# 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:

LINDA MILES AND STEPHEN MILES,

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

HOWMEDICA OSTEONICS d/b/a STRYKER ORTHOPAEDICS, STRYKER CORP., STRYKER SALES CORPORATION and STRYKER IRELAND LIMITED,

Defendants.

SHORT FORM COMPLAINT AND JURY TRIAL DEMAND

1. Plaintiff(s), Linda Miles and Stephen Miles, state(s) and bring(s) this civil action in MDL No. 2441, entitled In Re: Stryker Rejuvenate and ABG II Hip Implant Products Liability Litigation. Plaintiff(s) is/are filing this Short Form Complaint as permitted by Pretrial Order #10 dated January 23, 2014 of this Court.

### PARTIES, JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. Plaintiff, Linda Miles, is a resident and citizen of the State of Colorado and claims damages as set forth below.
- 3. Plaintiff's Spouse, Stephen Miles, is a resident and citizen of the State of Colorado, and claims damages as set forth below.
- 4. Venue of this case is appropriate in the United States District Court, District of Colorado. Plaintiff states that but for the Order permitting directly filing into the District of

Minnesota pursuant to Pretrial Order No. 4, Plaintiff would have filed in the United States District Court, District of Colorado. Therefore, Plaintiff respectfully requests that at the time of transfer of this action back to the trial court for further proceedings that this case be transferred to the above referenced District Court.

	5.	Plaintiff brings this action [check the applicable designation]:								
		X	On behalf of himself/herself;							
			In a representative capacity as the o	f the having						
			been duly appointed as the by the	neCourt of						
			A copy of the Letters of Administration for a wrongful							
			death claim is annexed hereto if such letters are required for the							
			commencement of such a claim by the Probate, Surrogate or other							
		appropriate court of the jurisdiction of the decedent.								
FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS										
	6.	Plaintiff was	implanted with a Rejuvenate Modular hip s	stem on his/her right hip						
on or	about M	Iarch 27th, 20	12, at the North Colorado Medical Center b	y Dr. Kelly Sanderford,						
MD.										
	7.	Plaintiff had	the right hip stem at issue explanted on Janu	ary 13th, 2015, at North						
Colorado Medical Center by Dr. Kelly Sanderford, MD.										
			ALLEGATIONS AS TO INJURIES							
	8.	(a) Plaintiff claims damages as a result of (check all that are applicable):								
		X	INJURY TO HERSELF/HIMSELF							
			INJURY TO THE PERSON REPRESENTE	ED						
			WRONGFUL DEATH							

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	SURVIVORSHIP ACTION
X	ECONOMIC LOSS

(b) Plaintiff's spouse claims damages as a result of (check all that are applicable):

X LOSS OF SERVICES
X LOSS OF CONSORTIUM

- 9. Plaintiff has suffered injuries as a result of implantation of the Device(s) at issue manufactured by the Defendants as shall be fully set forth in Plaintiff's anticipated Amended Complaint, as well as in Plaintiff's Fact Sheet and other responsive documents provided to the Defendant and are incorporated by reference herein.
- 10. Plaintiff has suffered injuries as a result of the explantation of the Device(s) at issue manufactured by the Defendants as shall be fully set forth in Plaintiff's anticipated Amended Complaint, as well as in Plaintiff's Fact Sheet and other responsive documents provided to the Defendant and are incorporated by reference herein.
- 11. Defendants, by their actions or inactions, proximately caused the injuries to Plaintiff(s).
- 12. Plaintiff(s) could not have known that the injuries he/she suffered were as a result of a defect in the Device(s) at issue until after the date the Device was recalled from the market and the Plaintiff(s) came to learn of the recall.
- 13. In addition, Plaintiff could not have known that he/she was injured by excessive levels of chromium and cobalt until after the date he/she had his/her blood drawn and he/she was advised of the results of said blood-work and the fact that those blood work abnormalities were attributable to a defect in the Device(s) at issue.

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## **CASE-SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS AND THEORIES OF RECOVERY**

14. The following claims and allegations are asserted by Plaintiff(s) and are herein adopted by reference (check all that are applicable):

X	COUNT I - NEGLIGENCE;
X	COUNT II - NEGLIGENCE PER SE;
X	COUNT III - STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY - DEFECTIVE DESIGN;
X	COUNT IV - STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY – MANUFACTURING DEFECT;
X	COUNT V - STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY- FAILURE TO WARN;
X	COUNT VI - BREACH OF EXPRESS WARRANTY;
X	COUNT VII- BREACH OF WARRANTY AS TO MERCHANTABILITY;
X	COUNT VIII - BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTIES;
X	COUNT IX - VIOLATION OF MINNESOTA DECEPTIVE ACTS AND PRACTICES, UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES, CONSUMER PROTECTION, MERCHANDISING PRACTICES AND FALSE ADVERTISING ACTS;
X	COUNT X – VIOLATION OF CONSUMER FRAUD AND/OR UNFAIR AND DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES UNDER STATE LAW;
X	COUNT XI - NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION;
X	COUNT XII - LOSS OF CONSORTIUM;
X	COUNT XIII – UNJUST ENRICHMENT;
	COUNT XIV – WRONGFUL DEATH;

In addition to the above, Plaintiff(s) assert the following additional causes of action under applicable state law:

violation of the Colorado Consumer Protection Act, Colo. Rev. Stat. § 6-1-105 et seq.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff(s) pray for judgment against Defendants as follows:

- 1. For compensatory damages requested and according to proof;
- 2. For all applicable statutory damages of the state whose laws will govern this action;
- 3. For an award of attorneys' fees and costs;
- 4. For prejudgment interest and costs of suit;
- 5. For restitution and disgorgement of profits; and,
- 6. For such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

#### **JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiff(s) hereby demand(s) a trial by jury as to all claims in this action.

DATED: February 8, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

#### **BACHUS & SCHANKER, LLC**

/s/ J. Kyle Bachus

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(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, 2) J. Kyle Bachus, Esq., BACHUS & SCHANKER, 1899 Wynkoop Street, St	LLC		0	Attorneys (If Known)					
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