

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND**

IN RE: KUGEL MESH HERNIA PATCH LITIGATION

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MDL DOCKET NO. 07-1842-ML

~~PROPOSED~~ PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE ORDER NUMBER 20

This matter came before the Court on April 28, 2008 for a status conference.

The Court considered items listed on the Meeting Agenda (Docket #1850). The Court now makes the following orders:

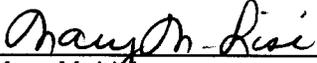
1. **Selection of Cases for Trial.** The parties shall meet and confer in an effort to determine if there are any cases upon which they can agree to be selections for the bellwether trial process. Counsel shall provide the Court with a list of any agreed-upon cases on May 28, 2008.
2. **ADR II Cases.** Prior to the next meeting, Defendants will evaluate the confidential statements provided by Plaintiffs for each of the 10 cases previously set for mediation with Magistrate Judge Lovegreen. At the next meeting, Defendants will advise the Court whether any of those cases should be included as potential trial selections and/or whether they view those cases should be mediated by Magistrate Judge Lovegreen.
3. **Master Answer.** Defendants may file a Master Answer with the Court that would allow Defendants not to answer individual complaints until such cases are transferred back to their originating court or the case is selected for trial. Docket and electronic filing issues shall be discussed with the Court's calendar clerk prior to the filing of such a Master Answer.

4. **Hadley (08-2547).** Plaintiff Hadley does not contest Defendants' Motion to Remand in this case. Defendants shall submit an appropriate stipulation to the Court prior to the next meeting.

5. **Proposed Agenda Items and Pending Motions List.** In consultation with lead defense counsel, plaintiffs' liaison counsel shall submit to the Court a list of proposed agenda items and a current list and status of all motions on or before May 26, 2009. The Court will publish the agenda on or before May 28, 2009.

6. **Next Meeting.** The Court will meet with lead plaintiffs' counsel and defendants' counsel on June 2, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the United States Courthouse, One Exchange Terrace, Providence, RI.

SO ORDERED:



Mary M. Lisi
Chief United States District Judge
May 26, 2009