

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

IN RE: STRYKER REJUVENATE AND  
ABG II HIP IMPLANT PRODUCTS  
LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL No. 13-2441 (DWF/BRT)

This Document Relates to:

GERALDINE SKINNER,

Plaintiff,

v. Civil No. 14-5080 (DWF/BRT)

HOWMEDICA OSTEONICS CORP., d/b/a  
STRYKER ORTHOPAEDICS, STRYKER  
CORP., STRYKER SALES  
CORPORATION and STRYKER IRELAND  
LIMITED,

Defendants.

**ORDER**

In management of its docket, on January 15, 2020 the Court entered Pretrial Order No. 44 Regarding Pending and Future Requests to Withdraw as Counsel in this MDL (“PTO #44”) (MDL No. 13-2441 (DWF/BRT), Doc. No. [1567]). PTO #44 established certain requirements for Requests to Withdraw as counsel in this MDL.

Pursuant to PTO #44, counsel in the above captioned, *Geraldine Skinner v. Howmedica Osteonics Corp., d/b/a Stryker Orthopaedics, Stryker Corp., Stryker Sales Corporation and Stryker Ireland Limited* matter filed a motion to withdraw as counsel (MDL No. 13-2441 (DWF/BRT), Doc. No. [1733]); Civil No. 14-5080 (DWF/BRT), Doc. No. [6]). In the motion, counsel explained that they have contacted Plaintiff

multiple times regarding the status of the matter and the fact that they no longer wish to represent her. They have inquired if she would grant permission for voluntary dismissal of her lawsuit or if she has retained new counsel to represent her and immediately enter an appearance on her behalf. To date, she has not responded to current counsel's communications. No other counsel has appeared, nor has Plaintiff entered a *pro se* appearance.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

1. The following notice is issued to Plaintiff in the above captioned *Geraldine Skinner v. Howmedica Osteonics Corp., d/b/a Stryker Orthopaedics, Stryker Corp., Stryker Sales Corporation and Stryker Ireland Limited* matter in which current counsel has filed a motion to withdraw.

2. Plaintiff is required to provide the following to the Court within 14 days of this Order (to be communicated through current counsel): A written statement indicating whether or not Plaintiff consents to a voluntary dismissal of her case. If Plaintiff does not consent to a voluntary dismissal, and, instead, wishes to continue the case then Plaintiff must file the following (through current counsel) within 14 days of this Order: A statement *in writing* indicating whether or not she opposes or supports the request by her current counsel to withdraw from this action. If Plaintiff supports the withdrawal of counsel, then identification of substituting counsel who must then immediately file a notice of appearance with the court, or, if no new counsel is retained, then a statement of the intention of the Plaintiff to proceed *pro se* with the litigation and a notice of appearance as a *pro se* plaintiff; and

3. If no response to this Order is received within 14 days, then current counsel will be permitted to withdraw and the *Geraldine Skinner v. Howmedica Osteonics Corp., d/b/a Stryker Orthopaedics, Stryker Corp., Stryker Sales Corporation and Stryker Ireland Limited* matter will be **DISMISSED** in its entirety **WITHOUT PREJUDICE**, without further notice.

Dated: April 15, 2020

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