I. Implantable Port;
- 21 e. M.R.I. Ultra SlimPort Implantable Port;
- 22 f. M.R.I. Plastic Dual Lumen Port;
- 23 g. PowerPort isp M.R.I. Implantable Port;
- 24 h. BardPort M.R.I. Implantable Port; and
- 25 i. BardPort M.R.I. Low-Profile Implantable Port.
- 26
- 27
- 28

1 90. And some Bard IPCs are denominated “PowerPort,” “PowerFlow,” or
 2 “Power-Injectable” to signify the device is power-injectable, as described further below,
 3 including the following Bard IPCs:

- 4 a. PowerPort Implantable Port;
- 5 b. PowerPort isp Implantable Port;
- 6 c. PowerPort M.R.I. Implantable Port;
- 7 d. PowerPort duo M.R.I. Implantable Port;
- 8 e. PowerPort ClearVUE Slim Implantable Port;
- 9 f. PowerPort ClearVUE isp Implantable Port;
- 10 g. PowerPort VUE M.R.I. Implantable Port;
- 11 h. PowerPort VUE Titanium Implantable Port;
- 12 i. PowerPort isp M.R.I. Implantable Port;
- 13 j. PowerPort Slim Implantable Port;
- 14 k. Vaccess CT Power-Injectable Implantable Port;
- 15 l. Vaccess CT Low-Profile Titanium Power-Injectable Port; and
- 16 m. PowerFlow Implantable Apheresis IV Port.

17 91. Regardless of their denomination, these Bard IPCs have three raised
 18 “palpation bumps” in a triangular configuration to distinguish them as power-injectable.¹²
 19



23 92. In addition, all Bard IPCs are “radiopaque,” meaning visible during
 24 diagnostic imaging such as an X-ray, computed tomography (“CT scan”), or magnetic
 25 resonance imaging (“M.R.I.”).
 26

27

28 ¹² JPML Dkt. 20-2 at 3.

1 93. The port bodies of Bard IPCs are radiopaque, containing special markers or
2 identifiers.¹³



3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10 94. The catheters of Bard IPCs are also radiopaque due to the use of barium
11 sulfate (BaSO₄), as described further below.

12 ***Defendants' Development of Power-Injectable IPCs***

13 95. Beginning in the mid-2000s, Defendants designed and developed various
14 "power-injectable" IPCs.

15 96. Power-injectable ports allow for contrast material to be injected at a higher
16 rate than by hand injection, facilitating medical imaging.

17 97. Power-injectable ports were first made commercially available to the medical
18 community in 2006.

19 98. The United States Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") cleared
20 Defendants' PowerPort Implanted Titanium Port with 8 Fr ChronoFlex Catheter on July
21 14, 2006 (K060812), as detailed further below.

22 99. Defendants' power-injectable ports include but are not limited to the
23 following Bard IPCs:

- 24 a. PowerPort Implantable Port;
25 b. PowerPort isp Implantable Port;
26 c. PowerPort M.R.I. Implantable Port;

27
28 ¹³ JPML Dkt. 20-3 at 3.

- 1 d. PowerPort duo M.R.I. Implantable Port;
- 2 e. PowerPort ClearVUE Slim Implantable Port;
- 3 f. PowerPort ClearVUE isp Implantable Port;
- 4 g. PowerPort isp M.R.I. Implantable Port;
- 5 h. PowerPort Slim Implantable Port;
- 6 i. Vaccess CT Power-Injectable Implantable Port;
- 7 j. Vaccess CT Low-Profile Titanium Power-Injectable Port; and
- 8 k. PowerFlow Implantable Apheresis IV Port.

9 ***Defendants' Regulatory Clearance of Non-Power-Injectable IPC Devices***

10 100. The FDA classifies IPCs as Class II devices. *See* 21 C.F.R. § 880.5965.

11 101. As Class II devices, IPCs are subject to the 510(k) clearance process.

12 102. A 510(k) is a premarket submission made to the FDA to demonstrate that the
13 new device to be marketed is substantially equivalent to an existing “predicate” device,
14 which was either marketed prior to the enactment of the 1976 Medical Device Amendments
15 to the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act or is the subject of an independent 510(k) clearance.

16 103. If the new device is substantially equivalent to the predicate, 510(k) permits
17 the marketing of the device without formal review for the safety and efficacy of the device.

18 104. Through the 510(k) process, IPCs are cleared, not approved, by the FDA.

19 105. The FDA has explained:

20 A manufacturer can obtain an FDA finding of ‘substantial equivalence’ by
21 submitting a pre-market notification to the agency in accordance with
22 Section 510(k) of the [Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act]. 21 U.S.C. § 360(k).
23 A device found to be ‘substantially equivalent’ to a predicate device is said
24 to be ‘cleared’ by FDA (as opposed to ‘approved’ by the agency under a
PMA). A pre-market notification submitted under 510(k) is thus entirely
different from a PMA, which must include data sufficient to demonstrate that
the device is safe and effective.¹⁴

25 106. The Supreme Court has similarly explained:

26 The § 510(k) notification process is by no means comparable to the PMA
27 process; in contrast to the 1,200 hours necessary to complete a PMA review,
the § 510(k) review is completed in average of only 20 hours. . . . As one

28 ¹⁴ *Horn v. Thoratec Corp.*, 376 F.3d 163, 167 (3d Cir. 2004).

commentator noted: “The attraction of substantial equivalence to manufacturers is clear. Section 510(k) notification requires little information, rarely elicits a negative response from the FDA, and gets processed very quickly.”¹⁵

107. Defendants’ 510(k) submissions for Bard IPCs are subject to the following FDA special control: Guidance on 510(k) Submissions for Implanted Infusion Ports (Oct. 1990) (“1990 Guidance”).¹⁶

108. The 1990 Guidance does not dictate a particular design for Bard IPCs.

109. The 1990 Guidance does not dictate the content of the labeling for Bard IPCs.

110. Defendants’ 510(k) submissions for Bard IPCs are also subject to the following FDA special control: Guidance on Premarket Notification [510(k)] Submission for Short-Term and Long-Term Intravascular Catheters (Mar. 16, 1995) (“1995 Guidance”).¹⁷

111. The 1995 Guidance does not dictate a particular design for Bard IPCs.

112. The 1995 Guidance does not dictate the content of the labeling for Bard IPCs.

113. Bard IPCs are not subject to any other FDA special controls besides the 1990 Guidance and 1995 Guidance.

114. The **Titanium Low-Profile Port** is one of Defendants’ Bard IPCs.

- a. On or around January 23, 1987, C.R. Bard sought 510(k) clearance for the Hickman Titanium Subcutaneous Port, claiming its substantial equivalence to a predicate device.
- b. The FDA cleared the Hickman Titanium Subcutaneous Port on April 15, 1987 (K870260).
- c. On information and belief, 510(k) number K870260 corresponds to the Titanium Low-Profile Port.
- d. On or around February 7, 2005, BAS sought 510(k) clearance for the BardPort Implanted Port (Trade Name: Titanium Low-Profile Port), claiming its substantial equivalence to the BardPort Implanted Port (K870260).

¹⁵ *Medtronic, Inc. v. Lohr*, 518 U.S. 470, 478-79 (1996) (quoting Adler, *The 1976 Medical Device Amendments: A Step in the Right Direction Needs Another Step in the Right Direction*, 43 Food Drug Cosm. L.J. 511, 516 (1988)).

¹⁶ <https://www.fda.gov/media/72495/download>.

¹⁷ <https://www.fda.gov/media/72722/download>.

- 1 e. The FDA cleared the BardPort Implanted Port on April 18, 2005 (K050310).
- 2 f. On information and belief, 510(k) number K050310 corresponds to the
- 3 Titanium Low-Profile Port.
- 4 g. Defendants sell the Titanium Low-Profile Port under the following Stock
- 5 Keeping Unit (“SKU”)/model numbers, including but not limited to:
- 6 0602180, 0602190, 0605490, 0605510, 0606100, 0606150, 0606200.¹⁸

7 115. The **SlimPort Dual-Lumen Rosenblatt Implantable Port** is one of

8 Defendants’ Bard IPCs.

- 9 a. On or around September 30, 1996, BAS sought 510(k) clearance for the
- 10 SlimPort Dual Low Profile Implanted Port, claiming its substantial
- 11 equivalence to the Plastic Attachable Dual Port as a predicate device.
- 12 b. The FDA cleared the SlimPort Dual Low Profile Implanted Port on March 6,
- 13 1997 (K964066).
- 14 c. On information and belief, 510(k) number K964066 corresponds to the
- 15 SlimPort Dual-Lumen Rosenblatt Implantable Port.
- 16 d. Defendants sell the SlimPort Dual-Lumen Rosenblatt Implantable Port under
- 17 the following SKU/model numbers, including but not limited to: 0604970,
- 18 0624970, 0654970.¹⁹

19 116. The **X-Port isp M.R.I. Implantable Port** is one of Defendants’ Bard IPCs.

- 20 a. On or around September 6, 2002, BAS sought 510(k) clearance for the
- 21 BardPort Implanted Port (Trade Name: X-Port isp), claiming its substantial
- 22 equivalence to the BardPort Implanted Port (Trade Name: Hickman Plastic
- 23 Subcutaneous Port) as a predicate device.
- 24 b. The FDA cleared the BardPort Implanted Port (Trade Name: X-Port isp) on
- 25 September 25, 2002 (K022983).
- 26 c. On information and belief, 510(k) number K022983 corresponds to the X-
- 27 Port isp M.R.I. Implantable Port.
- 28 d. On or around February 5, 2016, BAS sought 510(k) clearance for the X-Port
- Implanted Port, claiming its substantial equivalence to the BardPort X-Port
- isp Port as a predicate device.
- e. The FDA cleared the X-Port Implanted Port on May 20, 2016 (K153359).

¹⁸ See, e.g., <https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.0602180#overview>.

¹⁹ See, e.g., <https://www.bd.com/en-eu/slimport-dual-lumen-rosenblatt-implantable-port/0604970ce?return=true>.

- 1 f. On information and belief, 510(k) number K153359 corresponds to the X-
2 Port isp M.R.I. Implantable Port.
- 3 g. Defendants sell the X-Port isp M.R.I. Implantable Port under the following
4 SKU/model numbers, including but not limited to: 0607500, 0607510,
5 0607520, 0607530, 0607540, 0607550, 0607555, 0657500, 0657510,
6 0657520, 0657525, 7707540, 7757540.²⁰
- 7 117. The **X-Port Low-Profile Titanium Port** is one of Defendants' Bard IPCs.
- 8 a. On information and belief, 510(k) number K022983 also corresponds to the
9 X-Port Low-Profile Titanium Port.
- 10 b. On information and belief, 510(k) number K153359 also corresponds to the
11 X-Port Low-Profile Titanium Port.
- 12 c. Defendants sell the X-Port Low-Profile Titanium Port under the following
13 SKU/model numbers, including but not limited to: 0655870, 0605840,
14 0605850.²¹
- 15 118. The **Titanium SlimPort Implantable Port** is one of Defendants' Bard IPCs.
- 16 a. On or around August 24, 1992, BAS sought 510(k) clearance for the Plastic
17 Low Profile Subcutaneous Port, claiming its substantial equivalence to a
18 predicate device.
- 19 b. The FDA cleared the Plastic Low Profile Subcutaneous Port on October 4,
20 1993 (K924250).
- 21 c. On information and belief, 510(k) number K924250 corresponds to the
22 Titanium SlimPort Implantable Port.
- 23 d. On information and belief, 510(k) number K153359 corresponds to the
24 Titanium SlimPort Implantable Port.
- 25 e. Defendants sell the Titanium SlimPort Implantable Port under the following
26 SKU/model numbers, including but not limited to: 0605550, 0605560,
27 0655510.²²
- 28 119. The **M.R.I. Ultra SlimPort Implantable Port** is one of Defendants' Bard
29 IPCs.
- 30 a. On information and belief, 510(k) number K924250 also corresponds to the
31 M.R.I. Ultra SlimPort Implantable Port.

²⁰ See, e.g., <https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.0607510>.

²¹ See, e.g., <https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.0655870>.

²² See, e.g., <https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.0605550>.

1 b. On information and belief, 510(k) number K153359 corresponds to the
M.R.I. Ultra SlimPort Implantable Port.

2 c. Defendants sell the M.R.I. Ultra SlimPort Implantable Port under the
3 following SKU/model numbers, including but not limited to: 0605640,
0655640.²³

4 120. The **M.R.I. Plastic Dual Lumen Port** is one of Defendants' Bard IPCs.

5 a. On information and belief, Defendants never sought 510(k) clearance of the
6 M.R.I. Plastic Dual Lumen Port.

7 b. On information and belief, the M.R.I. Plastic Dual Lumen Port never
8 received 510(k) clearance.

9 c. Defendants sell the M.R.I. Plastic Dual Lumen Port under the following
10 SKU/model numbers, including but not limited to: 0603500, 0605920,
0605930, 0607100, 0607200, 0615460.²⁴

11 121. The **BardPort M.R.I. Implantable Port** is one of Defendants' Bard IPCs.

12 a. On information and belief, 510(k) number K050310 also corresponds to the
13 BardPort M.R.I. Implantable Port.

14 b. Defendants sell the BardPort M.R.I. Implantable Port under the following
15 SKU/model numbers, including but not limited to: 0602610, 0602620,
0602640, 0602650, 0602660, 0602670, 0602680, 0602690, 0602830,
0602833, 0602840, 0602843, 0605400, 0605420, 0607173.²⁵

16 122. The **BardPort M.R.I. Low-Profile Implantable Port** is one of Defendants'
Bard IPCs.

17 a. On information and belief, 510(k) number K050310 also corresponds to the
18 BardPort M.R.I. Low-Profile Implantable Port.

19 b. Defendants sell the BardPort M.R.I. Low-Profile Implantable Port under the
20 following SKU/model numbers, including but not limited to: 0603830,
0603840, 0603870, 0603880, 6603880.²⁶

21 123. The **BardPort Titanium Implantable Port** is one of Defendants' Bard
22 IPCs.

23 a. On information and belief, 510(k) number K870260 corresponds to the
24 BardPort Titanium Implantable Port.

25 ²³ See, e.g., [https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-](https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.0605640)
26 [page.0605640](https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.0605640).

27 ²⁴ See, e.g., [https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-](https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.0605920)
28 [page.0605920](https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.0605920).

²⁵ See, e.g., <https://www.westcmr.com/0602680-we1-0602680>.

²⁶ See, e.g., <https://www.westcmr.com/0605420-we1-0605420>.

1 b. On information and belief, 510(k) number K050310 also corresponds to the BardPort Titanium Implantable Port.

2 c. Defendants sell the BardPort Titanium Implantable Port under the following
3 SKU/model numbers, including but not limited to: 0602230, 0602240,
4 0602270, 0602290, 0603000, 0602820, 0605300, 0605320, 0607301,
5 0607302, 0602210, 0602260, 0602280, 0602810.²⁷

6 124. The **BardPort Titanium Dome Implantable Port** is one of Defendants'
7 Bard IPCs.

