

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**In Re: Atrium Medical Corp. C-Qur Mesh
Products Liability Litigation (MDL No. 2753)**

**MDL Docket No. 16-md-2753-LM
ALL CASES**

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER NO. 3E
PROTECTIVE ORDER**

The parties¹ have agreed to the terms of this Protective Order; accordingly, it is ORDERED:

1. Scope. This Order shall govern all cases directly filed in this district that are included in MDL 2753, as well as all cases transferred to this Court by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation (“JPML”) and any tag-along cases transferred to this Court by the JPML. All documents produced in the course of discovery, including initial disclosures, all responses to discovery requests, all deposition testimony and exhibits, other materials which may be subject to restrictions on disclosure for good cause and information derived directly therefrom (hereinafter collectively “document(s)”), shall be subject to this Order concerning confidential information as set forth below. This Order is subject to the Local Rules of this District and of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on matters of procedure and calculation of time periods.

2. Definitions. The following terms and words have the following meanings for purposes of this Protective Order:

- a. “Plaintiffs” mean the individual plaintiffs whose cases are centralized in the above-styled multidistrict litigation (“MDL”).
- b. “Defendants” mean Atrium Medical Corporation (“Atrium”), Maquet Cardiovascular US Sales, LLC (“US Sales”), and Getinge AB.
- c. “Document” shall have the full meaning ascribed to it by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (“Fed. R. Civ. P”).

¹ Getinge AB (“Getinge”) is not included in the term “[t]he parties” so as to not be deemed as litigating this matter given its pending Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Personal Jurisdiction. To the extent that Getinge is a presently a party to this litigation and its assent is ordered by the Court, it agrees to be bound by the terms of this Protective Order, without waiving its position that this Court lacks personal jurisdiction over it.

d. “Producer” means a party to this action or a non-party to this action that produces documents or other information or material in response to discovery requests at any time in connection with this action.

e. “CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION” means any information designated as “CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER”, as provided in Paragraph 4.

f. “Competitor-Related Consultant” means any individual who is currently, or who at any time during the pendency of this litigation becomes, a consultant to a competitor of the Defendant's in the surgical mesh business, or is a consultant to an entity actively investigating entering such business.

g. “Non-Public Information” means information about a company that has been treated by the Producer as confidential and has not been disseminated to the public.

3. Form and Timing of Designation. A party may designate documents as confidential and restricted in disclosure under this Order by placing or affixing the words “CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER” on the document in a manner that will not interfere with the legibility of the document and that will permit complete removal of the CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER designation. Documents shall be designated CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER prior to or at the time of the production or disclosure of the documents except for documents produced for inspection under the “Reading Room” provisions set forth in paragraph 4 below. The designation “CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER” does not mean that the document has any status or protection by statute or otherwise except to the extent and for the purposes of this Order. Further, the parties recognize that certain classes of highly sensitive business information, as well as material subject to certain federal statutes such as Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (“HIPAA”), require redaction prior to production and that Defendants will comply with those requirements and redact such information as directed. A party shall use reasonable efforts to distinguish between those parts of a document containing CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION and those that do not when a lengthy or multi-part document contains both.

4. Documents Which May be Designated CONFIDENTIAL – SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER. Any party may designate documents as CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER but only after review of the documents by an attorney or a party appearing pro se who has in good faith determined that the documents contain information protected from disclosure by statute or that should be protected from disclosure as confidential personal information, trade secrets, personnel records, or commercial information, including non-public financial information; marketing strategy or survey information; non-public information regarding product design, development and sales; budget information; non-public information which, if disclosed, could result in a competitive disadvantage, an adverse effect on

the Producer in the marketplace, or an adverse effect on existing or contemplated business relationships of the Producer; trade secret or proprietary information of a non-party; and materials and information that are deemed confidential under Federal Drug Administration (“FDA”) guidelines and HIPAA statutes and/or regulations. The designation shall be made subject to the standards of Rule 11 and the sanctions of Rule 37 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Information or documents that are available in the public sector may not be designated as CONFIDENTIAL -SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER.

5. Reading Room. In order to facilitate timely disclosure of a large number of documents that may contain confidential documents, but that have not yet been reviewed pursuant to Paragraph 4 and designated CONFIDENTIAL – SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER, the following “Reading Room” procedure may be used at the election of the producing party.

- a. Reading Room Review. Documents may be produced for review at a party’s facility or other physical or electronic location (“Reading Room”) prior to designation as CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER. After review of the documents, the party seeking discovery may specify those for which copies are requested. If the producing party elects to designate any document CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER, the copies shall be so marked prior to further production.
- b. No Waiver of Confidentiality. The production of documents for review within the Reading Room shall not be deemed a waiver of any claim of confidentiality, so long as the reviewing parties are advised that pursuant to this Order the Reading Room may contain confidential documents that have not yet been designated CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER.
- c. Treatment of Produced Documents as CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER. The reviewing party shall treat all documents reviewed in the Reading Room as designated CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER at the time reviewed. Documents copied and produced from the Reading Room that are not designated CONFIDENTIAL – SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER are not subject to this Order.
- d. Production of Documents. Unless otherwise agreed or ordered, copies of Reading Room documents shall be produced within thirty days after the request for copies is made. Production may be made by providing electronic copies of the documents so long as copies reasonably as legible as the originals may be produced therefrom.

6. Testimony. Deposition, hearing, or trial testimony shall be deemed CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER only if designated as such. Such designation shall be specific as to the portions to be designated CONFIDENTIAL – SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER. Testimony, in whole or in part, shall be designated on the record as CONFIDENTIAL

- SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER at the time of the testimony. Testimony so designated shall remain CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER until sixty (60) days, after delivery of the transcript by the court reporter. Within thirty (30) days after delivery of the transcript, a designating party may serve a Notice of Designation to all parties of record as to specific portions of the transcript to be designated CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER. Thereafter, those portions so designated shall be protected as CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER pending objection under the terms of this Order. The failure to serve a Notice of Designation shall waive the CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER designation made on the record of the deposition.

7. Protection of Confidential Material.

a. General Protections. Documents designated CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER under this Order shall not be used by the parties, counsel for the parties or any other persons identified in 7.b. for any purpose whatsoever other than to prepare for and to conduct discovery, hearings and trial in this MDL or related State Court Litigation, as the latter term is defined in the Coordinating Order, including any appeal thereof. This section specifically proscribes the use or disclosure of documents designated CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER in C-Quir product liability state court actions that are not defined as State Court Litigation in the Coordination Order and/or have not been consolidated in any of the multi-plaintiff actions pending before Judge Charles S. Temple of the Hillsborough County Superior Court, Southern District.

b. Limited Third-Party Disclosures. The parties and counsel for the parties shall not disclose or permit the disclosure of any CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER documents to any third person or entity except as set forth in subparagraphs 1-6. Subject to these requirements, the following categories of persons may be allowed to review documents that have been designated CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER:

1. Counsel. Counsel for the parties and employees of counsel who have responsibility for the preparation and trial of the action;
2. Parties. Parties and employees or former employees of a party to this Order;
3. Court. The Court, court personnel and court reporters;
4. Contractors. Those persons specifically engaged for the limited purpose of making copies of documents or organizing or processing documents but only after each such person has completed the certification contained in

Attachment A, Acknowledgment of Understanding and Agreement to Be Bound;

5. Consultants and Experts. Consultants, investigators, or experts (hereinafter referred to collectively as “experts”) employed by the parties or counsel for the parties to assist in the preparation and trial of this action but only after such persons have completed the certification contained in Attachment A, Acknowledgment of Understanding and Agreement to Be Bound;
6. Insurers. The underwriters and insurers of the parties and their respective employees;
7. Jury. Members of a jury; and
8. Others by Consent. Other persons only by written consent of the producing party or upon order of the Court and on such conditions as may be agreed or ordered. All such persons shall execute the certification contained in Attachment A, Acknowledgment of Understanding and Agreement to Be Bound.

c. Control of Documents. Counsel for the parties shall make reasonable efforts to prevent unauthorized disclosure of documents designated as CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER pursuant to the terms of this Order. No disclosure of CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION received from another party shall be made to any person pursuant to subparagraphs 7(b)(4)-(6), (8) until such person has executed the certification contained in Attachment A, Acknowledgment of Understanding and Agreement to Be Bound. Counsel shall maintain the originals of the forms signed by persons acknowledging their obligations under this Order for a period of six years from the date of signing.

d. Copies. Prior to production to another party, all copies, electronic images, duplicates, extracts, summaries or descriptions (hereinafter referred to collectively as “copies”) of documents designated as CONFIDENTIAL -SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER under this Order, or any individual portion of such a document, shall be affixed with the designation “CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER” if the word does not already appear on the copy. All such copies shall thereafter be entitled to the protection of this Order. The term “copies” shall not include indices, electronic databases or lists of documents provided these indices, electronic databases or lists do not contain substantial portions or images of the text of confidential documents or otherwise disclose the substance of the confidential information contained in those documents.

