

IN RE STRATTICE HERNIA MESH
LITIGATION

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION – ATLANTIC COUNTY

MCL CASE NO: 636

MASTER DOCKET NUMBER: ATL-L-3857-21

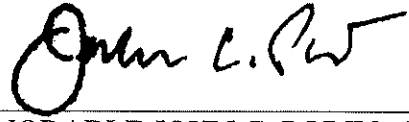
**CASE MANGAGEMENT ORDER NO. 11
(Science Day)**

On May 18, 2023, beginning at 10am, the Court will hold “Science Day” to provide the Court with an overview of the Parties’ respective views on medical and scientific issues associated with STRATTICE™ Reconstructive Tissue Matrix and the injuries being alleged by the plaintiffs. The Parties should present the issues as objectively as possible while avoiding argument and adversarial positioning. The Parties have agreed to the following policies and procedures to govern Science Day and educate the Court on the scientific and medical issues in a non-adversarial manner:

1. The Parties have agreed that the topics to be discussed at Science Day may include: a background on hernias; a background on treatment of hernias, including surgical repair; other types of mesh utilized to repair hernias; the injuries alleged in this litigation; the design of STRATTICE™ Reconstructive Tissue Matrix; clinical and non-clinical studies and outcomes regarding STRATTICE™ Reconstructive Tissue Matrix; medical literature regarding the use of STRATTICE™ Reconstructive Tissue Matrix; and other matters the Parties elect to present on related to the science behind STRATTICE™ Reconstructive Tissue Matrix. The Parties agree that the focus of the presentations should not be on proof of legal liability or lack thereof, and argumentative tone and presentations are discouraged.

2. The total length of time allotted to Science Day shall be approximately four hours, not including the time for any questions the Court has after the Parties' presentations, and shall proceed as follows:
 - a. Plaintiffs' presentation on all topics – 2 hours
 - b. Defendants' presentation on all topics – 2 hours
3. The format will be lecture-style presentations that may incorporate the use of PowerPoint presentations, document excerpts, and/or other demonstrative aids.
4. The presentations shall be made by the Parties' attorneys, and each Party may designate up to two attorneys to present. Presenters will not be questioned by opposing counsel. The Court will have the opportunity to ask questions of the presenters as the Court deems appropriate. The Parties' presentations may also include pre-recorded segments of up to 30 minutes of a Q&A-style presentation with a designated expert. Nothing in this paragraph should be read to mean that the Parties are required to present with an expert.
5. Science Day will be conducted in person, but the option for remote participation will be available. The Parties will coordinate with the Court to identify a platform that allows for remote access to Science Day.
6. The recording of Science Day and/or the taking or reproducing of any image from Science Day either in-person or via the remote platform is strictly prohibited and is a violation of this Court Order. Anyone who records and/or takes or reproduces an image from Science Day or is suspected of doing so will be subject to investigation and may face appropriate penalties, including being held in contempt of Court or sanctioned, for violation of this Court Order or any other duties imposed by law.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 2nd day of May, 2023.



HONORABLE JOHN C. PORTO, J.S.C

P.J. Cv.