

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**

<b>IN RE:</b>	)	<b>MDL Docket No. 1953</b>
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<b>HEPARIN PRODUCTS</b>	)	<b>CHIEF JUDGE JAMES G. CARR</b>
<b>LIABILITY LITIGATION</b>	)	<b>CASE NO. 1:08-60000</b>
	)	
	)	<b>ORDER</b>

**PRETRIAL ORDER NO 1  
DIRECT FILING OF ACTIONS IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**

**I. SCOPE OF ORDER**

1. This Order shall apply to all Plaintiffs and their counsel for actions relating to Heparin Products that are currently pending in MDL No. 1953, hereafter subject to transfer to these proceedings, or that have been or will be originally filed in the Court (collectively, “the MDL proceedings”) and all Defendants and their counsel in the MDL proceedings.

**II. DIRECT FILING OF CASES INTO MDL No. 1953**

2. In order to eliminate delays associated with transfer of cases filed in or removed to other federal district courts to this Court, and to promote judicial efficiency, any plaintiff whose case would be subject to transfer to MDL 1953 may file his or her case directly in the MDL proceedings in the Northern District of Ohio.

3. Each case filed directly in MDL 1953 that emanates from a district outside the Northern District of Ohio will be filed in MDL 1953 for pretrial proceedings only, consistent with the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation’s June 6, 2008 Transfer Order.

4. Upon the completion of all pretrial proceedings applicable to a case directly before this Court pursuant to this Order, this Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a), will transfer that case to a federal district court of proper venue, as defined in 28 U.S.C. § 1391, based on the recommendations of the parties to that case.

5. The inclusion of any action in *In Re: Heparin Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 1953*, whether such action was or will be filed originally or directly in the Northern of Ohio, shall not constitute a determination by this Court that jurisdiction or venue is proper in this District.

6. The fact that a case was filed directly in MDL 1953 pursuant to this Order will have no impact on the choice of law to be applied.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: June 17, 2008

/s/ James G. Carr  
Chief Judge James G. Carr