8 a. On information and belief, 510(k) number K870260 corresponds to the
9 BardPort Titanium Implantable Port.

10 b. On information and belief, 510(k) number K050310 also corresponds to the
11 BardPort Titanium Implantable Port.

12 c. Defendants sell the BardPort Titanium Dome Implantable Port under the
13 following SKU/model numbers, including but not limited to: 0602850,
14 0602860, 0602870.²⁸

15 125. The **Peritoneal Titanium Port** is one of Defendants' power-injectable Bard
16 IPCs.

17 a. On information and belief, 510(k) number K050310 also corresponds to the
18 Peritoneal Titanium Port.

19 b. Defendants sell the Peritoneal Titanium Port under the following SKU/model
20 numbers, including but not limited to: 0603000, 0603006.²⁹

21 ***Defendants' Regulatory Clearance of Power-Injectable IPCs***

22 126. The **PowerPort Implantable Port** is one of Defendants' power-injectable
23 Bard IPCs.

24 a. On or around March 23, 2006, BAS sought 510(k) clearance for the
25 PowerPort Implanted Titanium Port with 8 Fr ChronoFlex Catheter, claiming
26 its substantial equivalence to the 5 Fr Dual Lumen PowerPICC Catheter,
27 PowerPort Implanted Titanium Port with 8 Fr ChronoFlex Catheter, and
28 MiniLoc Safety Infusion Set as predicate devices.

b. The FDA cleared the PowerPort Implanted Titanium Port with 8 Fr
ChronoFlex Catheter on July 14, 2006 (K060812).

²⁷ See, e.g., <https://www.westcmr.com/0602230-we1-0602230>.

²⁸ See, e.g., <https://www.esutures.com/product/0-in-date/102-bard/1060-ports/46334155-bardport-titanium-dome-implantable-port-8f-0602850/>.

²⁹ See, e.g., <https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.0603000>.

- 1 c. On information and belief, 510(k) number K060812 corresponds to the
2 PowerPort Implantable Port.
3
4 d. On or around May 30, 2008, BAS sought 510(k) clearance for the PowerPort
5 Implanted Port with Groshong Catheter, claiming its substantial equivalence
6 to the PowerPort Implanted Titanium Port as a predicate device.
7
8 e. The FDA cleared the PowerPort Implanted Port with Groshong Catheter on
9 June 4, 2008 (K081311).
10
11 f. On information and belief, 510(k) number K081311 corresponds to the
12 PowerPort Implantable Port.
13
14 g. On or around July 3, 2019, BAS sought 510(k) clearance for the PowerPort
15 Implantable Port, claiming its substantial equivalence to the PowerPort
16 Implanted Port with Groshong Catheter, MRI PowerPort Implanted Port with
17 9.6 Fr Silicone Catheter, and the PowerPort Implanted Titanium Port with 8
18 Fr ChronoFlex Polyurethane Catheter as predicate devices.
19
20 h. The FDA cleared the PowerPort Implantable Port on July 8, 2019 (K181446).
21
22 i. On information and belief, 510(k) number K181446 corresponds to the
23 PowerPort Implantable Port.
24
25 j. Defendants sell the PowerPort Implantable Port under the following
26 SKU/model numbers, including but not limited to: 1708000, 1708001,
27 1708070, 1708071, 1709600, 1709601, 1759600, 1759601, 1778000,
28 1778001, 1778070, 1778071.³⁰

127. The **PowerPort M.R.I. Implantable Port** is one of Defendants' power-
injectable Bard IPCs.

- 18 a. On or around November 6, 2006, BAS sought 510(k) clearance for the
19 PowerPort Implanted Polymeric Port with 8 Fr ChronoFlex Catheter,
20 claiming its substantial equivalence to the PowerPort Implanted Titanium
21 Port with 8 Fr ChronoFlex Catheter as a predicate device.
22
23 b. The FDA cleared the PowerPort Implanted Polymeric Port with 8 Fr
24 ChronoFlex Catheter on January 25, 2007 (K063377).
25
26 c. On information and belief, 510(k) number K063377 corresponds to the
27 PowerPort M.R.I. Implantable Port.
28
29 d. On or around December 3, 2007, BAS sought 510(k) clearance for the MRI
PowerPort Implanted Port with 9.6 Fr Silicone Catheter, claiming its
substantial equivalence to the MRI PowerPort Polymeric Implanted Port with
8 Fr ChronoFlex Polyurethane Catheter as a predicate device.

³⁰ See, e.g., <https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.1708000>.

- 1 e. The FDA cleared the MRI PowerPort Implanted Port with 9.6 Fr Silicone
2 Catheter on December 19, 2007 (K073423).
- 3 f. On information and belief, 510(k) number K073423 corresponds to the
4 PowerPort M.R.I. Implantable Port.
- 5 g. On or around July 3, 2019, BAS sought 510(k) clearance for the PowerPort
6 M.R.I. Implantable Port, claiming its substantial equivalence to the MRI
7 PowerPort Implanted Port with 9.6 Fr Silicone Catheter and the PowerPort
8 Implanted Polymeric Port with 8 Fr ChronoFlex Catheter as predicate
9 devices.
- 10 h. The FDA cleared the PowerPort M.R.I. Implantable Port on July 8, 2019
11 (K181446).
- 12 i. On information and belief, 510(k) number K181446 corresponds to the
13 PowerPort M.R.I. Implantable Port.
- 14 j. Defendants sell the PowerPort M.R.I. Implantable Port under the following
15 SKU/model numbers, including but not limited to: 1808000, 1808001,
16 1808002, 1808070, 1808071, 1808300, 1809600, 1809601, 1809670,
17 1859600, 1859601, 1878000, 1878001, 1878070, 1878071.³¹

18 128. The **PowerPort isp Implantable Port** is one of Defendants' power-
19 injectable Bard IPCs.

- 20 a. On or around August 8, 2007, BAS sought 510(k) clearance for the Titanium
21 PowerPort isp Implanted Port with 8 Fr ChronoFlex Polyurethane Catheter,
22 claiming its substantial equivalence to the Titanium PowerPort Implanted
23 Port with 8 Fr ChronoFlex Polyurethane Catheter and the MRI PowerPort
24 Polymeric Implanted Port with 8 Fr ChronoFlex Polyurethane Catheter as
25 predicate devices.
- 26 b. The FDA cleared the Titanium PowerPort isp Implanted Port with 8 Fr
27 ChronoFlex Polyurethane Catheter on November 1, 2007 (K072215).
- 28 c. On information and belief, 510(k) number K072215 corresponds to the
PowerPort isp Implantable Port.
- d. On or around August 28, 2007, BAS sought 510(k) clearance for the
Titanium PowerPort isp Implanted Port with 6 Fr ChronoFlex Polyurethane
Catheter, claiming its substantial equivalence to the Titanium PowerPort
Implanted Port with 8 Fr ChronoFlex Polyurethane Catheter and the MRI
PowerPort Polymeric Implanted Port with 8 Fr. ChronoFlex Polyurethane
Catheter as predicate devices.
- e. The FDA cleared the Titanium PowerPort isp Implanted Port with 6 Fr
ChronoFlex Polyurethane Catheter on November 14, 2007 (K072549).

³¹ See, e.g., <https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.1808000>.

- 1 f. On information and belief, 510(k) number K072549 corresponds to the
2 PowerPort isp Implantable Port.
3
4 g. On or around July 3, 2019, BAS sought 510(k) clearance for the PowerPort
5 isp Implantable Port, claiming its substantial equivalence to the PowerPort
6 Implanted Port with Groshong Catheter and Titanium PowerPort isp
7 Implanted Port with 6 Fr ChronoFlex Polyurethane Catheter as predicate
8 devices.
9
10 h. The FDA cleared the PowerPort isp Implantable Port on July 8, 2019
11 (K181446).
12
13 i. On information and belief, 510(k) number K181446 corresponds to the
14 PowerPort isp Implantable Port.
15
16 j. Defendants sell the PowerPort isp Implantable Port under the following
17 SKU/model numbers, including but not limited to: 1706050, 1706051,
18 1706060, 1706061, 1708050, 1708051, 1708060, 1708061, 1708160,
19 1708550, 1708551, 1708560, 1708561, 4708060, 4708061, 4708560,
20 4708561, CP00001, CP00002, CP00003, CP00009.³²

21 129. The **PowerPort duo M.R.I. Implantable Port** is one of Defendants' power-
22 injectable Bard IPCs.

- 23 a. On or around February 20, 2009, BAS sought 510(k) clearance for the
24 PowerPort duo M.R.I. Implanted Port with 9.5 Fr Dual Lumen (D/L)
25 ChronoFlex Polyurethane Catheter, claiming its substantial equivalence to
26 the PowerPort M.R.I. Implanted Port with 8.0 Fr ChronoFlex Polyurethane
27 Catheter and the X-Port duo Implanted Port with 9.5 Fr Dual Lumen D/L
28 ChronoFlex Polyurethane Catheter as predicate devices.
29
30 b. The FDA cleared the PowerPort duo M.R.I. Implanted Port with 9.5 Fr Dual
31 Lumen (D/L) ChronoFlex Polyurethane Catheter on March 27, 2009
32 (K090512).
33
34 c. On information and belief, 510(k) number K090512 corresponds to the
35 PowerPort duo M.R.I. Implantable Port.
36
37 d. On or around July 3, 2019, BAS sought 510(k) clearance for the PowerPort
38 duo M.R.I. Implantable Port, claiming its substantial equivalence to the
39 PowerPort duo M.R.I. Implanted Port with 9.5 Fr Dual Lumen ChronoFlex
40 Polyurethane Catheter as a predicate device.
41
42 e. The FDA cleared the PowerPort duo M.R.I. Implantable Port on July 8, 2019
43 (K181446).
44
45 f. On information and belief, 510(k) number K181446 corresponds to the
46 PowerPort duo M.R.I. Implantable Port.

32 See, e.g., <https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.1706050>.

- 1 g. Defendants sell the PowerPort duo M.R.I. Implantable Port under the
 2 following SKU/model numbers, including but not limited to: 1829500,
 3 1829570, 5829500, 5829502.³³

4 130. The **PowerPort ClearVUE Slim Implantable Port** is one of Defendants'
 5 power-injectable Bard IPCs.

- 6 a. On or around September 19, 2012, BAS sought 510(k) clearance for the
 7 PowerPort ClearVUE Slim Implantable Port with 8F Polyurethane Catheter,
 8 claiming its substantial equivalence to the Titanium PowerPort isp with 8F
 9 Polyurethane Catheter as a predicate device.
- 10 b. The FDA cleared the PowerPort ClearVUE Slim Implantable Port with 8F
 11 Polyurethane Catheter on November 15, 2012 (K122899).
- 12 c. On information and belief, 510(k) number K122899 corresponds to the
 13 PowerPort ClearVUE Slim Implantable Port.
- 14 d. On or around July 3, 2019, BAS sought 510(k) clearance for the PowerPort
 15 ClearVUE Slim Implantable Port, claiming its substantial equivalence to the
 16 PowerPort ClearVUE Slim Implantable Port with 8 Fr Polyurethane Catheter
 17 as a predicate device.
- 18 e. The FDA cleared the PowerPort ClearVUE Slim Implantable Port on July 8,
 19 2019 (K181446).
- 20 f. On information and belief, 510(k) number K181446 corresponds to the
 21 PowerPort ClearVUE Slim Implantable Port.
- 22 g. Defendants sell the PowerPort ClearVUE Slim Implantable Port under the
 23 following SKU/model numbers, including but not limited to: 1616000,
 24 1616001, 1616070, 1616071, 1616300, 1616380, 1618000, 1618001,
 25 1618070, 1618300, 1618380, 1676301, 1678300, 1678301, 5616000,
 26 5616300, 5618000, 5618300, 5676300, 5676301, 5678300, 5678301,
 27 CP00005.³⁴

28 131. The **PowerPort ClearVUE isp Implantable Port** is one of Defendants'
 power-injectable Bard IPCs.

- a. On or around July 3, 2019, BAS sought 510(k) clearance for the PowerPort
 ClearVUE isp Implantable Port, claiming its substantial equivalence to the
 PowerPort Implanted Polymeric Port with 8 Fr ChronoFlex Catheter as a
 predicate device.

³³ See, e.g., <https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.1829500>.

³⁴ See, e.g., <https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.1616000>.

- 1 b. The FDA cleared the PowerPort ClearVUE isp Implantable Port on July 8,
2019 (K181446).
- 2 c. On information and belief, 510(k) number K181446 corresponds to the
3 PowerPort ClearVUE isp Implantable Port.
- 4 d. Defendants sell the PowerPort ClearVUE isp Implantable Port under the
5 following SKU/model numbers, including but not limited to: 1606052,
6 1606062, 1606362, 1606382, 1608052, 1608062, 1608362, 1608382,
7 1666362, 1668362, 1676300, 5606362, 5608062, 5608362, 5666362,
8 5668362, CP00004.³⁵

9 132. The **PowerPort VUE M.R.I. Implantable Port** is one of Defendants'
10 power-injectable Bard IPCs.

- 11 a. On or around July 3, 2019, BAS sought 510(k) clearance for the PowerPort
12 VUE M.R.I. Implantable Port, claiming its substantial equivalence to the
13 PowerPort Implanted Polymeric Port with 8 Fr ChronoFlex Catheter as a
14 predicate device.
- 15 b. The FDA cleared the PowerPort VUE M.R.I. Implantable Port on July 8,
16 2019 (K181446).
- 17 c. On information and belief, 510(k) number K181446 corresponds to the
18 PowerPort VUE M.R.I. Implantable Port.
- 19 d. Defendants sell the PowerPort VUE M.R.I. Implantable Port under the
20 following SKU/model numbers, including but not limited to: 1806052,
21 1806062, 1808052, 1808062.³⁶

22 133. The **PowerPort VUE Titanium Implantable Port** is one of Defendants'
23 power-injectable Bard IPCs.

- 24 a. On or around July 3, 2019, BAS sought 510(k) clearance for the PowerPort
25 VUE Implantable Port, claiming its substantial equivalence to the Titanium
26 PowerPort isp Implanted Port with 6 Fr ChronoFlex Polyurethane Catheter
27 as a predicate device.
- 28 b. The FDA cleared the PowerPort VUE Implantable Port on July 8, 2019
(K181446).
- c. On information and belief, 510(k) number K181446 corresponds to the
PowerPort VUE Titanium Implantable Port.

³⁵ See, e.g., <https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.1606052>.

³⁶ See, e.g., <https://accessgudid.nlm.nih.gov/devices/00801741026935>.

- 1 d. Defendants sell the PowerPort VUE Titanium Implantable Port under the
2 following SKU/model numbers, including but not limited to: 1706052,
3 1706062, 1708052, 1708062.³⁷

4 134. The **PowerPort isp M.R.I. Implantable Port** is one of Defendants' power-
5 injectable Bard IPCs.

