

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

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MEMO TO COUNSEL RE:

*In re: Smith & Nephew Birmingham Hip Resurfacing (BHR) Hip Implant  
Products Liability Litigation, MDL 17-md-2775*

Dear Counsel:

As we discussed at our conference today, counsel will meet and confer on several issues prior to the next status conference presently scheduled for July 26, 2017 beginning at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 7D. Those issues include revisions to proposed case management orders No. 2, related to the common benefit fund, and No. 3, related to filing a master amended consolidated complaint. Counsel also will further discuss a briefing schedule for motions to dismiss, a discovery plan, a direct filing order, and a plan for mediation if warranted in the future.

Please provide a brief status report as to the above items by **July 18, 2017**, and a proposed agenda for the July 26, 2017 conference by **July 21, 2017**.

I am entering case management order No. 1 confirming the plaintiffs' proposed structure for counsels' role and responsibilities.

Despite the informal nature of this letter, it is an Order of the Court and shall be docketed as such.

Sincerely yours,

/S/

Catherine C. Blake  
Chief Judge