

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

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

Multidistrict Litigation No.  
O5-1726 (JMR/AJB)

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**ORDER REGARDING PROVIDING DOCUMENTS TO *PRO SE* PLAINTIFFS**

WHEREAS, certain *Pro Se* Plaintiffs having cases pending in MDL 1726 have requested that the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee ("PSC") provide them with certain pleadings and documents filed and produced in this proceeding; and

WHEREAS, certain of the pleadings and/or documents requested by the *Pro Se* Plaintiffs may contain "confidential" information subject to protection under and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Protective Order, dated January 23, 2006, and entered in MDL 1726 (the "Protective Order"); and

WHEREAS, these *Pro Se* Plaintiffs are entitled to have access to the pleadings and documents filed and produced in this cases so long as they agree to be bound by and adhere to all of the terms and conditions of the Protective Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon the stipulations agreed to by the parties and submitted to the Court, the Court hereby **ORDERS**:

1. The PSC may provide the *Pro Se* Plaintiffs with pleadings and documents filed and produced in MDL 1726.
2. Prior to providing any such pleadings or documents to any *Pro Se* Plaintiff, the PSC shall provide the *Pro Se* Plaintiff with a copy of this Order, the Protective Order and inform and explain to him/her, in a letter approved in advance by Medtronic, Inc., the requirements of

the Protective Order (including the signing of exhibit A to the Protective Order) and his/her obligations and responsibilities under the Protective Order, including, specifically, the manner in which any information and documents designated as “confidential” shall be treated and the prohibition of divulging any such information or documents to anyone other than those individuals expressly permitted access to such information and documents under the terms of the Protective Order.

3. The parties shall, prior to the commencement of any depositions in this proceeding, meet and confer in an effort to agree upon guidelines for such depositions, and such guidelines shall specifically address issues related to the depositions of *Pro Se* Plaintiffs in MDL 1726.

Date: January 8, 2007

s/ Arthur J. Boylan  
ARTHUR J. BOYLAN  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE