IN RE: PELVIC MESH/GYNECARE LITIGATION

MAR 25 2025 OTEGO A PROGRAMO, J.S.G. SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

LAW DIVISION: BERGEN COUNTY

CASE NO. 291

MASTER DOCKET NO.: BER-L-11575-14

CIVIL ACTION

ORDER REGARDING CERTAIN PRO SE CASES

All prior orders remain in full force and effect except as modified by this Order.

IT IS on this Agy of March 2025, ORDERED as follows:

- 1. Plaintiffs in the cases identified in the attached Exhibit A who have alleged claims against Ethicon, Inc. and/or Johnson & Johnson (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Ethicon") are directed to appear for a mandatory status conference on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, in Hackensack, New Jersey, at the Bergen County Courthouse, 10 Main Street, Hackensack, N.J. Room CourtRoom 359. Individual plaintiffs whose cases are scheduled for a status conference shall appear in person for the conference, unless there has been full compliance with Paragraph 2, below, or Paragraph 5, below.
- 2. A plaintiff may be permitted to appear via Zoom in lieu of in person only if:
 - (a) the plaintiff demonstrates by written application an inability to travel to New Jersey due to medical reasons, and
 - (b) the plaintiff receives leave from the Court and Zoom conference instructions by June18, 2025.
 - (c) Such written application must be submitted to the Court no later than June 4, 2025.
- 3. Any plaintiff who fails to appear at the conference, either in person or via Zoom (with prior approval), shall be subject to substantial sanctions including immediate dismissal of her

complaint without prejudice. Counsel for Ethicon shall provide a copy of the dismissal order to any plaintiff whose case is dismissed without prejudice as a sanction for failure to appear, at that plaintiff's last known address, within 10 days of the date of such Order. The Court may require proof of compliance with this provision.

- 4. Any plaintiff whose Complaint is dismissed without prejudice under the terms of this order may move to reinstate the complaint within 60 days from the date of the conference. If no motion to reinstate is filed by that date, then counsel for Ethicon may submit an omnibus order converting each such dismissal to a dismissal with prejudice, without further notice to the plaintiff.
- 5. The filing of a proper dismissal order before the status conference will relieve any plaintiff from attending the status conference.
- 6. The court further requires the following counsel to participate in each status conference via Zoom: Ethicon counsel Donna Jacobs and defense liaison counsel Kelly S. Crawford.

The Court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to file a copy of this order in master docket number and in the cases listed on Exhibit A.

Counsel for Ethicon are directed to provide a copy of this order to each plaintiff listed on the attached Exhibit A, at that plaintiff's last known address, within 10 days of the date of entry of this Order. The Court may require proof of compliance with this provision.

HON. OREGG A. PADOVANO, J.S.C.

Schedule A

	Name	Docket No.
1	Burgess, Candace v. Ethicon,	BER-L-010674-14
	Inc., et al.	
2	Mitchell, Cassidy v. Ethicon,	BER-L-011941-14
	Inc., et als	

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