

**NOTICE OF DISCONTINUANCE OF COVIDIEN CLASS ACTION - TRANSVAGINAL MESH FOR STRESS URINARY INCONTINENCE AND PELVIC ORGAN PROLAPSE**

**Please Read This Notice Carefully. It May Affect Your Legal Rights.**

**By Orders of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and the Québec Superior Court, all persons resident in Canada who have been implanted with a Covidien transvaginal mesh (“TVM”) product are advised that:**

In October 2012, a proposed class proceeding was commenced in Ontario alleging that Covidien’s TVM products, intended to treat stress urinary incontinence (“SUI”) or pelvic organ prolapse (“POP”), were negligently designed, manufactured, and distributed. The plaintiffs allege that this resulted in increased complications as compared to other treatment options.

In March 2014, a proposed class proceeding for all persons resident in Québec was also commenced in Québec with similar allegations. Other class proceedings making similar allegations were also commenced in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Covidien denies these allegations.

Although Covidien denies liability, the parties and their counsel have reached an agreement in principle to resolve all known claims. Covidien will continue to consider the settlement of individual claims of which it is given notice by Siskinds and Siskinds, Desmeules until **May 25, 2020 (“the settlement program period”)**.

On this basis, Siskinds filed motion materials with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice to obtain approval of the discontinuance. The discontinuance was approved by the Court and it will be filed and take effect on January 24, 2020.

The discontinuance relates to the Covidien transvaginal mesh class actions only. It does not relate to claims against various other manufacturers of TVM products.

Siskinds, Desmeules has filed similar motion materials with the Québec Superior Court for the Québec action and the discontinuance was approved. Orders to discontinue or dismiss the proposed class proceedings against Covidien in Alberta and Saskatchewan have also been granted.

**YOU SHOULD TAKE NOTICE THAT THE limitation period for bringing a claim, if there is any time left within it, will recommence when the notice of discontinuance is filed with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice on January 24, 2020. On the expiry of the limitation period a right to sue may be extinguished.**

TAKE NOTICE THAT because the limitation period for bringing a claim will recommence with the filing of the notice of discontinuance, if you wish to pursue a court claim against Covidien in relation to a TVM product, you should issue a Notice of Action or Statement of Claim, if you have not already done so, before January 24, 2020.

**Siskinds and Siskinds, Desmeules will answer questions about the discontinuance, the recommencement of the running of the limitation period, or about pursuing a claim against Covidien during the settlement program period at no charge. Please contact Siskinds or Siskinds, Desmeules at:**

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It is recommended that you obtain legal advice from Siskinds, Siskinds, Desmeules or a lawyer of your choice. For updated information with respect to the discontinuance or about making a claim, please consult [www.siskinds.com/transvaginal-mesh](http://www.siskinds.com/transvaginal-mesh).

If you do not know what type of transvaginal mesh you were implanted with, you can retrieve your medical records, which will typically note the brand of mesh used. If you need help retrieving your records, Siskinds or Siskinds, Desmeules can assist.

**PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE AND THE QUÉBEC SUPERIOR COURT.**