

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

In re: STRYKER REJUVENATE AND  
ABG II HIP IMPLANT PRODUCTS  
LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL No. 13-2441 (DWF/FLN)

This Document Relates to

Francis R. Swartz,

Plaintiff,

v. Civil No. 13-1879 (DWF/FLN)

Howmedica Osteonics Corporation, a  
New Jersey Corporation d/b/a Stryker  
Orthopaedics; Stryker Sales Corporation, a  
Michigan Corporation; Howmedica, a  
New Jersey Corporation d/b/as Stryker  
Orthopaedics; and Stryker Corporation, a  
Michigan Corporation,

Defendants.

**ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S  
MOTION TO DROP  
HOWMEDICA D/B/A STRYKER  
ORTHOPAEDICS AS A PARTY**

This matter is before the Court upon Plaintiff's Agreed Motion to Drop Defendant Howmedica d/b/a Stryker Orthopaedics, (MDL No. 13-2441, Doc. No. [56]; Civil No. 13-1879 (DWF/FLN), Doc. No. [8]), pursuant to Federal Rule Civil Procedure 21.

Having considered the same, the Court **GRANTS** Plaintiff's motion. Defendant Howmedica d/b/a Stryker Orthopaedics is no longer a party to Plaintiff's suit.

The caption will now appear as follows:

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Dated: October 3, 2013

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