

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

In re: MEDTRONIC, INC.,
IMPLANTABLE DEFIBRILLATORS
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION.

Multidistrict Litigation No.
05-1726 (JMR/AJB)

**ORDER REGARDING DEFENDANT'S CONTACTS WITH PLAINTIFF'S TREATING
PHYSICIANS**

The parties have advised the Court that they have a disagreement as to the scope of the Defendant's ability to undertake oral communications with Plaintiff's treating physicians, pursuant to medical authorizations which Plaintiffs may have signed or may be required to sign in the above captioned matter.

Based on the arguments of the parties, the Court hereby enters the following,
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the medical authorizations signed by Plaintiffs, Plaintiff's representatives or attorneys, shall not permit Defendants to communicate with the treating physicians of the named Plaintiffs regarding the care and treatment of those patients absent further order of this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Plaintiff and Defendant steering committee counsel shall meet and confer for purposes of drafting medical authorizations that are consistent with this Order and consistent with statutory and/or regulatory requirements that may apply. Counsel shall file said agreed medical authorizations within 10 days of the date of this Order.

Date: February 8, 2007

s/ Arthur J. Boylan

ARTHUR J. BOYLAN
United States Magistrate Judge