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CASE NO. 624 TO Master Docket No. BER-L-785 CIVIL ACTION

This Document Relates To ALL ACTIONS

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER #10** 

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

This Order applies to all cases previously and hereafter transferred to this multicounty litigation, Case No. 624, Master Docket No. 7859-17 (this "MCL"), or those which were directly filed in this MCL. In addition to posting of this Order, Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel shall promptly notify all plaintiffs' counsel of record in this MCL of this Order.

The court has set a Case Management Conference for March 3, 2021 at 11:00am. In preparation for that Case Management Conference and in coordination with the related Multidistrict Litigation, the Court orders as follows:

- (1) Counsel for the Defendant shall review all open cases in this MCL.
- (2) Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel also shall review all open cases in this MCL.
- (3) To facilitate this review, the individual plaintiffs' attorney for each open case shall confer with Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel regarding his/her open case(s).
- (3) In advance of conferring with Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel, all individual plaintiffs' attorneys shall review all open cases where they are counsel of record, and shall ensure that:
  - a. they have met their ongoing "reasonable inquiry" obligations set forth in Rule1:4-8, including as related to pleadings filed or pending in this MCL. In thisregard, the court notes that the simple fact that a litigant has had implanted the

medical implant that is the subject of this MCL is not a sufficient basis, alone, for the filing of a lawsuit;

- they have met their duty to disclose or supplement under Rule 4:18-1 and under the court's prior orders; and
- c. they have fully completed, certified and supplemented as needed all Plaintiffs' Fact Sheets after a diligent and reasonable inquiry as to the facts stated therein and in accordance with their obligation to supplement Plaintiffs' Fact Sheets to provide complete, correct, accurate and additional information.
- (4) If any individual plaintiff's counsel fails to respond to Lead Counsels' request(s) related to this Order, including a request to confer, or if any individual plaintiff's counsel fails to comply in whole or in part with this Order, then either Plaintiff's or Defense Lead Counsel shall promptly inform the court.
- (5) Plaintiffs' lead counsel and counsel for Defendant shall confer and file a joint status report in advance of the March Case Management Conference.

Dated: December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

HON. RACHELLE L. HARZ, J.S.C.