- 6 a. On or around July 3, 2019, BAS sought 510(k) clearance for the PowerPort
7 isp M.R.I. Implantable Port, claiming its substantial equivalence to the MRI
8 PowerPort Implanted Port with 9.6 Fr. Silicone Catheter and the PowerPort
9 Implanted Polymeric Port with 8 Fr ChronoFlex Catheter as predicate
10 devices.
- 11 b. The FDA cleared the PowerPort isp M.R.I. Implantable Port on July 8, 2019
12 (K181446).
- 13 c. On information and belief, 510(k) number K181446 corresponds to the
14 PowerPort isp M.R.I. Implantable Port.
- 15 d. Defendants sell the PowerPort isp M.R.I. Implantable Port under the
16 following SKU/model numbers, including but not limited to: 1806050,
17 1806051, 1806060, 1806061, 1808050, 1808051, 1808060, 1808061,
18 1808069, 1808360, 1808550, 1808551, 1808560, 1808561, 1809660,
19 1809661, 1859660, 1859661, 4808060, 4808061, 4808560, 4808561,
20 9808560.³⁸

21 135. The **PowerPort Slim Implantable Port** is one of Defendants' power-
22 injectable Bard IPCs.

- 23 a. On or around July 3, 2019, BAS sought 510(k) clearance for the PowerPort
24 Slim Implantable Port, claiming its substantial equivalence to the PowerPort
25 Implanted Port with Groshong Catheter, Titanium PowerPort isp Implanted
26 Port with 6 Fr ChronoFlex Polyurethane Catheter, and Titanium PowerPort
27 isp Implanted Port with 8 Fr ChronoFlex Polyurethane Catheter as predicate
28 devices.
- 29 b. The FDA cleared the PowerPort Slim Implantable Port on July 8, 2019
30 (K181446).
- 31 c. On information and belief, 510(k) number K181446 corresponds to the
32 PowerPort Slim Implantable Port.
- 33 d. Defendants sell the PowerPort Slim Implantable Port under the following
34 SKU/model numbers, including but not limited to: 1716000, 1716001,

35 ³⁷ See, e.g., <https://accessgudid.nlm.nih.gov/devices/00801741026539>.

36 ³⁸ See, e.g., <https://www.esutures.com/product/1-expired/102-bard/1060-ports/46247187-bard-powerport-isp-m.r.i.-implantable-port-6f-1806050/>.

1 1716070, 1716071, 1716080, 1718000, 1718001, 1718070, 1718500,
2 1718501, 1718570, 1718571, CP00008.³⁹

3 136. The **Vaccess CT Power-Injectable Implantable Port** is one of Defendants'
4 power-injectable Bard IPCs.

- 5 a. On or around July 3, 2019, BAS sought 510(k) clearance for the Vaccess CT
6 Power-Injectable Port, claiming its substantial equivalence to the PowerPort
7 Implanted Polymeric Port with 8 Fr ChronoFlex Catheter and Titanium
8 PowerPort isp Implanted Port with 6 Fr ChronoFlex Polyurethane Catheter
9 as predicate devices.
- 10 b. The FDA cleared the Vaccess CT Power-Injectable Port on July 8, 2019
11 (K181446).
- 12 c. On information and belief, 510(k) number K181446 corresponds to the
13 Vaccess CT Power-Injectable Port.
- 14 d. Defendants sell the Vaccess CT Power-Injectable Port under the following
15 SKU/model numbers, including but not limited to: 7460000, 7480000,
16 7496000.⁴⁰

17 137. The **Vaccess CT Low-Profile Titanium Power-Injectable Port** is one of
18 Defendants' power-injectable Bard IPCs.

- 19 a. On or around July 3, 2019, BAS sought 510(k) clearance for the Vaccess CT
20 Low-Profile Titanium Power-Injectable Port, claiming its substantial
21 equivalence to the Titanium PowerPort isp Implanted Port with 6 Fr
22 ChronoFlex Polyurethane Catheter and the Titanium PowerPort isp
23 Implanted Port with 8 Fr ChronoFlex Polyurethane Catheter as predicate
24 devices.
- 25 b. The FDA cleared the Vaccess CT Low-Profile Titanium Power-Injectable
26 Port on July 8, 2019 (K181446).
- 27 c. On information and belief, 510(k) number K181446 corresponds to the
28 Vaccess CT Low-Profile Titanium Power-Injectable Port.
- d. Defendants sell the Vaccess CT Low-Profile Titanium Power-Injectable Port
under the following SKU/model numbers, including but not limited to:
7360000, 7360001, 7380000.⁴¹

³⁹ See, e.g., <https://www.esutures.com/product/0-in-date/102-bard/1060-ports/46267717-bard-powerport-slim-implantable-port-6f-intermediate-1716000/>.

⁴⁰ See, e.g., <https://accessgudid.nlm.nih.gov/devices/00801741027468>.

⁴¹ See, e.g., <https://accessgudid.nlm.nih.gov/devices/00801741027437>.

1 138. The **PowerFlow Implantable Apheresis IV Port** is one of Defendants'
2 power-injectable Bard IPCs.

- 3 a. On or around April 14, 2017, BAS sought 510(k) clearance for the
4 PowerFlow Implantable Apheresis IV Port with 9.6 Fr ChronoFlex Catheter,
5 claiming its substantial equivalence to the Bard CathLink 20 Titanium Port
6 with Attachable Polyurethane Catheter.
- 7 b. The FDA cleared the PowerFlow Implantable Apheresis IV Port on April 17,
8 2017 (K163001).
- 9 c. On information and belief, 510(k) number K1630001 corresponds to the
10 PowerFlow Implantable Apheresis IV Port.
- 11 d. Defendants sell the PowerFlow Implantable Apheresis IV Port under the
12 following SKU/model numbers, including but not limited to: A710962.⁴²

13 ***Defendants' Development of Barium-Sulfate Catheters***

14 139. Barium sulfate is a radiopaque substance, meaning it is visible during
15 diagnostic imaging.

16 140. Defendants designed and manufactured Bard IPCs with catheters comprised
17 of a polymeric mixture of barium sulfate with polyurethane and/or silicone.

18 141. Some Bard IPCs have catheters comprised of a polymeric mixture of barium
19 sulfate and polyurethane called "ChronoFlex."

- 20 a. On or around March 23, 2006, BAS sought 510(k) clearance for the
21 PowerPort Implanted Titanium Port with 8 Fr ChronoFlex Catheter, claiming
22 its substantial equivalence to, *inter alia*, the PowerPort Implanted Titanium
23 Port with 8 Fr ChronoFlex Catheter (K050310) as a predicate device.
- 24 b. The predicate device that BAS identified had been cleared with a 6.6 Fr and
25 9.6 Fr Open-Ended Silicone Intravascular Catheter, not a ChronoFlex
26 Catheter.
- 27 c. BAS's 510(k) application for the PowerPort Implanted Titanium Port with 8
28 Fr ChronoFlex Catheter did not identify the differences in the ChronoFlex
catheter.
- d. The FDA cleared the PowerPort Implanted Titanium Port with 8 Fr
ChronoFlex Catheter on July 14, 2006 (K060812).

⁴² See, e.g., <https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.A710962>.

- 1 e. On information and belief, 510(k) number K060812 is the first 510(k)
2 clearance of an IPC including ChronoFlex.
3 f. 510(k) number K050310 did not involve ChronoFlex.
4 g. On or around November 6, 2006, BAS sought 510(k) clearance for the
5 PowerPort Implanted Polymeric Port with 8 Fr ChronoFlex Catheter,
6 claiming its substantial equivalence to the PowerPort Implanted Titanium
7 Port with 8 Fr ChronoFlex Catheter (K060812) as a predicate device.
8 h. The FDA cleared the PowerPort Implanted Polymeric Port with 8 Fr
9 ChronoFlex Catheter on January 25, 2007 (K063377).

10 142. Defendants specifically advertise that their IPCs include the ChronoFlex
11 catheter, including but not limited to the following Bard IPCs:

- 12 a. M.R.I. Ultra SlimPort Implantable Port;⁴³
13 b. PowerFlow Implantable Apheresis IV Port;⁴⁴
14 c. PowerPort ClearVUE isp Implantable Port;⁴⁵
15 d. PowerPort ClearVUE Slim Implantable Port;⁴⁶
16 e. PowerPort duo M.R.I. Implantable Port;⁴⁷
17 f. PowerPort Implantable Port;⁴⁸
18 g. PowerPort isp Implantable Port;⁴⁹
19 h. PowerPort M.R.I. Implantable Port;⁵⁰
20 i. Titanium Low-Profile Port;⁵¹

21 ⁴³ See, e.g., [https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-](https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.0605640#specifications)
22 [page.0605640#specifications](https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.0605640#specifications).

23 ⁴⁴ See, e.g., [https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-](https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.A710962#overview)
24 [page.A710962#overview](https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.A710962#overview).

25 ⁴⁵ See, e.g., [https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-](https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.1606052#specifications)
26 [page.1606052#specifications](https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.1606052#specifications).

27 ⁴⁶ See, e.g., [https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-](https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.1616000#specifications)
28 [page.1616000#specifications](https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.1616000#specifications).

⁴⁷ See, e.g., [https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-](https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.1829500#specifications)
[page.1829500#specifications](https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.1829500#specifications).

⁴⁸ See, e.g., [https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-](https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.1708001#specifications)
[page.1708001#specifications](https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.1708001#specifications).

⁴⁹ See, e.g., [https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-](https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.1706050#specifications)
[page.1706050#specifications](https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.1706050#specifications).

⁵⁰ See, e.g., [https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-](https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.1808000#specifications)
[page.1808000#specifications](https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.1808000#specifications).

⁵¹ See, e.g., [https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-](https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.0605490#specifications)
[page.0605490#specifications](https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.0605490#specifications).

- 1 j. Titanium SlimPort Implantable Port;⁵²
2 k. X-Port isp M.R.I. Implantable Port;⁵³
3 l. X-Port Low-Profile Titanium Port;⁵⁴ and
4 m. PowerFlow Implantable Apheresis IV Port.⁵⁵

5 143. All of Defendants' ChronoFlex catheters contain barium sulfate.

6 144. In contrast to ChronoFlex catheters (which are comprised of a polymeric
7 mixture of barium sulfate and polyurethane), some Bard IPCs have catheters comprised of
8 a polymeric mixture of barium sulfate and silicone.

9 145. Defendants' Groshong catheter is one such example.

10 146. Indeed, all of Defendants' Groshong catheters contain barium sulfate.

11 147. On information and belief, other Bard IPCs are alternatively comprised of a
12 polymeric mixture of barium sulfate with silicone and polyurethane.

13 148. Regardless of the model, all Bard IPCs are comprised of a polymeric mixture
14 containing barium sulfate.

15 149. Barium sulfate reduces the mechanical integrity of polyurethane in vivo.

16 150. Scientists have found that "the roughness and thrombogenicity of various
17 catheters is associated with the presence of radiopaque particles embedded in the
18 catheters."⁵⁶

19 151. When exposed to the bloodstream, barium-sulfate particles dissociate from
20 the surface of the polyurethane catheter over time.

21
22
23 ⁵² See, e.g., [https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-
page.0605550#specifications](https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.0605550#specifications).

24 ⁵³ See, e.g., [https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-
page.0607510#specifications](https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.0607510#specifications).

25 ⁵⁴ See, e.g., [https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-
page.0655870#specifications](https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.0655870#specifications).

26 ⁵⁵ See [https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-
families/powerflow-implantable-apheresis-iv-port#overview](https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-families/powerflow-implantable-apheresis-iv-port#overview).

27 ⁵⁶ Wildgruber et al., *Polyurethane versus silicone catheters for central venous port*
28 *devices implanted at the forearm*, Euro. J. Cancer 59 (2016) 113-124.

1 152. This exposure alters the catheter’s polymeric structure and degrades its
2 mechanical properties.

3 153. Scientific literature shows that when barium-sulfate impregnated catheters
4 are “expos[ed] ... to the bloodstream,” it causes “[barium sulfate] particle release, resulting
5 in surface irregularities.”⁵⁷

6 154. Thus, “it is ... obvious that the choice of the material itself and subsequent
7 degradation when exposed to the bloodstream has significant impact on catheter durability
8 and catheter-related complications.”⁵⁸

9 155. The mechanical integrity of the barium-sulfate impregnated polyurethane is
10 also affected by the concentration of barium sulfate.

11 156. The mechanical integrity of the barium-sulfate impregnated polyurethane is
12 further affected by the homogeneity of the modified polymer.

13 157. In addition, barium sulfate reduces the mechanical integrity of silicone in
14 vivo.

15 158. When exposed to the bloodstream, the barium-sulfate particles dissociate
16 from the surface of the silicone catheter over time.

17 159. This exposure alters the catheter’s polymeric structure and degrades its
18 mechanical properties.

19 160. The mechanical integrity of the barium-sulfate impregnated silicone is also
20 affected by the concentration of barium sulfate.

21 161. The mechanical integrity of the barium-sulfate impregnated silicone is
22 further affected by the homogeneity of the modified polymer.

23

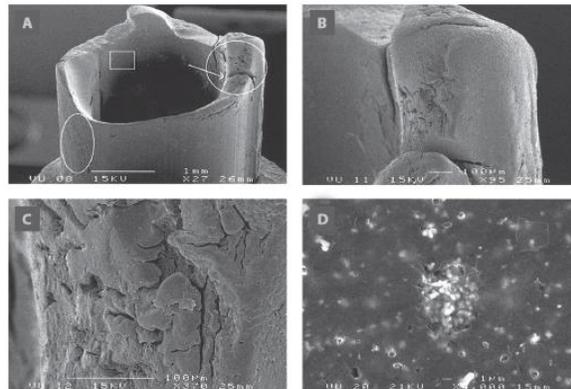
24

25

26 ⁵⁷ Verbeke et al., *The role of polymer surface degradation and barium sulphate release in*
27 *the pathogenesis of catheter-related infection*, *Nephrol. Dial. Transpl.* 25 (2010) 1207-
1213.

28 ⁵⁸ Wildgruber et al., *Polyurethane versus silicone catheters for central venous port*
devices implanted at the forearm, *Euro. J. Cancer* 59 (2016) 113-124.

1 162. When the barium sulfate degrades in vivo, it causes cracks, fissures, divots,
2 and/or pitting on the surface of the catheter.⁵⁹



10 163. These cracks, fissures, divots, and/or pitting on the catheter's surface can
11 cause catheter fracture.

12 164. Scientific literature shows that “the loss of barium sulphate filler particles
13 near the surface of the catheter ... results in preformed microscopic notches, which act as
14 predetermined sites of fracture” and “complete mechanical failure.”⁶⁰

15 165. These cracks, fissures, divots, and pitting on the surface of the catheter can
16 also harbor microbes.

17 166. Microbes on the surface of the catheter can cause infection.

18 167. Scientific literature shows that “[barium sulfate] particle release result[s] in
19 surface irregularities predisposing to bacterial proliferation.”⁶¹

20
21
22
23
24 ⁵⁹ Weijmer, M.C., *Strategies to reduce hemodialysis catheter-related complications* (2007)
69.

25 ⁶⁰ Braun et al., *Mechanic and surface properties of central-venous port catheters after*
26 *removal: A comparison of polyurethane and silicon rubber materials*, J. Mech. Behav.
Biomed. Mats. 64 (2016) 281-291.

