

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

**IN RE: XARELTO (RIVAROXABAN)
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION**

*** MDL NO. 2592
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* SECTION L
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* JUDGE ELDON E. FALLON
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* MAG. JUDGE NORTH**

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THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO ALL CASES

**PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 18
Science Day**

On June 11, 2015, the Court will hold “Science Day” to provide the Court with an overview of the medical and scientific issues associated with the medicine Xarelto® in an objective format without advocacy. Given the early stage of the litigation and discovery and to avoid duplication in presentation, the parties have agreed to the following ground rules to educate the Court on the basic issues in a non-adversarial manner and govern Science Day:

1. The parties have agreed that the topics to be discussed at Science Day include: a background on atrial fibrillation, a background on coagulation and anticoagulation therapy, anti-coagulation therapy before the Novel Oral Anti-Coagulants or NOACs, the approved indications and mechanism of action of Xarelto, clinical practice with Xarelto, adverse events with Xarelto, clinical trials pertaining to Xarelto, the use of blood test based dosing with Xarelto, and Xarelto pharmacology.
2. The Science Day presentations will be “off the record” without a court reporter and shall not be used or admissible for any purpose in the litigation other than for

the Court's benefit to gather informal knowledge at Science Day. The Parties shall provide the Court with copies of the presentations on or before June 5, 2015 but will not share the presentations with each other.

3. The presentations shall be made by physicians and scientists. The presenters will not be questioned by each other or opposing counsel. The Court will have the opportunity to ask questions of the experts as the Court deems appropriate.
4. The format will be lecture-style presentations that incorporate the use of PowerPoint presentations or other demonstrative visuals. The Parties will be allowed to lead the experts through a modified direct format to focus the lecture presentation.
5. The total length of time that will be allotted to Science Day shall be approximately three and a half hours, as broken down by the following schedule:
 - a. Science Day will commence at 9:00am;
 - b. Defendants will proceed on all topics from 9:00am to 10:45am;
 - c. Plaintiffs will proceed on all topics from 11:00am to 12:15pm;
 - d. Final questions from the Court – 12:15 to end

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA this 20th day of May, 2015


UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE