# IN RE: PELVIC MESH/GYNECARE LITIGATION

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LAW DIVISION: BERGEN COUNTY

**CASE NO. 291** 

MASTER DOCKET NO.: BER-L-11575-14

**CIVIL ACTION** 

CASE
MANAGEMENT ORDER #99

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

THIS MATTER having been reassigned to the Bergen County Vicinage, from Atlantic County, pursuant to the Supreme Court's Order of October 31, 2014; the Court having conducted a Case Management Conference on May 17, 2023; counsel appearing; for good cause shown and for the reasons set forth on the record;

IT IS on this 24th day of May 2023, ORDERED as follows:

### I. CASE MANAGEMENT

- A. Status of active Ethicon cases not subject to MSA.
  - 1. CMO 74 Cases (see also CMO 89). The remaining active cases are listed below and the parties are to continue to complete discovery:
    - ii. TVT Exact (Gauldin, Mays, Snyder)
    - iv. TVT Retropubic (Castro)
    - v. TVT Abbrevo (Percia)
    - vi. TVT-Secur (Wilcox)
  - 2. CMO 84 Cases.
    - i. CMO 84 Exhibit X cases that have not been dismissed are to move forward with active fact discovery. Defendants are in the process of collecting medical records in order to proceed with depositions and other discovery in the active cases. When sufficient

medical records are collected, the parties are expected to proceed with depositions. The parties will meet and confer and provide the Court with a report regarding the remaining active cases at the next case management conference.

ii. CMO 84 Exhibit Y cases that have not been dismissed are to move forward with active fact discovery. Defendants are in the process of collecting medical records in order to proceed with depositions and other discovery in the active cases. When sufficient medical records are collected, the parties are expected to proceed with depositions. The parties will meet and confer and provide the Court with a report regarding the remaining active cases at the next case management conference.

## II. WAITING PERIODS IN MEDICAL RECORDS COLLECTION PROTOCOLS.

Liaison counsel discussed Defendants' request that plaintiffs' counsel in cases activated for discovery agree to waive or reduce the waiting times established in the April 25, 2012 amendment to CMO 3. The parties will meet and confer.

### III. FILINGS ON ECOURTS

Counsel are reminded not to use eCourts to file pleadings and other documents. This MCL requires paper filing or filing through the JEDS system. Any fees charged through an improper submission on eCourts will not be refunded. Please see CMO 96 regarding service and filing notifications.

#### IV. MISCELLANEOUS

The next case management conference will be held on June 22, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. for liaison counsel only (via Zoom) and at 3:30 p.m. for all counsel on the record; The Conference will be virtual or telephonic unless otherwise directed by Judge Padovano.

RACHELLE L. HARZ, J.S.C.