27 ⁶¹ Verbeke et al., *The role of polymer surface degradation and barium sulphate release in*
28 *the pathogenesis of catheter-related infection*, Nephrol. Dial. Transpl. 25 (2010) 1207-
1213.

1 168. Due to “continuous contact of the catheter with the tissues and the patient
2 fluids,” a biofilm is formed on the catheter, “which is a perfect environment for the
3 development of infection.”⁶²

4 169. “[S]urface roughness” further “leads to enhanced bacterial colonization by
5 providing shelter.”⁶³

6 170. Cracks, fissures, divots, and/or pitting on the surface of the catheter can also
7 cause thrombosis by permitting the collection and proliferation of fibrinous material
8 present in the bloodstream.

9 171. Indeed, “roughness of the catheter surface ... promotes thrombogenicity.”⁶⁴

10 172. Additionally, collection of fibrinous material on the surface of a biomaterial
11 potentiates infection by creating a hospitable surface environment for pathogens including
12 bacteria and fungi.

13 173. In sum, “[IPC] implantations are associated with risk of infection and of
14 thrombovascular, mechanical, and arrhythmogenic complications.”⁶⁵

15 174. “Surface irregularities resulting from the release of [barium sulfate] may
16 represent a common causative pathway for these complications” and many others.⁶⁶

17 175. At all relevant times, Defendants could have designed the catheters of Bard
18 IPCs with radiopaque materials other than barium sulfate.

19
20
21
22 ⁶² Nycz et al., *Surface analysis of long-term hemodialysis catheters made of carbothane*
23 *before and after implantation in the patients’ bodies*, Acta of Bioeng. & Biomech. 20
(2018) 47-53.

24 ⁶³ *Id.*

25 ⁶⁴ Verbeke et al., *The role of polymer surface degradation and barium sulphate release in*
26 *the pathogenesis of catheter-related infection*, Nephrol. Dial. Transpl. 25 (2010) 1207-
1213.

27 ⁶⁵ Khalid et al., *Outcomes following port-a-catheter placement in the Medicare population*,
28 Surg. Open Sci. 3 (2021) 39-43.

⁶⁶ Verbeke et al., *The role of polymer surface degradation and barium sulphate release in*
the pathogenesis of catheter-related infection, Nephrol. Dial. Transpl. 25 (2010) 1207-
1213.

- 1 a. Alternative radiopaque materials that are “widely used ... for medical
2 devices” include bismuth (Bi) and tungsten (W).⁶⁷
3
4 b. On information and belief, Defendants could have obtained alternative
5 radiopaque biomaterials from AdvanSource Biomaterials Corporation.
6
7 c. AdvanSource Biomaterials Corporation supplied Defendants with
8 ChronoFlex.

9 176. At all relevant times, Defendants could have sheathed the catheters of Bard
10 IPCs.

- 11 a. As early as 1982, in Patent No. 4,469,483, Baxter Travenol Laboratories
12 patented a catheter with “three spaced, longitudinal radiopaque stripes made
13 of barium sulfate” that were “generally encapsulated by the
14 polytetrafluoroethylene of the catheter”—“basically solid lines of finely
15 divided barium sulfate surrounded by the plastic material.”
16
17 b. In or around 2007, medical device manufacturer Medtronic designed a
18 catheter that was “fabricated from radiopaque silicone elastomer tubing with
19 a barium-impregnated core,” but Medtronic “encapsulated” the barium-
20 sulfate core “in a clear silicone outer sheath.”⁶⁸
21
22 c. C.R. Bard had been assigned rights to Patent No. 8,636,794, first patented
23 circa 2006, which disclosed a radiopaque graft device “comprising a layer of
24 synthetic non-metallic material having a first surface and a second surface
25 spaced apart from the first surface,” with “a radiopaque marker at least
26 partially embedded in the layer,” whether that radiopaque marker consists of
27 tantalum powder or barium sulfate.

28 177. At all relevant times, Defendants could have coated the catheter of Bard IPCs
with a surface-modifying additive, functional coating, or antimicrobial coating.

- 19 a. In 2010, published and peer-reviewed scientific literature noted that
20 “[barium-sulfate] release can be prevented by [surface-modifying additive]
21 coating” and that “[o]btaining a smoother surface by [surface-modifying
22 additive] coating thus reduces susceptibility to bacterial adhesion.”⁶⁹

23 178. Because Bard IPCs’ catheters are not sheathed or otherwise coated, the
24 barium sulfate on the catheter’s surface contacts the patient’s bloodstream.

25 ⁶⁷ Tilak M. Shah, *Radiopaque polymer formulations for medical devices*, Med. Plastics &
26 Biomaterials (2000).

27 ⁶⁸ <https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfpmn/pmn.cfm?ID=K073139>.

28 ⁶⁹ Verbeke et al., *The role of polymer surface degradation and barium sulphate release in the pathogenesis of catheter-related infection*, Nephrol. Dial. Transpl. 25 (2010) 1207-1213.

1 179. Bard IPCs' labeling, including but not limited to the instructions for use,
2 failed to warn about the fact that Bard IPCs' catheters were comprised of a polymeric
3 mixture containing barium sulfate.

4 180. Defendants otherwise concealed and failed to warn about the fact that Bard
5 IPCs' catheters were comprised of a polymeric mixture containing barium sulfate.

6 181. Bard IPCs' labeling, including but not limited to the instructions for use,
7 failed to warn about the fact that barium sulfate disassociates from the catheter surface in
8 vivo.

9 182. Defendants otherwise concealed and failed to warn about the fact that barium
10 sulfate disassociates from the catheter surface in vivo.

11 183. Bard IPCs' labeling, including but not limited to the instructions for use,
12 failed to warn about the fact that when barium sulfate disassociates, it causes injury,
13 including but not limited to catheter fracture, infection, and thrombosis.

14 184. Defendants otherwise concealed and failed to warn about the fact that when
15 barium sulfate disassociates, it causes injury, including but not limited to catheter fracture,
16 infection, and thrombosis.

17 ***Defendants' Development of Port Reservoirs***

18 185. Defendants manufacture several Bard IPCs utilizing polyoxymethylene
19 ("POM") in the construction of the port reservoir, including but not limited to:

20 a. PowerPort M.R.I Implantable Port; and

21 b. X-Port isp M.R.I. Implantable Port.

22 186. POM is an acetal thermoplastic polymer material.

23 187. POM is commonly marketed under the trade name Delrin.

24 188. POM is a lower-cost material in comparison to titanium.

25 189. POM is known to undergo oxidative degradation, which is the disintegration
26 of macromolecules by the action of oxygen on the substrate.

27 190. POM is known to undergo oxidative degradation during processing.

28 191. POM is known to undergo oxidative degradation in vivo.

1 192. POM is known to undergo oxidative degradation when exposed to
2 radiography.

3 193. Oxidative degradation reduces the mechanical properties of the polymer.

4 194. Oxidative degradation results in the release of toxic formaldehyde as a
5 degradation product.

6 195. The formulation of POM that Defendants utilize in the manufacture of their
7 plastic Bard IPCs is Delrin 500 NC010.

8 196. Delrin 500 NC010 is provided by DuPont.

9 197. DuPont Delrin 500 NC010 comes with a Medical Caution Statement that
10 prohibits its use for “applications involving permanent implantation in the human body” as
11 well as “permanent contact with internal body fluid or tissues.”⁷⁰

12 198. DuPont Delrin 500 NC010 comes with a Medical Caution Statement that
13 further prohibits its use for “medical applications involving brief or temporary implantation
14 in the human body or contact with internal body fluid or tissues” absent explicit permission
15 from DuPont.⁷¹

16 199. Delrin 500 NC010 is not compliant with the applicable specification
17 standards for POM used in medical devices, including ASTM F1855-00.

18 200. Defendants’ manufacturing process for the POM-containing Bard IPCs lack
19 adequate measures to stabilize the POM to prevent oxidative degradation.

20 201. Reduction of the mechanical properties of POM precipitate physical
21 degradation of the surface of the polymer, including formation of cracks, fissures, and other
22 physical defects.

23 202. As detailed above, such surface defects increase the risk of fracture,
24 infection, and thrombosis.

25
26 ⁷⁰ <https://www.fluoroprecision.co.uk/pdf/medical-statement.pdf>;
27 <https://www.campusplastics.com/campus/en/datasheet/Delrin%C2%AE+500P+NC010/DuPont+Engineering+Polymers/52/b50aa2c1>.

28 ⁷¹ *Id.*

1 203. Colonization of the POM surface defects by bacteria often leads to formation
2 of biofilm in the port reservoir and catheter.

3 204. At all relevant times, Defendants could have designed Bard IPCs with more
4 stable plastic materials, including but not limited to:

- 5 a. Manufacturing the plastic port reservoir using POM stabilized with an
6 effective ensemble of antioxidant additives, including hindered phenolic
7 antioxidant and a secondary thermostabilizer such as a phosphite ester;
- 8 b. Manufacturing the plastic port reservoir using ultra-high molecular weight
9 polyethylene (“UHMWP”); or
- 10 c. Manufacturing the plastic port reservoir with a formulation of POM that
11 renders it suitable for medical applications.

12 205. In addition, as noted above, many Bard IPCs have a port reservoir with three
13 raised palpation bumps on the anterior surface of the septum.

14 206. The stated purpose of the palpation bumps is to aid in identification of Bard
15 IPC as a power-injectable device.

16 207. After implantation, the palpation bumps cause undue compression stress on
17 the tissue of the subcutaneous pocket into which the port is placed.

18 208. Such compression stress leads to ulceration and tissue necrosis, which
19 potentiates port infections and catheter infections.

20 209. Such compression stress leads to ulceration and tissue necrosis, which causes
21 erosion of the port through the patient’s skin.

22 210. The incidence of tissue erosion associated with Bard IPCs is unreasonably
23 high, such that multiple medical institutions, including Massachusetts General Hospital,
24 have implemented policies prohibiting the placement of ports with palpation bumps due to
25 the high rate of erosion.⁷²

26 211. At all relevant times, Defendants could have designed Bard IPCs without
27 palpation bumps to reduce the risk of port infections, catheter infections, and erosion.

28 ⁷² *E.g.*, <https://www.mghpcs.org/EED/CL/Assets/documents/modules/central-line-portal-infusion-lecture-2018.pdf>.

1 ***Post-Market Performance Reveals That Bard IPCs Fail to Perform as Expected***

2 212. Soon after Bard IPCs were introduced to market, Defendants received reports
3 from patients and healthcare providers reporting that Bard IPCs harbored bacteria and/or
4 caused infection.

5 213. Defendants also received reports from patients and healthcare providers
6 reporting that Bard IPCs fractured, migrated, and/or perforated tissues, vessels, and/or
7 organs.

8 214. Defendants also received reports from patients and healthcare providers
9 reporting that Bard IPCs caused thromboembolism (blood clots).

10 215. Reports of these injuries in the absence of medical provider error were
11 recorded and reported to Defendants prior to the implantation of Bard IPC in Plaintiffs.

12 216. Defendants intentionally concealed the frequency, quantity, and nature of
13 these reports from Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' healthcare providers.

14 217. Defendants failed to establish, maintain, and conduct an adequate post-
15 market surveillance system.

16 218. Ultimately, Defendants failed to recall Bard IPCs from the market.

17 219. Although Defendants conducted a limited recall of approximately 360
18 BardPort Titanium Implantable Ports, Defendants never recalled the entire line of Bard
19 IPCs.⁷³

20 ***Defendants Knew or Should Have Known Bard IPCs Were Defective and Dangerous***

21 220. According to Defendants' Code of Conduct, Defendants know that to
22 "[e]nsur[e] product safety and quality," they must "[f]ollow quality system regulations,
23 standards, policies and procedures, and good manufacturing practices."⁷⁴

24 221. Defendants also know that "[w]hen patient safety is involved," as with IPCs,
25 "attention to detail" and "consistency at each step" is "require[d]."⁷⁵

26 _____
27 ⁷³ See <https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfRes/res.cfm?id=179814>.

28 ⁷⁴ https://www.bd.com/documents/corporate/BD_Code-of-Conduct_EN.pdf.

⁷⁵ <https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-families/bd-port-access-kits-and-needles>.

1 222. Defendants violated their Code of Conduct by “[b]ypassing quality controls”
2 and “tak[ing] shortcuts that comprise the quality [and] safety of [their] products,” including
3 Bard IPCs.⁷⁶

4 223. On information and belief, Defendants failed to perform (or failed to
5 adequately perform) tests to ensure the safety the palpation-bump design used in Bard
6 IPCs.

7 224. On information and belief, Defendants failed to perform (or failed to
8 adequately perform) test to ensure the biodurability and biocompatibility of POM used in
9 Bard IPCs.

10 225. On information and belief, Defendants failed to perform (or failed to
11 adequately perform) tests to ensure the biodurability and biocompatibility of barium-
12 sulfate impregnated catheters used in Bard IPCs.

13 226. For example, Defendants failed to test (or failed to adequately test) the
14 performance of barium-sulfate impregnated catheters when exposed to the bloodstream.

15 227. On information and belief, Defendants’ techniques for mixing or integrating
16 barium sulfate with the polyurethane and/or silicone polymer were inadequate.

17 228. Defendants’ manufacturing process resulted in too high a concentration of
18 barium-sulfate particles.

19 229. This improper mixing caused improperly high viscosity of the raw
20 polyurethane and/or silicone before polymerization and improper mixing of barium-sulfate
21 particles within the polymer matrix.

22 230. This improper mixing also caused pockets of barium sulfate and entrapped
23 air throughout the catheter, including on its inner and outer surfaces.

24 231. On information and belief, Defendants’ temperature for polymerization was
25 inadequate.

26

27

28 ⁷⁶ https://www.bd.com/documents/corporate/BD_Code-of-Conduct_EN.pdf

1 232. On information and belief, as a result of the foregoing acts and omissions,
2 some catheters were out of specification for the proper concentration of barium sulfate (i.e.,
3 too much or too little barium sulfate, even if homogeneously distributed throughout the
4 surface of the catheter).

5 233. On information and belief, as a result of the foregoing acts and omissions,
6 some catheters were out of specification for the proper distribution of barium sulfate (i.e.,
7 non-uniform distribution of the barium sulfate throughout, resulting in areas of over- or
8 under-concentration).

9 234. On information and belief, Defendants failed to perform (or failed to
10 adequately perform) quality-control tests to ensure the specified concentration of the
11 barium sulfate in Bard IPCs.

12 235. On information and belief, Defendants failed to perform (or failed to
13 adequately perform) quality-control tests to ensure the homogeneity of the barium sulfate
14 throughout Bard IPCs.

15 236. Defendants knew or should have known that Bard IPCs, even if made in
16 conformance with Defendants' specifications, were defective in design.

17 237. Rather than alter the design of Bard IPCs to make them safer, Defendants
18 chose to continue their efforts to promote their defective products.

