

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

In re: GUIDANT CORP. IMPLANTABLE
DEFIBRILLATORS PRODUCTS
LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL No. 05-1708 (DWF/AJB)

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ORDER

The Court hereby orders as follows:

1. **ONLY AS TO PLAINTIFFS/DEVICE RECIPIENTS WHO ARE DECEASED**, the deadline in Section III.F.1 of the Confidential Master Settlement Agreement is extended to June 6, 2008. The May 19, 2008 deadline remains in place for Plaintiffs who are not deceased.

2. An order will be forthcoming establishing a procedure and protocol for obtaining authorization and signing authority on behalf of a device recipient who is deceased, including authority to sign releases for wrongful death claims and survival claims.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 9, 2008

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