UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

In re: STRYKER REJUVENATE AND ABG II HIP IMPLANT PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

This Document Relates to All Actions

MDL No. 13-2441 (DWF/FLN)

PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 16

ORDER REGARDING DEFENDANTS' CONTACTS WITH PHYSICIAN-EXPERTS

Defendants are permitted to communicate with, and retain as a consulting or testifying expert, any physician who has been identified as having rendered medical care or treatment to a plaintiff in this litigation, subject to the following restrictions:

1. Defendants and their attorneys will not communicate with the

physician-expert about any of his or her patients who are involved in or are likely to become involved in this MDL.

2. Defendants and their attorneys may not use a physician as a consulting or testifying expert in a case where the physician's present or former patient is a plaintiff in that particular case.

3. Defendants and their attorneys, before having any substantive communication with a prospective physician-expert, will provide the physician with this Order and will secure the physician's written acknowledgment that he or she has read the attached Memorandum to Physicians.

Dated: May 6, 2014

<u>s/Donovan W. Frank</u> DONOVAN W. FRANK United States District Judge