UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

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March 6, 2020

MEMO TO COUNSEL

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

Dear Counsel:

Confirming the results of our conference yesterday as to the schedule, in addition to the entry of CMO 16, we have set March 16, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. for a recorded interim conference call to discuss the defendant's motion for an amended order governing ex parte contacts with doctors (ECF 2066). We are considering the option of conducting the March 25, 2020, regular conference by telephone due to current public health concerns.

Despite the informal nature of this ruling, it shall constitute an Order of Court, and the Clerk is directed to docket it accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

Catherine C. Blake

United States District Judge