8. Competitor-Related Consultants. Prior to disclosure of any CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION to Competitor-Related Consultants, Plaintiffs will inform the Producer of their

intent to disclose this material to anyone who is currently, or who at any time during the pendency of this litigation becomes, a consultant to a competitor (as such individuals are defined in paragraph 2(g) above) in the manner set forth below:

a. Give at least ten (10) days' notice in writing to counsel for the party who designated such information as CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION of the intent to so disclose that information, although the disclosing party is not required to identify the intended recipient of such materials.

b. Within ten (10) days thereafter, counsel for the parties shall attempt to resolve any disputes between them regarding the production of the CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION to the intended individuals.

c. If the parties are unable to resolve any dispute regarding such production, the parties should seek Court intervention pursuant to the procedures set forth in Case Management Order (“CMO”) No. 3 (doc. no. 39).

d. If the Court permits disclosure of the CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, the information remains designated as CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION and the individual receiving such information shall be bound by the terms of this Protective Order.

9. Filing CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER Documents With the Court.

a. Filing Party’s Confidential Documents. In the event that a party seeks to file, or reference in any filing, a document that the filing party designated as CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER under this Protective order and the filing party seeks to maintain the confidentiality of such document, the filing party must comply with LR 83.12 and AP 3.3 for filing the confidential document under seal.

b. Non-Filing Party’s Confidential Documents. In the event that the filing party seeks to file, or reference in any filing, a document that the non-filing party designated as CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER under this Protective order, the filing party shall first consult with the non-filing party to determine whether the non-filing party consents to filing the document in whole or in part on the public docket. If the parties are unable to reach an agreement, the filing party shall prepare two versions of the filings, a public and a confidential version. The public version shall contain a redaction of references to CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER documents and shall be filed with the court. The confidential version shall be a full and complete version of the filing, including any exhibits, and shall be filed with the court provisionally under seal pursuant to LR 83.12 and AP 3.3 indicating that the non-filing party seeks to maintain the

confidentiality of the redacted material. The party seeking to maintain the confidential status shall file a motion to seal in accordance with Local Rule 83.12(c) and AP 3.3 within three (3) business days of the filing. Failure to file a timely motion to seal could result in the pleading/exhibit being unsealed by the court without further notice or hearing.

- c. No Greater Protection of Specific Documents. No party may withhold information from discovery on the ground that it requires protection greater than that afforded by this Order unless the party moves for an order providing such special protection.

10. Challenges by a Party to Designation as Confidential. Any CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER designation is subject to challenge by any party or non-party (hereafter "party"). The following procedure shall apply to any such challenge.

- a. Objection to Confidentiality. A party shall not be obligated to challenge the propriety of a designation of CONFIDENTIAL at the time made, and a failure to do so shall not preclude a subsequent challenge thereto. To challenge the propriety of a designation of CONFIDENTIAL, a party may serve upon the designating party an objection to the designation. The objection shall specify the documents to which the objection is directed and shall set forth the reasons for the objection as to each document or category of documents. CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER documents to which an objection has been made shall remain CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER until designated otherwise by waiver, agreement or order of the Court.
- b. Obligation to Meet and Confer. The objecting party and the party who designated the documents to which objection has been made shall have fifteen (15) days from service of the objection to meet and confer in a good faith effort to resolve the objection by agreement. If agreement is reached confirming or waiving the CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER designation as to any documents subject to the objection, the designating party shall serve on all parties a notice specifying the documents and the nature of the agreement.
- c. Obligation to File Motion. If the parties cannot reach agreement as to any documents designated CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER, for the purpose of discovery, the designating party shall file with the court within thirty (30) days of the service of the objection a motion to retain the CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER designation. The moving party has the burden to show good cause for the CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER designation. The failure to file the motion waives the CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER designation of documents to which an objection was made.

