

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

IN RE: STRYKER REJUVENATE AND
ABG II HIP IMPLANT PRODUCTS
LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL No. 13-2441 (DWF/DJF)

This Document Relates to:

Margaret Lang,

Plaintiff,

v. Civil No. 14-2315 (DWF/DJF)

Howmedica Osteonics *d/b/a* Stryker
Orthopaedics, Stryker Corp., Stryker Sales
Corporation, and Stryker Ireland Limited,

Defendants.

ORDER

Plaintiff Margaret Lang is an Unrevised Plaintiff in a pending case in this multidistrict litigation, which is captioned *Margaret Lang v. Howmedica Osteonics Corp. d/b/a Stryker Orthopaedics, Stryker Corp., Stryker Sales Corporation and Stryker Ireland Limited* (Civil No. 14-2315 (DWF/DJF)). The Court has been informed that Plaintiff Lang previously enrolled in the Settlement Program as a Covered Unrevised Infirm (CUI) claimant and was determined to be ineligible in November 2022. Counsel for Plaintiff Lang has attempted to contact her to determine the course of her legal action, given her unrevised and ineligible status, but she has not responded.

The Court previously entered Pretrial Order No. 44 Regarding Pending and Future Requests to Withdraw as Counsel in this MDL (“PTO #44”) (MDL Doc. No. 1567).

Pursuant to PTO #44, and in light of the current status of the case and counsel's inability to communicate with Plaintiff Lang, her counsel now wishes to withdraw in this unrevised and CUI ineligible case.

Based upon the foregoing and the record in this case, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

1. The following notice is issued to the unrevised and CUI ineligible Plaintiff in the above captioned matter, *Margaret Lang v. Howmedica Osteonics Corp. d/b/a Stryker Orthopaedics, Stryker Corp., Stryker Sales Corporation, and Stryker Ireland Limited* (Civil No. 14-2315 (DWF/DJF)).

2. Plaintiff Lang is required to provide the following to the Court within 14 days of this Order (to be communicated through current counsel): A written statement indicating whether or not Plaintiff consents to a voluntary dismissal of her case. If Plaintiff does not consent to a voluntary dismissal and, instead, wishes to continue the case, then Plaintiff must file the following (through current counsel) within 14 days of this Order: A statement *in writing* indicating whether or not she opposes or supports the request by her current counsel to withdraw from this action. If Plaintiff supports the withdrawal of counsel, then substituting counsel must then immediately file a notice of appearance with the Court, or, if no new counsel is retained, then a statement of the intention of the Plaintiff to proceed *pro se* with the litigation and a notice of appearance as a *pro se* plaintiff.

3. If no response to this Order is received by the Court within 14 days, then current counsel will be permitted to withdraw and the above captioned matter, *Margaret*

Lang v. Howmedica Osteonics Corp. d/b/a Stryker Orthopaedics, Stryker Corp., Stryker Sales Corporation, and Stryker Ireland Limited, will be **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**, and without further notice.

Dated: April 16, 2025

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