19 238. Defendants knew or should have known that Bard IPCs, even if made in
20 conformance with Defendants' specifications, were defective because Defendants failed to
21 provide adequate warnings and/or instructions.

22 239. Rather than warn patients and healthcare providers of the dangers associated
23 with Bard IPCs, Defendants chose to continue their efforts to promote their defective
24 products.

25 240. Defendants knew or should have known that Bard IPCs had a substantially
26 higher failure rate than other similar devices on the market, yet Defendants failed to warn
27 of that fact.

28

- 1 a. Defendants knew or should have known that Bard IPCs had a substantially
2 higher risk of fracture, migration, and/or perforation and resulting injury than
3 other similar venous access devices on the market, yet Defendants failed to
4 warn of that fact.
- 5 b. Defendants knew or should have known that Bard IPCs had a substantially
6 higher risk of infection and resulting injury than other similar venous access
7 devices on the market, yet Defendants failed to warn of that fact.
- 8 c. Defendants knew or should have known that Bard IPCs had a substantially
9 higher risk of thrombosis and resulting injury than other similar venous
10 access devices on the market, yet Defendants failed to warn of that fact.

11 ***Defendants Misrepresented Bard IPCs' Benefits and Concealed Their Risks***

12 241. According to Defendants' Code of Conduct, "do[ing] what is right" means
13 "mak[ing] accurate [and] truthful claims" about Bard IPCs "backed up by appropriate
14 product testing or clinical data."⁷⁷

15 242. Despite Defendants' knowledge of injury reports, Defendants continued to
16 actively and aggressively market Bard IPCs as safe.

17 243. Defendants thus violated their Code of Conduct by "[m]ak[ing] claims that
18 are not supported by appropriate product testing or clinical data," "[e]xaggerat[ing] the
19 benefits of [their] products," and "hid[ing] the potential risks of using them."⁷⁸

20 244. In addition, Defendants falsely claimed that their ChronoFlex polyurethane
21 catheters were less likely to fracture than other venous access devices.

- 22 a. For example, Defendants claimed their "ChronoFlex polyurethane
23 catheter[s] ha[ve] less propensity for surface biodegradation, making [them]
24 more resistant to environmental stress cracking."⁷⁹
- 25 b. On information and belief, this is false because Defendants' ChronoFlex
26 catheters had a greater propensity for fracture than other catheters.
- 27 c. Defendants concealed and failed to warn about the fact that Bard IPCs
28 suffered from design and/or manufacturing defects with regard to barium
sulfate and/or POM that increased the risk of fracture.

⁷⁷ <https://www.bd.com/content/dam/bd-assets/bd-com/en-us/document/policy/code-of-conduct/code-of-conduct-english.pdf>.

⁷⁸ *Id.*

⁷⁹ *E.g.*, <https://healthdocbox.com/amp/75754235-Incontinence/Ports-setting-the-standard-with-a-comprehensive-family-of-ports.html>.

1 245. Defendants falsely claimed that the risk of IPC fracture is limited to
2 physician or patient error.

- 3 a. For example, Defendants stated “[c]atheter dislodgement” can be caused by
4 “poor site selection, loosening of the catheter due to inadequate stabilization
5 and lack of proper securement, as well as patient manipulation such as arm
6 or body movement.”⁸⁰
- 7 b. Defendants also represented that “the potential exists for serious
8 complications, including ... [catheter] [d]amage or [b]reakage,” but this
9 warning was limited to fracture “due to [c]ompression between the [c]lavicle
10 and [f]irst [r]ib,” otherwise known as “pinch-off syndrome.”⁸¹
- 11 c. The foregoing statements are false because the risk of IPC fracture is not
12 limited to physician or patient error.
- 13 d. Defendants concealed and failed to warn about the fact that the catheter may
14 become damaged or break due to device’s degradation with regard to barium
15 sulfate and/or POM.

16 246. Defendants falsely claimed that Bard IPCs were less likely to become
17 infected than external catheters.

- 18 a. For example, Defendants claimed that IPCs “[m]ay have less potential for
19 infection than external catheters.”⁸²
- 20 b. On information and belief, this is false because Bard IPCs had a greater risk
21 of infection than external catheters.
- 22 c. Defendants concealed and failed to warn about the fact that Bard IPCs
23 suffered from design and/or manufacturing defects with regard to barium
24 sulfate, POM, and/or palpation bumps that increased the risk of infection.

25 247. Defendants falsely claimed that the risk of IPC infection is limited to
26 physician or patient error.

- 27 a. For example, Defendants stated “catheter-related bloodstream infection[s]”
28 can be caused by “breaking asepsis during insertion or care and maintenance;
seeding bacteria from another site of infection; and ingress of bacteria due to
non-intact dressing or suboptimal insertion site.”⁸³

25 ⁸⁰ *E.g.*, [https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/solutions/vascular-access-
26 management#accordion-7e44b2e42b-item-ba31e5ea28](https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/solutions/vascular-access-management#accordion-7e44b2e42b-item-ba31e5ea28).

27 ⁸¹ *E.g.*, JPML Dkt. 20-3 at 5.

28 ⁸² *E.g.*, <https://portready.com/infusion-therapy/healthcare-professionals/>.

⁸³ *E.g.*, [https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/solutions/vascular-access-
management#accordion-7e44b2e42b-item-ba31e5ea28](https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/solutions/vascular-access-management#accordion-7e44b2e42b-item-ba31e5ea28).

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28

- b. This is false because the risk of Bard IPC infection is not limited to physician or patient error.
 - c. Defendants concealed and failed to warn about the fact that the port and/or catheter may become infected due to device degradation with regard to barium sulfate and/or POM, or due to palpation bumps.
248. Defendants falsely claimed Bard IPCs were biocompatible.
- a. For example, Defendants claimed the Titanium SlimPort Implantable Port was “[b]iocompatible.”⁸⁴
 - b. For example, Defendants’ Instruction for Use for the PowerPort Implantable Port stated that “[a]ll materials are biocompatible.”⁸⁵
 - c. For example, Defendants’ Instructions for Use for the BardPort, SlimPort, and X-Port IPCs stated that “[a]ll materials are biocompatible.”⁸⁶
 - d. For example, Defendants claimed the composition of “[m]edical-grade radiopaque silicone construction [of Bard IPCs] ensures biocompatibility.”⁸⁷
 - e. The foregoing statements are false because, as designed, the barium sulfate is not biocompatible.
 - f. The foregoing statements are false because, as designed, the POM is not biocompatible.
 - g. Defendants concealed and failed to warn about the fact that barium sulfate was not biocompatible.
 - h. Defendants concealed and failed to warn about the fact that POM was not biocompatible.
249. Defendants falsely claimed that Bard IPCs were durable.
- a. For example, Defendants claimed that their “ChronoFlex polyurethane catheters have been proven to exhibit superior biodurability compared with other polyurethane catheters.”⁸⁸

⁸⁴ *E.g.*, <https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.0605550#overview>.

⁸⁵ *E.g.*, JPML Dkt. 20-3 at 3.

⁸⁶ *E.g.*, <https://www.bd.com/content/dam/bd-assets/na/peripheral-intervention/documents/instructions-for-use/BAW0738034.pdf>.

⁸⁷ *E.g.*, <https://healthdocbox.com/amp/75754235-Incontinence/Ports-setting-the-standard-with-a-comprehensive-family-of-ports.html>.

⁸⁸ *E.g.*, *id.*

- 1 b. For example, Defendants claimed the PowerPort ClearVUE Implantable Port
2 was made of a “[d]urable plastic port and ChronoFlex Polyurethane
3 Catheter.”⁸⁹
- 4 c. For example, Defendants claimed the Titanium SlimPort Implantable Port
5 was “[d]urable.”⁹⁰
- 6 d. The foregoing statements are false because Bard IPCs are not durable with
7 regard to barium sulfate and/or POM.
- 8 e. Defendants concealed and failed to warn about the fact that Bard IPCs were
9 not durable.
- 10 250. Defendants falsely claimed that Bard IPCs were safe and effective for long-
11 term use.
- 12 a. For example, Defendants claimed that Bard IPCs “[c]an remain in place and
13 be functional for many years.”⁹¹
- 14 b. For example, Defendants claimed that the PowerPort Implantable Port “can
15 stay in place as long as [the patient’s] doctor determines that [the patient]
16 need[s] it.”⁹²
- 17 c. For example, Defendants claimed that the PowerPort ClearVue Implantable
18 Port “enable[s] uninterrupted imaging and treatment.”⁹³
- 19 d. For example, Defendants claimed that the PowerFlow Implantable Apheresis
20 IV Port was “designed for long device life” and “[o]ptimized for [l]ong
21 [d]evice [l]ife.”⁹⁴
- 22 e. The foregoing statements are false because Bard IPCs failed to function as
23 advertised, often requiring early explantation before the end of the device’s
24 intended useful safe life.
- 25 f. Defendants concealed and failed to warn about the fact that Bard IPCs are at
26 a higher risk of complications, including but not limited to infection and
27 fracture, that jeopardize the device’s intended useful safe life.

23 ⁸⁹ *E.g.*, <https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-families/powerport-clearvue-implantable-ports>.

24 ⁹⁰ *E.g.*, <https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.0605550#overview>.

25 ⁹¹ *E.g.*, <https://portready.com/infusion-therapy/healthcare-professionals/>.

26 ⁹² *E.g.*, https://www.bd.com/assets/documents/guides/user-guides/PI_PV_PowerPort-Implantable-Port-Patient-Guide_UG_EN.pdf.

27 ⁹³ *E.g.*, <https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-families/powerport-clearvue-implantable-ports>.

28 ⁹⁴ *E.g.*, <https://portready.com/apheresis-therapy/healthcare-professionals/>.

1 251. Defendants falsely claimed that Bard IPCs could withstand repeated venous
2 access.

- 3 a. For example, Defendants claimed that the PowerPort Implantable Port can
4 withstand “208 punctures.”⁹⁵
- 5 b. This is false because, on information and belief, Defendants’ IPCs often
6 failed before 208 accesses.
- 7 c. For example, Defendants claimed that the Titanium Dome Implanted Port
8 could “withstand[] more than 2,000 punctures with a 22 gauge non-coring
9 needle and 1,000 punctures with a 19 gauge non-coring needle.”⁹⁶
- 10 d. This is false because, on information and belief, Bard IPCs often failed
11 before 1,000 or 2,000 accesses.
- 12 e. For example, Defendants claimed that the PowerFlow Implantable Apheresis
13 IV Port would withstand “up to 1,000 accesses.”⁹⁷
- 14 f. This is false because, on information and belief, Bard IPCs often failed
15 before 1,000 accesses.
- 16 g. Defendants concealed and failed to warn about the fact that Bard IPCs had
17 insufficient structural integrity to withstand repeated, long-term use.

18 252. Defendants falsely claimed that Bard IPCs were cosmetically appealing.

- 19 a. For example, Defendants claimed the PowerPort isp Implantable Port was
20 “[c]osmetically appealing with compact size.”⁹⁸
- 21 b. For example, Defendants claimed the Titanium SlimPort Implantable Port
22 was “[c]osmetically more appealing” and “[l]ess noticeable” with its
23 “[r]educed incision ... size.”⁹⁹

24 ⁹⁵ E.g., https://www.bd.com/assets/documents/PDH/BDPI_PowerFlow_BD-19821_PowerFlow-vs-Ports-Tech-Sheet.pdf.

25 ⁹⁶ E.g., <https://medic-kart.com/shop/bard-dome-implantable-port-titanium-single-lumen-port-with-attachable-8fr-goshoring-catheter/>.

26 ⁹⁷ E.g., <https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-families/powerflow-implantable-apheresis-iv-port>.

27 ⁹⁸ E.g., <https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.1706050#overview>.

28 ⁹⁹ E.g., <https://www.bd.com/en-us/products-and-solutions/products/product-page.0605550#overview>.

1 c. For example, Defendants claimed the PowerPort ClearVUE Slim
2 Implantable Port is “[i]deal for ... cosmetically-minded patient[s]” and its
3 “[s]hape aids in the formation of small incisions.”¹⁰⁰

4 d. Defendants concealed and failed to warn about the fact that Bard IPCs may
5 become infected, requiring explantation and disfigurement.

6 253. Defendants falsely claimed that they conduct adequate post-market
7 surveillance to ensure patient safety.

8 a. For example, Defendants claim that they “monitor[ed] product performance”
9 to “identify[] early warning signs of potential quality issues.”¹⁰¹

10 b. For example, Defendants claim that they use “data-driven insights [that] may
11 trigger [Defendants] to initiate field actions to protect patient safety.”¹⁰²

12 c. The foregoing statements are false because Defendants disregarded post-
13 market evidence of device failure and failed to recall or redesign Bard IPCs.

14 d. Defendants concealed and failed to warn about the fact that they did not
15 conduct adequate post-market surveillance.

16 254. Defendants concealed—and continue to conceal—the likelihood of
17 complications caused by Bard IPCs from Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs’ healthcare providers.

18 255. Defendants concealed—and continue to conceal—the severity of
19 complications caused by Bard IPCs from Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs’ healthcare providers.

20 256. Defendants concealed—and continue to conceal—their knowledge of Bard
21 IPCs’ defects and dangers from Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs’ healthcare providers.

22 *Defendants Caused Plaintiffs’ Injuries*

23 257. Plaintiffs were implanted with Bard IPCs.

24 258. Plaintiffs relied upon Defendants’ warranties, representations, and
25 concealment to Plaintiffs’ detriment.

26 259. Plaintiffs’ healthcare providers relied upon Defendants’ warranties,
27 misrepresentations, and concealment to Plaintiffs’ detriment.

28 ¹⁰⁰ E.g., <https://www.bd.com/assets/documents/pdh/initial/BPV-PRT1-0316-0015-v1.1-ClearVUE-Family-Brochure.pdf>.

¹⁰¹ E.g., <https://www.bd.com/en-us/about-bd/quality-at-bd#product>.

¹⁰² E.g., *id.*

1 260. As a direct and proximate result of using Bard IPCs, Plaintiffs suffered severe
2 and life-threatening complications, including but not limited to:

- 3 a. Catheter fracture;
- 4 b. Catheter migration;
- 5 c. Catheter perforation of vessels and/or organs, including the heart;
- 6 d. Infection;
- 7 e. Thromboembolism; and/or
- 8 f. Death.

9 261. These complications were often accompanied by and associated with reports
10 of other severe and life-threatening patient injuries, including but not limited to:

- 11 a. Hemorrhage;
- 12 b. Pulmonary embolism;
- 13 c. Hematomas;
- 14 d. Cardiac/pericardial tamponade;
- 15 e. Cardiac arrhythmia and other symptoms similar to myocardial infarction;
- 16 f. Sepsis, including septic shock and/or organ failure;
- 17 g. Severe and persistent pain; and
- 18 h. Death.

19 262. As a direct and proximate result of using Bard IPCs and suffering the
20 foregoing complications, Plaintiffs required medical treatment, including but not limited
21 to:
22

- 23 a. Hospitalization;
 - 24 b. Emergent surgery or catheterization to remove catheter fragments;
 - 25 c. Antibiotic treatment;
 - 26 d. Explantation of Bard IPCs; and/or
 - 27 e. Implantation of a replacement IPC or other venous access device.
- 28

1 263. As a direct and proximate result of having Bard IPCs implanted in them,
2 Plaintiffs have suffered permanent and continuous injuries and damages.

3 264. The injuries suffered and damages sought by Plaintiffs (“Injuries and
4 Damages”) may include, without limitation: wrongful death of a spouse, child, parent, or
5 other legally-cognizable relationship; bodily injuries of any type (including, without
6 limitation, catheter fracture, migration, perforation of vessels and/or organs, infection,
7 thromboembolic events, and cardiovascular injuries); past and future pain and suffering,
8 emotional distress, mental anguish, and loss of enjoyment of life; past and future disability
9 and impairment; scarring, disfigurement, and dismemberment; diminished capacity; loss
10 of consortium; hedonic damages; increased risk of future severe and permanent injuries;
11 ongoing fear and anxiety from future injuries, including but not limited to cardiac
12 tamponade; past and future medical expenses and caregiving costs; past and future lost
13 wages and loss of earning capacity; and any other form of damages under the law of any
14 forum which governs any individual case.

15 265. Had Plaintiffs known the truth about Bard IPCs, Plaintiffs would not have
16 consented to implantation of those devices.

17 266. Had Plaintiffs’ healthcare providers known the truth about Bard IPCs,
18 Plaintiffs’ healthcare providers would not have prescribed Bard IPCs nor implanted them
19 in Plaintiffs.

20 **COUNT I: DESIGN DEFECT – STRICT LIABILITY**

21 267. Plaintiffs restate the allegations above as if fully rewritten herein.

22 268. Plaintiffs plead this claim under the New Jersey Products Liability Act,
23 N.J.S.A. 2A:58-C, *et. seq.*

24 269. At all relevant times, Defendants developed, designed, tested, manufactured,
25 packaged, labeled, marketed, advertised, distributed, sold, and otherwise placed Bard IPCs
26 into the stream of commerce for use by consumers, such as Plaintiffs, in the United States.

27 270. Plaintiffs were foreseeable users of Bard IPCs.
28

1 271. Bard IPCs were expected to and did reach Defendants' intended consumers,
2 handlers, and persons coming into contact with the product without substantial change in
3 the condition in which they were developed, designed, tested, manufactured, packaged,
4 labeled, marketed, advertised, distributed, and sold by Defendants.

5 272. At all relevant times, Bard IPCs contained a defective and unreasonably
6 dangerous condition because they are defective in design and are dangerous for use by the
7 public in general and Plaintiffs in particular.

8 273. These design defects include but are not limited to the use of barium sulfate
9 in the catheter; the absence of sheathing or coating surrounding the catheter; the use of
10 POM in the port reservoir; the presence of palpation bumps; and a design that could not
11 withstand repeated, long-term use as advertised.

12 274. These design defects existed even if Defendants exercised reasonable care.

13 275. Bard IPCs, as developed, designed, tested, manufactured, packaged, labeled,
14 marketed, advertised, distributed, and sold by Defendants, are defective in design and
15 formulation and unreasonably dangerous because the foreseeable risks exceeded the
16 alleged benefits associated with their use.

17 276. Bard IPCs, as developed, designed, tested, manufactured, packaged, labeled,
18 marketed, advertised, distributed, and sold by Defendants, are defective in design and
19 formulation and unreasonably dangerous because Bard IPCs were more dangerous than the
20 ordinary customer would expect.

21 277. Defendants knew that the design defects made Bard IPCs unreasonably
22 dangerous to Plaintiffs.

23 278. It was unreasonable for a manufacturer with such knowledge to place Bard
24 IPCs on the market without changing the design.

25 279. At the time Bard IPCs left Defendants' possession and control, Bard IPCs
26 contained a defective and unreasonably dangerous condition.

27 280. At the time Plaintiffs used Bard IPCs, Bard IPCs contained a defective and
28 unreasonably dangerous condition.

1 281. Physicians implanted Bard IPCs as instructed via the Instructions for Use and
2 in a foreseeable manner as normally intended, recommended, promoted, and marketed by
3 Defendants.

4 282. Plaintiffs received and utilized Bard IPCs in a foreseeable manner as
5 normally intended, recommended, promoted, and marketed by Defendants.

6 283. At the time Defendants placed Bard IPCs into the stream of commerce, safer
7 alternative designs existed that were attainable, available, and feasible commercially,
8 technologically, and scientifically.

9 284. These safer alternative designs would have prevented and/or mitigated the
10 harm resulting in Plaintiffs' Injuries and Damages without substantially impairing the
11 reasonably anticipated or intended function of Bard IPCs.

12 285. The defective and unreasonably dangerous condition of Bard IPCs was a
13 substantial factor in causing Plaintiffs' Injuries and Damages.

14 286. The Plaintiffs' Injuries and Damages would not have happened or occurred
15 had Bard IPCs not been defective and unreasonably dangerous.

16 287. As a direct and proximate result of the defective and unreasonably dangerous
17 condition of Bard IPCs, Plaintiffs suffered Injuries and Damages.

18 288. Plaintiffs in the consolidated case *In re: Bard Implanted Port Catheter*
19 *Products Liability Litigation* (MDL 3081), 2:23-md-03081-DGC (USDC D. Arizona)
20 served general (non-bellwether specific) reports from experts which explain in detail
21 Plaintiffs' allegations as to Bard IPCs. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference each of the
22 general expert reports and allegations as if set forth herein.

23 **COUNT II: FAILURE TO WARN/INSTRUCT – STRICT LIABILITY**

24 289. Plaintiffs restate the allegations above as if fully rewritten herein.

25 290. Plaintiffs plead this claim under the New Jersey Products Liability Act,
26 N.J.S.A. 2A:58-C, *et. seq.*

27 291. At all relevant times, Defendants developed, designed, tested, manufactured,
28 packaged, labeled, marketed, advertised, distributed, sold, and otherwise placed Bard IPCs

1 into the stream of commerce for use by consumers, such as Plaintiffs, via their physicians,
2 in the United States.

3 292. Plaintiffs, via their physicians, were foreseeable users of Bard IPCs.

4 293. Bard IPCs were expected to and did reach Defendants' intended consumers,
5 handlers, and persons coming into contact with the product without substantial change in
6 the condition in which they were developed, designed, tested, manufactured, packaged,
7 labeled, marketed, advertised, distributed, and sold by Defendants.

8 294. At all relevant times, Bard IPCs contained a defective and unreasonably
9 dangerous condition because they were defective in warnings and/or instructions, including
10 during any training sessions or similar instructive events or processes with Plaintiffs'
11 healthcare providers, and through all marketing and sales related documents and
12 communications, including via sales representatives, provided to Plaintiffs' healthcare
13 providers, and were dangerous for use by the public in general and Plaintiffs in particular.

14 295. These informational defects include, but are not limited to, failing to warn
15 (or inadequately warning) about the risk of fracture, infection, and thrombosis from the use
16 of barium sulfate in the catheter; the risk of fracture, infection, and thrombosis from the
17 use of POM in the port reservoir; the risk of necrosis and infection from the presence of
18 palpation bumps; and the limited life expectancy of Bard IPCs.

19 296. These informational defects existed even if Defendants exercised reasonable
20 care.

21 297. Bard IPCs, as developed, designed, tested, manufactured, packaged, labeled,
22 marketed, advertised, distributed, and sold by Defendants, were defective in warnings
23 and/or instructions and unreasonably dangerous because the foreseeable risks exceeded the
24 alleged benefits associated with the use of Bard IPCs.

25 298. Bard IPCs, as developed, designed, tested, manufactured, packaged, labeled,
26 marketed, advertised, distributed, and sold by Defendants, were defective in warnings
27 and/or instructions and unreasonably dangerous because Bard IPCs are more dangerous
28

1 than the ordinary customer would expect, and the true risk-benefit profile was not
2 disclosed.

3 299. Defendants knew that the warnings and/or instructions defects made Bard
4 IPCs unreasonably dangerous to Plaintiffs.

5 300. At the time Bard IPCs left Defendants' possession and control, Bard IPCs
6 contained a defective and unreasonably dangerous condition.

7 301. At the time Plaintiffs and their physicians used Bard IPCs, Bard IPCs
8 contained a defective and unreasonably dangerous condition.

9 302. Physicians implanted Bard IPCs as instructed via the Instructions for Use and
10 in a foreseeable manner as normally intended, recommended, promoted, and marketed by
11 Defendants, including during any training sessions or similar instructive events or
12 processes with Plaintiffs' healthcare providers, and through all marketing and sales related
13 documents and communications, including via sales representatives, provided to Plaintiffs'
14 healthcare providers.

15 303. Plaintiffs received and utilized Bard IPCs in a foreseeable manner as
16 normally intended, recommended, promoted, and marketed by Defendants, including
17 during any training sessions or similar instructive events or processes with Plaintiffs'
18 healthcare providers, and through all marketing and sales related documents and
19 communications, including via sales representatives, provided to Plaintiffs' healthcare
20 providers.

21 304. At the time Defendants placed their defective and unreasonably dangerous
22 Bard IPCs into the stream of commerce, they could have and should have provided
23 alternative warnings and/or instructions and information, including during any training
24 sessions or similar instructive events or processes with Plaintiffs' healthcare providers, and
25 through all marketing and sales related documents and communications, including via sales
26 representatives, provided to Plaintiffs' healthcare providers that were attainable, available,
27 and feasible commercially, technologically, and scientifically.

28

1 305. These alternative warnings and/or instructions and information would have
2 prevented and/or mitigated the harm resulting in Plaintiffs' Injuries and Damages without
3 substantially impairing the reasonably anticipated or intended function of Bard IPCs.

4 306. Had Plaintiffs received proper or adequate warnings and/or instructions as to
5 the risks of Bard IPCs, Plaintiffs would have heeded the warnings and/or instructions.

6 307. Had Plaintiffs and their physicians received proper or adequate warnings
7 and/or instructions as to the risks of Bard IPCs, including during any training sessions or
8 similar instructive events or processes with Plaintiffs' healthcare providers, and through all
9 marketing and sales related documents and communications, including via sales
10 representatives provided to Plaintiffs' healthcare providers, Plaintiffs' healthcare providers
11 would have heeded the warnings and/or instructions.

12 308. The defective and unreasonably dangerous condition of Bard IPCs was a
13 substantial factor in causing Plaintiffs' Injuries and Damages.

14 309. The Plaintiffs' Injuries and Damages would not have occurred had Bard IPCs
15 not been defective and unreasonably dangerous.

16 310. As a direct and proximate result of the defective and unreasonably dangerous
17 condition of Bard IPCs, Plaintiffs suffered Injuries and Damages.

18 311. Plaintiffs in the consolidated case *In re: Bard Implanted Port Catheter*
19 *Products Liability Litigation* (MDL 3081), 2:23-md-03081-DGC (USDC D. Arizona)
20 served general (non-bellwether specific) reports from experts which explain in detail
21 Plaintiffs' allegations as to Bard IPCs. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference each of the
22 general expert reports and allegations as if set forth herein.

23 **COUNT III: MANUFACTURING DEFECT – STRICT LIABILITY**

24 312. Plaintiffs restate the allegations above as if fully rewritten herein.

25 313. Plaintiffs plead this claim under the New Jersey Products Liability Act,
26 N.J.S.A. 2A:58-C, *et. seq.*

27

28

1 314. At all relevant times, Defendants developed, designed, tested, manufactured,
2 packaged, labeled, marketed, advertised, distributed, sold, and otherwise placed Bard IPCs
3 into the stream of commerce for use by consumers, such as Plaintiffs, in the United States.

4 315. Plaintiffs were foreseeable users of Bard IPCs.

5 316. Bard IPCs were expected to and did reach Defendants' intended consumers,
6 handlers, and persons coming into contact with the product without substantial change in
7 the condition in which they were developed, designed, tested, manufactured, packaged,
8 labeled, marketed, advertised, distributed, and sold by Defendants.

9 317. At all relevant times, Bard IPCs contained a defective and unreasonably
10 dangerous condition because they were defective in manufacturing and were dangerous for
11 use by the public in general and Plaintiffs in particular.

12 318. These manufacturing defects include but are not limited to deviating from
13 Defendants' design or specifications for (1) the concentration of barium sulfate in the
14 catheter and (2) the homogeneous barium sulfate distribution throughout the catheter.

15 319. These manufacturing defects existed even if Defendants exercised
16 reasonable care.

17 320. Bard IPCs, as developed, designed, tested, manufactured, packaged, labeled,
18 marketed, advertised, distributed, and sold by Defendants, were defective in manufacturing
19 and unreasonably dangerous because Bard IPCs contained a condition that Defendants did
20 not intend.

21 321. Bard IPCs, as developed, designed, tested, manufactured, packaged, labeled,
22 marketed, advertised, distributed, and sold by Defendants, were defective in manufacturing
23 and unreasonably dangerous because Bard IPCs were more dangerous than the ordinary
24 customer would expect.

25 322. Defendants knew that the manufacturing defects made Bard IPCs
26 unreasonably dangerous to Plaintiffs.

27 323. At the time Bard IPCs left Defendants' possession and control, Bard IPCs
28 contained a defective and unreasonably dangerous condition.

1 324. At the time Plaintiffs used Bard IPCs, Bard IPCs contained a defective and
2 unreasonably dangerous condition.

3 325. Physicians implanted Bard IPCs as instructed via the Instructions for Use and
4 in a foreseeable manner as normally intended, recommended, promoted, and marketed by
5 Defendants.

6 326. Plaintiffs received and utilized Bard IPCs in a foreseeable manner as
7 normally intended, recommended, promoted, and marketed by Defendants.

8 327. At the time Defendants placed their defective and unreasonably dangerous
9 Bard IPCs into the stream of commerce, there were safer alternative designs that were
10 attainable, available, and feasible commercially, technologically, and scientifically.

11 328. These safer alternative designs would have prevented and/or mitigated the
12 harm resulting in Plaintiffs' Injuries and Damages without substantially impairing the
13 reasonably anticipated or intended function of Bard IPCs.

14 329. The defective and unreasonably dangerous condition of Bard IPCs was a
15 substantial factor in causing Plaintiffs' Injuries and Damages.

16 330. The Plaintiffs' Injuries and Damages would not have happened or occurred
17 had Bard IPCs not been defective and unreasonably dangerous.

18 331. As a direct and proximate result of the defective and unreasonably dangerous
19 condition of Bard IPCs, Plaintiffs suffered Injuries and Damages.

20 332. Plaintiffs in the consolidated case *In re: Bard Implanted Port Catheter*
21 *Products Liability Litigation* (MDL 3081), 2:23-md-03081-DGC (USDC D. Arizona)
22 served reports from general (non-bellwether specific) experts which explain in detail
23 Plaintiffs' allegations as to Bard IPCs. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference each of the
24 reports and allegations as if set forth herein.

25 **COUNT IV: BREACH OF EXPRESS WARRANTY**

26 333. Plaintiffs restate the allegations above as if fully rewritten herein.