11. Clawback. The disclosure by the Producer of CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION or privileged information, irrespective of whether the information was so designated at the time of disclosure, shall not be deemed a waiver in whole or in part of a party's claim of confidentiality or privilege, in this case or any other federal or state proceeding, either as to the specific information disclosed or as to any other information relating thereto or on the same or related subject matter. Upon receipt of notice by the Producer that a document should have been designated as "CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER" or withheld as privileged, a party having received such CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION or privileged information shall notify all individuals to whom it provided the document or information that such document or information should be considered CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION or privileged information, and is subject to the terms of this Protective Order. Additionally, the Producer may, in the notice, request a "clawback" of the material. The party receiving such "clawback" notice shall immediately and diligently act to retrieve the documents or information, and all copies, including any loaded to databases, and return them to the Producer or destroy them as agreed between the parties. All notes or other work product of the receiving party reflecting the contents of such materials shall be destroyed and not used.

12. Court Not Bound By Parties' Designation. Nothing in this Order or any action or agreement of a party under this Order limits the court's power to make orders concerning the disclosure of documents produced in discovery, filed with the court, or used during any hearing or at trial.

13. Use of Confidential Documents or Information at Hearing or Trial. A party who intends to present or anticipates that another party may present at any hearing or at trial CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER documents or information derived therefrom shall identify the issue, not the information, in a pre-hearing or pretrial memorandum. The court may thereafter make such orders as are necessary to govern the use of such documents or information at a hearing or trial.

14. Obligations on Conclusion of Litigation.

- a. Order Remains in Effect. Unless otherwise agreed or ordered, the terms of this Order shall remain in force as an agreement between the parties after dismissal or entry of final judgment not subject to further appeal. Actions to enforce the terms of the Order after dismissal or entry of final judgment shall be by separate legal action and not by motion for contempt or other relief filed in this action.
- b. Return of CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER Documents. Within thirty days after dismissal or entry of final judgment not subject to further appeal, the receiving party shall return to the producing party all documents treated as CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER under this Order, including copies as defined in 6.d., unless: (1) the document has been offered into evidence or filed without restriction as to disclosure; (2) the parties agree to

destruction in lieu of return; or (3) as to documents bearing the notations, summations, or other mental impressions of the receiving party, that party elects to destroy the documents and certifies to the producing party that it has done so. Notwithstanding the above requirements to return or destroy documents, counsel may retain attorney work product, including an index which refers or relates to information designated CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER, so long as that work product does not duplicate verbatim substantial portions of the text or images of confidential documents. This work product shall continue to be CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER under this Order. An attorney may use his or her work product in a subsequent litigation provided that its use does not disclose or use CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER documents.

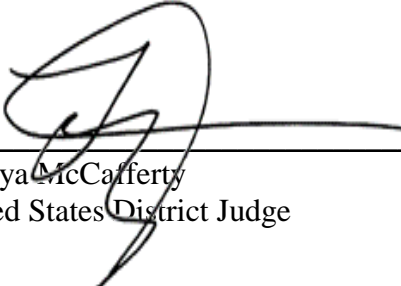
- c. Deletion of Documents Filed under Seal from ECF System. Filings with the court under seal shall remain in the ECF system and not be deleted except by order of the court.

15. Order Subject to Modification. This Order shall be subject to modification by the court on its own motion or on motion of a party or any other person with standing concerning the subject matter. Motions to modify this Order shall be served and filed in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules.

16. No Prior Judicial Determination. This Order is entered based on the representations and agreements of the parties and for the purpose of facilitating discovery. Nothing herein shall be construed or presented as a judicial determination that any documents or information designated CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER by counsel or the parties is subject to protection under Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or otherwise until such time as the court may rule on a specific document or issue.

17. Persons Bound. This Order shall take effect when entered and shall be binding upon all counsel and their law firms, the parties, and persons made subject to this Order by its terms.

SO ORDERED.



Landya McCafferty
United States District Judge

July 5, 2017

cc: All Counsel of Record

Attachment A

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that he/she has read the Protective Order dated _____ in the above-captioned case and attached hereto, understands the terms thereof, and agrees to be bound by its terms. The undersigned submits to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire in matters relating to the Protective Order and understands that the terms of the Protective Order obligate him/her to use documents designated CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER in accordance with the Order solely for the purposes of the above-captioned case, and not to disclose any such documents or information derived directly therefrom to any other person, firm or concern. The undersigned acknowledges that violation of the Protective Order may result in penalties for contempt of court or for other relief under the Protective Order agreement.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____