

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA
THIRD DIVISION

In re: Guidant Corp. Implantable
Defibrillators Products Liability Litigation

MDL No. 1708
(DWF/AJB)

This Document Relates to ALL ACTIONS

**Order Regarding Deadline for Settlement Documents Required Under Section III.F
of the Master Settlement Agreement**

The Special Masters have recently reviewed reports from the parties and the Claims Administrator regarding the status of claims administration and the current level of claimant participation. The Special Masters note that a small percentage of claimants who have taken steps to participate in the settlement, or who intend to take steps to participate in the settlement, have failed to submit complete and correct settlement documents required under Section III.F of the Master Settlement Agreement for claimants to become payment eligible. The Special Masters also recognize that these individuals have already missed several Court-ordered deadlines for settlement document submission and correction.

Upon consideration of the above mentioned facts by the Special Masters, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

1. Claimants eligible to participate in the Guidant MDL No. 05-1708 settlement who have not, to date, successfully completed and submitted all of the required settlement documentation have until **April 1, 2009** to submit the documents required under Section III.F of the Master Settlement Agreement.

2. Claimants eligible to participate in the Guidant MDL No. 05-1708 settlement who have submitted deficient settlement documentation have until **April 1, 2009** to cure any outstanding deficiencies.

Dated: February 24, 2009

s/Arthur J. Boylan _____
ARTHUR J. BOYLAN
United States Magistrate Judge

s/ Patrick A. Juneau _____
PATRICK A. JUNEAU
Assistant Special Master