27 334. Plaintiffs, through their medical providers, purchased Bard IPCs from
28 Defendants.

1 335. At all relevant times, Defendants were merchants of goods of the kind
2 including medical devices and implanted port catheters (i.e., Bard IPCs).

3 336. At the time and place of sale, distribution, and supply of Bard IPCs to
4 Plaintiffs, as well as other consumer and the medical community, Defendants expressly
5 represented and warranted that Bard IPCs were, among other things:

- 6 a. Safe and effective for their intended use;
- 7 b. Well-tolerated, efficacious, and fit for their intended purpose;
- 8 c. Of merchantable quality;
- 9 d. Did not produce any unwarned-of dangerous side effects; and
- 10 e. Adequately tested.

11 337. Defendants expressly represented and warranted that, among other things:

- 12 a. ChronoFlex catheters were less likely to fracture than other venous access
13 devices, as described further in Paragraph 326;
- 14 b. The risk of IPC fracture is limited to physician or patient error, as described
15 further in Paragraph 327;
- 16 c. Bard IPCs were less likely to become infected than external catheters, as
17 described further in Paragraph 328;
- 18 d. The risk of IPC infection is limited to physician or patient error, as described
19 further in Paragraph 329;
- 20 e. Bard IPCs were biocompatible, as described further in Paragraph 330;
- 21 f. Bard IPCs were durable, as described further in Paragraph 331;
- 22 g. Bard IPCs were safe and effective for long-term use, as described further in
23 Paragraph 332;
- 24 h. Bard IPCs could withstand repeated venous access, as described further in
25 Paragraph 333;
- 26 i. Bard IPCs were cosmetically appealing, as described further in Paragraph
27 334; and
- 28 j. Defendants conduct adequate post-market surveillance to ensure patient
safety, as described further in Paragraph 335.

338. These warranties came in one or more of the following forms:

- 1 a. publicly made written and verbal assurances of safety;
- 2 b. press releases, media dissemination, or uniform promotional information
3 intended to create demand for Bard IPCs, but which contained
4 misrepresentations and failed to warn of the risks of using the product;
- 5 c. verbal assurances made by Defendants' consumer relations personnel about
6 the safety of Bard IPCs, which also downplayed the risks associated with the
7 product; and
- 8 d. false, misleading, and inadequate written information and packaging
9 supplied by Defendants.

10 339. When Defendants made these express warranties, they knew the intended
11 purposes of Bard IPCs and warranted Bard IPCs to be in all respects safe and proper for
12 such purposes.

13 340. Defendants drafted the documents and/or made statements upon which these
14 warranty claims were based and, in doing so, defined the terms of those warranties.

15 341. At the time of Plaintiffs' purchase from Defendants, Bard IPCs were not in
16 a merchantable condition and were not fit for their intended purpose.

17 342. Defendants breached their express warranties insofar as Bard IPCs, among
18 other things:

- 19 a. Did not conform to Defendants' promises, descriptions, or affirmations;
- 20 b. Were not adequately packaged, labeled, promoted, and/or fit for the ordinary
21 purpose for which they were intended;
- 22 c. Were designed in such a manner so as to be prone to an unreasonably high
23 incidence of fracture, migration, and/or perforation of vessels and organs;
24 infection; thrombosis; and necrosis;
- 25 d. Were manufactured in such a manner that the catheter was inadequately,
26 improperly, and inappropriately constituted, causing it to degrade; and
- 27 e. Carried a risk of use outweighed any benefit.

28 343. Defendants' breach of express warranty was a substantial factor in causing
Plaintiffs' Injuries and Damages.

344. The Plaintiffs' Injuries and Damages would not have happened or occurred
had Defendants not breached their express warranties.

1 345. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' breach of their express
2 warranties, Plaintiffs suffered Injuries and Damages.

3 346. Plaintiffs in the consolidated case *In re: Bard Implanted Port Catheter*
4 *Products Liability Litigation* (MDL 3081), 2:23-md-03081-DGC (USDC D. Arizona)
5 served reports from general (non-bellwether specific) experts which explain in detail
6 Plaintiffs' allegations as to Bard IPCs. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference each of the
7 reports and allegations as if set forth herein.

8 **COUNT V: VIOLATION OF**
9 **THE NEW JERSEY CONSUMER FRAUD ACT**

10 347. Plaintiffs restate the allegations above as if fully rewritten herein.

11 348. The acts and practices engaged in by Defendants constitute unlawful, unfair
12 and/or fraudulent business practices in violation of the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act,
13 N.J.S.A. § 56:8-2, *et. seq.*

14 349. Unlawful, unfair and/or fraudulent business practices engaged in by
15 Defendants and in violation of N.J.S.A. § 56:8-2, *et. seq.* include but are not limited to the
16 following:

- 17 a. Representing that Bard IPCs have sponsorship, approval, characteristics,
18 ingredients, uses, or benefits that they do not have;
- 19 b. Representing that Bard IPCs were of a particular quality, standard, or grade
20 that they were not;
- 21 c. Advertising Bard IPCs with the intent not to sell them as advertised;
- 22 d. Using fraud, false pretenses, false promises, misrepresentations, misleading
23 statements, or other deceptive practices relating to Bard IPCs;
- 24 e. Making material assertions, representations, or statements of fact in
25 advertisements relating to Bard IPCs that are untrue, deceptive, or
26 misleading; and
- 27 f. Engaging in fraudulent, unfair, and/or deceptive conduct relating to Bard
28 IPCs that creates a likelihood of confusion or misunderstanding.

350. Defendants have a statutory duty to refrain from fraudulent, unfair, and/or
deceptive acts or trade practices in the sale and promotion of Bard IPCs.

1 351. Defendants' fraudulent, unfair, and/or deceptive representations and material
2 omissions to Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' healthcare providers constituted consumer fraud
3 and/or unfair and deceptive consumer sales practices in violation of N.J. Stat. Ann. §§ 56:8-
4 1, *et seq.*

5 352. Under N.J. Stat. Ann. §§ 56:8-1, *et seq.*, Defendants are the suppliers,
6 manufacturers, advertisers, and sellers of Bard IPCs who are subject to liability under such
7 legislation for fraudulent, unfair, and/or deceptive consumer sales practices.

8 353. Plaintiffs' purchase of Bard IPCs constitutes a sale within the meaning of
9 N.J. Stat. Ann. §§ 56:8-1, *et seq.*

10 354. Plaintiffs are consumers within the meaning of N.J. Stat. Ann. §§ 56:8-1, *et*
11 *seq.*

12 355. Defendants knowingly, deliberately, willfully, and/or wantonly engaged in
13 unfair, unconscionable, deceptive, fraudulent, and misleading acts or practices in violation
14 of N.J. Stat. Ann. §§ 56:8-1, *et seq.*

15 356. Defendants' conduct was willful, outrageous, immoral, unethical,
16 oppressive, unscrupulous, unconscionable, and substantially injurious to Plaintiffs.

17 357. Defendants had actual knowledge of the defective and dangerous condition
18 of Bard IPCs and failed to take any action to cure those conditions.

19 358. The actions and omissions of Defendants are uncured or incurable.

20 359. Defendants induced Plaintiffs to purchase and/or pay for Bard IPCs through
21 their fraudulent, unfair, and/or deceptive acts or trade practices.

22 360. Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' healthcare providers relied upon Defendants'
23 misrepresentations and omissions in deciding to use Bard IPCs instead of another vascular
24 access device.

25 361. Plaintiffs purchased and/or used Bard IPCs and suffered ascertainable losses,
26 including their Injuries and Damages, as a result of Defendants' actions in violation of
27 these consumer-protection laws.

28

1 362. Defendants' actions in violation of N.J. Stat. Ann. §§ 56:8-1, *et seq.* were a
2 substantial factor in causing Plaintiffs' Injuries and Damages.

3 363. Had Defendants not engaged in the fraudulent, unfair, and/or deceptive
4 conduct described herein, neither Plaintiffs nor their healthcare providers would have
5 purchased and/or paid for Bard IPCs.

6 364. Nor would Plaintiffs have suffered physical and economic harm, including
7 their Injuries and Damages, as a result of using Bard IPCs.

8 365. The Plaintiffs' Injuries and Damages would not have happened or occurred
9 had Defendants not violated N.J. Stat. Ann. §§ 56:8-1, *et seq.*

10 366. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of N.J. Stat. Ann.
11 §§ 56:8-1, *et seq.*, Plaintiffs suffered Injuries and Damages and seek all available damages,
12 compensatory and exemplary, under N.J. Stat. Ann. §§ 56:8-1, *et seq.*

13 367. Plaintiffs in the consolidated case *In re: Bard Implanted Port Catheter*
14 *Products Liability Litigation* (MDL 3081), 2:23-md-03081-DGC (USDC D. Arizona)
15 served general (non-bellwether specific) reports from experts which explain in detail
16 Plaintiffs' allegations as to Bard IPCs. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference each of the
17 general expert reports and allegations as if set forth herein.

18 **COUNT VI: LOSS OF CONSORTIUM**

19 368. Plaintiffs restate the allegations above as if fully rewritten herein.

20 369. At all relevant times, Plaintiffs' spouses ("Spouse Plaintiffs") and/or family
21 members ("Family-Member Plaintiffs") and/or domestic partners ("Domestic-Partner
22 Plaintiffs") have suffered injuries and losses as a result of Plaintiffs' injuries.

23 370. For the reasons set forth herein, Spouse Plaintiffs, Family Member Plaintiffs,
24 and/or Domestic Partner Plaintiffs have necessarily paid and have become liable to pay for
25 medical aid, treatment, and medications and will necessarily incur further expenses of a
26 similar nature in the future as a direct and proximate result of Defendants' misconduct.

27 371. For the reasons set forth herein, Spouse Plaintiffs, Family-Member Plaintiffs,
28 and/or Domestic-Partner Plaintiffs have suffered and will continue to suffer the loss of their

1 loved ones' support, companionship, services, society, love, and affection due to Plaintiffs'
2 Injuries and Damages caused by Bard IPCs.

3 372. For Spouse Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs allege their marital relationship has been
4 impaired and depreciated, and the marital association between husband and wife has been
5 altered.

6 373. Spouse Plaintiffs, Family-Member Plaintiffs, and/or Domestic-Partner
7 Plaintiffs have suffered great emotional pain and mental anguish.

8 374. Bard IPCs were a substantial factor in causing the Injuries and Damages of
9 Spouse Plaintiffs, Family-Member Plaintiffs, and/or Domestic-Partner Plaintiffs.

10 375. As a direct and proximate result of the defective and unreasonably dangerous
11 condition of Bard IPCs and Defendants' acts and/or omissions, Spouse Plaintiffs, Family-
12 Member Plaintiffs, and/or Domestic-Partner Plaintiffs suffered Injuries and Damages.

13 376. Plaintiffs in the consolidated case *In re: Bard Implanted Port Catheter*
14 *Products Liability Litigation* (MDL 3081), 2:23-md-03081-DGC (USDC D. Arizona)
15 served general (non-bellwether specific) reports from experts which explain in detail
16 Plaintiffs' allegations as to Bard IPCs. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference each of the
17 general expert reports and allegations as if set forth herein.

18 **COUNT VII: WRONGFUL DEATH**

19 377. Plaintiffs restate the allegations above as if fully rewritten herein.

20 378. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' acts and/or omissions,
21 Plaintiffs' Decedents used Bard IPCs and ultimately died.

22 379. Plaintiffs' Decedents are survived by various family members, named and
23 unnamed.

24 380. As a direct and proximate result of the defective and unreasonably dangerous
25 condition of Bard IPCs and Defendants' acts and/or omissions, Plaintiffs' Decedents'
26 beneficiaries have incurred hospital, nursing, and medical expenses, as well as funeral
27 expenses and estate-administration expenses.

28

1 381. As a direct and proximate result of the defective and unreasonably dangerous
2 condition of Bard IPCs and Defendants' acts and/or omissions, Plaintiffs' Decedents' heirs
3 and family have been deprived of Plaintiffs' Decedents' future aid, income, assistance,
4 services, companionship, society, affection, and financial support, and Plaintiffs have
5 suffered Injuries and Damages.

6 382. Where authorized under relevant state law, Plaintiffs' Decedents' spouses,
7 beneficiaries, administrators, and/or lawful representatives of Plaintiffs' Decedents' estates
8 bring this claim on behalf of themselves and as the Plaintiffs' Decedents' lawful heirs
9 and/or beneficiaries for the Plaintiffs' Decedents' wrongful death.

10 383. Plaintiffs in the consolidated case *In re: Bard Implanted Port Catheter*
11 *Products Liability Litigation* (MDL 3081), 2:23-md-03081-DGC (USDC D. Arizona)
12 served general (non-bellwether specific) reports from experts which explain in detail
13 Plaintiffs' allegations as to Bard IPCs. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference each of the
14 general expert reports and allegations as if set forth herein.

15 **COUNT VIII: SURVIVAL**

16 384. Plaintiffs restate the allegations above as if fully rewritten herein.

17 385. As a direct and proximate result of the defective and unreasonably dangerous
18 condition of Bard IPCs and Defendants' acts and/or omissions, Plaintiffs' Decedents
19 suffered Injuries and Damages prior to Plaintiffs' Decedents' deaths.

20 386. Plaintiffs' Decedents' spouses, beneficiaries, administrators, and/or lawful
21 representatives of Plaintiffs' Decedents' estates seek all Injuries and Damages that
22 Plaintiffs' Decedents suffered as a result of Bard IPCs.

23 387. Plaintiffs in the consolidated case *In re: Bard Implanted Port Catheter*
24 *Products Liability Litigation* (MDL 3081), 2:23-md-03081-DGC (USDC D. Arizona)
25 served general (non-bellwether specific) reports from experts which explain in detail
26 Plaintiffs' allegations as to Bard IPCs. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference each of the
27 general expert reports and allegations as if set forth herein.

28

1 **PUNITIVE DAMAGES**

2 388. Plaintiffs restate the allegations above as if fully rewritten herein.

3 389. Defendants have acted willfully, wantonly, recklessly and with evil motive,
4 malice, conscious indifference, and deliberate disregard for the substantial risk of physical
5 harm and/or death to consumers, such as Plaintiffs, including but not limited to:

- 6 a. By failing to disclose material facts regarding the dangers and serious safety
7 concerns of Bard IPCs;
- 8 b. By concealing and suppressing material facts regarding the dangers and
9 serious health and/or safety concerns of Bard IPCs;
- 10 c. By failing to disclose the truth and making false representations with the
11 purpose of deceiving Plaintiffs and lulling them into using and relying upon
12 Bard IPCs; and
- 13 d. By falsely representing the qualities and characteristics of Bard IPCs to the
14 public and Plaintiffs.

15 390. Defendants' conduct is grossly negligent and reprehensible, evidencing an
16 evil motive, and was undertaken for pecuniary gain.

17 391. Such conduct justifies an award of punitive or exemplary damages in an
18 amount sufficient to punish Defendants' conduct and deter like conduct by Defendants and
19 other similarly situated persons and entities in the future.

20 392. Plaintiffs in the consolidated case *In re: Bard Implanted Port Catheter*
21 *Products Liability Litigation* (MDL 3081), 2:23-md-03081-DGC (USDC D. Arizona)
22 served general (non-bellwether specific) reports from experts which explain in detail
23 Plaintiffs' allegations as to Bard IPCs. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference each of the
24 general expert reports and allegations as if set forth herein.

25 **TIMELINESS AND TOLLING OF STATUTES OF LIMITATION AND REPOSE**

26 393. Plaintiffs restate the allegations above as if fully rewritten herein.

27 394. Plaintiffs are within the applicable statute of limitations for their claims
28 because Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' healthcare providers did not discover (and could not
discover through the exercise of reasonable diligence) that Bard IPCs caused their Injuries
and Damages because, at the time of those Injuries and Damages, the cause was unknown.

1 395. Plaintiffs are within the applicable statute of limitations for their claims
2 because Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs’ healthcare providers did not discover (and could not
3 discover through the exercise of reasonable diligence) the defective and unreasonably
4 dangerous condition of their Bard IPCs.

5 396. Plaintiffs did not suspect and had no reason to suspect that Bard IPCs caused
6 their Injuries and Damages until less than the applicable limitations period prior to the
7 filing of this action.

8 397. Plaintiffs’ ignorance of the defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of
9 Bard IPCs, and the causal connection between these defects and Plaintiffs’ Injuries and
10 Damages, is due in large part to Defendants’ acts and omissions in fraudulently concealing
11 information from the public and misrepresenting and/or downplaying the serious threat to
12 public safety its products present.

13 398. To this day, Defendants claim to “never mislead [their] customers.”¹⁰³

14 399. Defendants’ fraudulent concealment has tolled the running of any statute of
15 limitations.

16 400. Through their affirmative representations and omissions, Defendants
17 actively concealed from Plaintiffs the risks associated with the defects of Bard IPCs and
18 that Bard IPCs caused their Injuries and Damages.

19 401. Through their ongoing affirmative misrepresentations and omissions,
20 Defendants committed continual tortious and fraudulent acts.

21 402. In addition, Defendants are estopped from relying on any statutes of
22 limitation or repose by virtue of their unclean hands, acts of fraudulent concealment,
23 affirmative misrepresentations, and omissions.

24 403. Such conduct includes intentional concealment from Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs’
25 healthcare providers, and the public of material information that Bard IPCs are not safe or
26 effective and carry with them the risks and dangerous defects described above.

27 _____
28 ¹⁰³ <https://www.bd.com/content/dam/bd-assets/bd-com/en-us/document/policy/code-of-conduct/code-of-conduct-english.pdf>.

1 404. Defendants had a duty to disclose the fact that Bard IPCs are not safe or
2 effective, are not as safe as other venous access devices on the market, are defective and
3 unreasonably dangerous, and that their implantation and use carried with them the serious
4 risk of developing fracture, migration, and/or perforation; infection; thrombosis; or death.

5 405. As a result of Defendants' fraudulent concealment, Plaintiffs were unaware
6 and could not have reasonably known or learned through reasonable diligence that they
7 had been exposed to the defects and risks alleged herein and that those defects and risks
8 were the direct and proximate result of Defendants' acts and omissions. Additionally,
9 Plaintiffs are within the applicable statute of limitations for their claims because the
10 COVID-19 state of emergency tolled the running of the applicable statute of limitations,
11 including but not limited to as set forth in N.J. Order (Mar. 17, 2020).¹⁰⁴

12 406. Plaintiffs invoke the doctrines of Res Ipsa Loquitor, Apparent agency and
13 Respondeat Superior.

13 **JURY DEMAND**

14 Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury on all counts and issues so triable.

15 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

16 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against Defendants for:

17 A. Compensatory damages, including without limitation: past and future
18 medical expenses; past and future pain and suffering, emotional distress, mental anguish,
19 loss of enjoyment of life, and disability; disfigurement; past and future loss of consortium;
20 past and future lost wages, including loss of earnings and loss of earning capacity; funeral
21 and burial expenses; and other consequential damages as allowed by law;

22 B. Injunctive relief as the Court deems equitable, just, and proper, including but
23 not limited to enjoining Defendants from continuing the unlawful practices as set forth
24 herein and requiring Defendants to conduct a corrective advertising campaign;

25 C. Punitive or exemplary damages;

26 D. Disgorgement of profits;

27 ¹⁰⁴ <https://www.nelsonmullins.com/storage/PLLEdLH0yX9SjG3YPDCVU6gwqbfSjA9>
28 [Q9audPs5Z.pdf](#).

- 1 E. Restitution;
- 2 F. Statutory damages, where authorized;
- 3 G. Any and all applicable statutory and civil penalties, as allowed by law;
- 4 H. Costs and expenses of suit;
- 5 I. Reasonable attorneys' fees, where authorized;
- 6 J. Pre-judgment interest as allowed by law;
- 7 K. Post-judgment interest at the highest applicable statutory or common-law
8 rate from the date of judgment until satisfaction of judgment;
- 9 L. Any other interest recoverable under the law of any action pending in this
10 MCL; and
- 11 M. Any such other additional and further relief as Plaintiffs may be entitled to at
12 law or in equity.

13 **NOTICE PURSUANT TO RULES 1:5-1(a) AND 4:17-4(c)**

14
15 Please take notice that the undersigned attorneys, counsel for Plaintiffs, do hereby demand,
16 pursuant to Rules 1:5-1(a) and 4:17-4(c), that each party herein serving pleadings and
17 interrogatories and receiving answers thereto, serve copies of all such pleadings and
18 answered interrogatories received from any party, including any documents, papers and
other material referred to therein, upon the undersigned attorneys, please take notice that
this is a continuing demand.

19 **ANTI- SPOILIATION/PRESERVATION WARNING**

20
21 The term "you," "your" or "yours" as used herein shall refer to you (the recipient of this
22 letter), as well any and all affiliates, subsidiaries, agents, employees, representatives,
23 officers, and/or officials thereof, and any and all named defendants in this matter, its
24 affiliates and/or subsidiaries, its employees, representatives and/or agents and officials, as
25 well as any and all individuals responsible for the custody and control of the below
information, including but not limited to those individual's administrative assistants,
secretaries, agents, employees, information technology personnel and third-party vendors.

26 You are directed from this point forward to prevent any "uspiliation", defined as alteration,
27 change, updating, periodic destruction of, editing or deletion of, any of the information
28 which is set forth hereafter.

1 If you cause any such alteration, destruction or change, directed or allow it to occur, you
2 will be potentially charged with discovery rule violations for which sanctions may be
3 imposed.

4 Further, the Complaint may be amended to add purposeful and/or reckless or negligent
5 destruction or spoliation of evidence. Finally, we may ask for specific instructions to the
6 jury to find certain facts to your disadvantage by virtue of the destroyed or inaccessible
7 evidence.

8 Please be advised that you are hereby directed to prevent any spoliation of all records
9 and/or recordings related to and/or regarding this patient for the past ten (10) years,
10 including but not limited to any and all, medical records, time logs, videos, quality control
11 reports, morbidity and mortality reports, morbidity and mortality statements, and any and
12 all reports made to local, state, and/or federal agencies.

13 **Electronically Stored Information**

14 In terms of electronically stored information, you are directed to prevent any destructive,
15 alterative or other change to any web pages, virtual profiles or identities (including *but not*
16 *limited to* Myspace, Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Twitter, Tumblr, LinkedIn, Snapchat,
17 Google Plus+, Flickr, Vine, About.me, etc. or any other social media-based web profile or
18 networking site account.), emails, voice messages, text messages, instant messages or
19 messaging systems, pertaining in any way to this controversy or to the parties or witnesses,
20 recordings, digital recordings, media images and videos, temporary memory, memory
21 sticks, portable memory devices, laptops or computers, CDs, DVDs, USB devices,
22 databases, computer activity logs, internet browsing history (including cookies), network
23 access and server activity logs, word processing files and file fragments, back-up and
24 archival files, imaging and facsimile files, electronic calendar and scheduling program files
25 and file fragments as well as any other contact and relationship management data (e.g.,
26 Outlook, ACT!), electronic spreadsheet files and file fragments, related to this matter. This
27 includes a request that such information not be modified, altered or deleted as a result of
28 data compression or disk fragmentation (or other optimizations procedures), which
processes you are hereby directed to suspend until such time as that data can be preserved,
copied and produced.

29 You are directed to not modify, alter or delete-or allow modifications, alterations or
30 deletions to be made to-any such electronically stored information unless an exact replica
31 or "mirror image" has been made and will be preserved and made accessible for purposes
32 of discovery in this litigation and unless, in addition, an activity log of all document
33 modifications already made to any electronically stored information is maintained.

34 Electronic documents and the storage media on which they reside contain relevant,
35 discoverable information beyond that which may be found in printed documents.

1 Therefore, even where a paper copy exists, we will seek all documents in their electronic
2 form along with information about those documents contained on the media. We also will
3 seek paper printouts of only those documents that contain unique information after they
4 were printed out (such as paper documents containing hand writing, signatures, marginalia,
5 drawings, annotations, highlighting and redactions) along with any paper documents for
6 which no corresponding electronic files exist.

7 You are further directed to preserve and not destroy all passwords, decryption procedures
8 (including, if necessary, the software to decrypt the files); network access codes, manuals,
9 tutorials, written instructions, decompression or reconstruction software, and any and all
10 other information and things necessary to access, view and (if necessary) reconstruct the
11 electronic data we will request through discovery.

12 **Paper Information**

13 In terms of paper information, you are directed to preserve any and all contracts and
14 contract drafts, emails, memos and drafts of memos, handbooks (past and present), policies
15 (past and present) and drafts, employment files, pay stubs or duplicates, spreadsheets, lists,
16 reports, documents, notes, correspondence, photographs, investigative information or other
17 documents which pertain in any way to the controversy, parties or witnesses in this matter.

18 **RULE 4:5-1 CERTIFICATION**

19 I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the matter in controversy is the
20 subject of numerous other actions. On October 15, 2024, the Supreme Court designated
21 all cases involving Bard Implanted Port Catheter Products as a Multicounty Litigation
22 (MCL) and assigned this MCL to Judge Gregg A. Padovano in Bergen County for
23 centralized case management.

24 I hereby certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware of
25 any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to
26 punishment.
27
28

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28

Dated: February 13, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michael A. Galpern
Michael A. Galpern
Javerbaum Wurgaft Hicks
Khan Wikstrom and Sinins, P.C.
1000 Haddonfield-Berlin Road, Suite 203
Voorhees, NJ 08043
Fax: (856) 702-6640
Phone: (856) 596-4100
Email: mgalpern@lawjw.com

/s/ Jennifer P. Elwell
Jennifer P. Elwell
Berger Montague PC
1818 Market Street, Suite 3600
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Fax: (215) 875-4620
Phone: (215) 875-3000
Email: jelwell@bm.net

/s/ Christopher J. Geddis
Christopher J. Geddis
Mazie Slater Katz & Freeman, LLC
103 Eisenhower Parkway
Roseland, NJ 07068
Fax: (973) 228-0303
Phone: (973) 228-9898
Email: cgeddis@mazieslater.com

Co-Liaison Counsel for Plaintiffs

EXHIBIT A

<u>Brand Name</u>	<u>Model Number/Product Code</u>
BardPort M.R.I. Implantable Port	0602610, 0602620, 0602640, 0602650, 0602660, 0602670, 0602680, 0602690, 0602830, 0602833, 0602840, 0602843, 0605400, 0605420, 0607173
BardPort M.R.I. Low-Profile Implantable Port	0603830, 0603840, 0603870, 0603880, 6603880
BardPort Titanium Dome Implantable Port	0602850, 0602860, 0602870
BardPort Titanium Implantable Port	0602230, 0602240, 0602270, 0602290, 0603000, 0602820, 0605300, 0605320, 0607301, 0607302, 0602210, 0602260, 0602280, 0602810
M.R.I. Plastic Dual Lumen Port	0603500, 0605920, 0605930, 0607100, 0607200, 0615460
M.R.I. Ultra SlimPort Implantable Port	0605640, 0655640
Peritoneal Titanium Port	0603000, 0603006
PowerFlow Implantable Apheresis IV Port	A710962
PowerPort ClearVUE isp Implantable Port	1606052, 1606062, 1606362, 1606382, 1608052, 1608062, 1608362, 1608382, 1666362, 1668362, 1676300, 5606362, 5608062, 5608362, 5666362, 5668362, CP00004

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28

PowerPort ClearVUE Slim Implantable Port	1616000, 1616001, 1616070, 1616071, 1616300, 1616380, 1618000, 1618001, 1618070, 1618300, 1618380, 1676301, 1678300, 1678301, 5616000, 5616300, 5618000, 5618300, 5676300, 5676301, 5678300, 5678301, CP00005
PowerPort duo M.R.I. Implantable Port	1829500, 1829570, 5829500, 5829502
PowerPort Implantable Port	1708000, 1708001, 1708070, 1708071, 1709600, 1709601, 1759600, 1759601, 1778000, 1778001, 1778070, 1778071
PowerPort isp Implantable Port	1706050, 1706051, 1706060, 1706061, 1708050, 1708051, 1708060, 1708061, 1708160, 1708550, 1708551, 1708560, 1708561, 4708060, 4708061, 4708560, 4708561, CP00001, CP00002, CP00003, CP00009
PowerPort isp M.R.I. Implantable Port	1806050, 1806051, 1806060, 1806061, 1808050, 1808051, 1808060, 1808061, 1808069, 1808360, 1808550, 1808551, 1808560, 1808561, 1809660, 1809661, 1859660, 1859661, 4808060, 4808061, 4808560, 4808561, 9808560
PowerPort M.R.I. Implantable Port	1808000, 1808001, 1808002, 1808070, 1808071, 1808300, 1809600, 1809601, 1809670, 1859600, 1859601, 1878000, 1878001, 1878070, 1878071

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28

PowerPort Slim Implantable Port	1716000, 1716001, 1716070, 1716071, 1716080, 1718000, 1718001, 1718070, 1718500, 1718501, 1718570, 1718571, CP00008
PowerPort VUE M.R.I. Implantable Port	1806052, 1806062, 1808052, 1808062
PowerPort VUE Titanium Implantable Port	1706052, 1706062, 1708052, 1708062
SlimPort Dual-Lumen Rosenblatt Implantable Port	0604970, 0624970, 0654970
Titanium Low-Profile Port	0602180, 0602190, 0605490, 0605510, 0606100, 0606150, 0606200
Titanium SlimPort Implantable Port	0605550, 0605560, 0655510
Vaccess CT Low-Profile Titanium Power-Injectable Port	7360000, 7360001, 7380000
Vaccess CT Power-Injectable Implantable Port	7460000, 7480000, 7496000
X-Port isp M.R.I. Implantable Port	0607500, 0607510, 0607520, 0607530, 0607540, 0607550, 0607555, 0657500, 0657510, 0657520, 0657525, 7707540, 7757540
X-Port Low-Profile Titanium Port	0655870, 0605840, 0605850