

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

**IN RE: BAYER HEALTHCARE LLC** ) **Case No. 1:12MD2319**  
**AND MERIAL LIMITED FLEA** ) **MDL No. 2319**  
**CONTROL PRODUCTS MARKETING** )  
**AND SALES PRACTICES LITIGATION** ) **Judge Dan Aaron Polster**  
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) **ORDER**  
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**\*THIS DOCUMENT APPLIES TO ALL CASES\***

The above-captioned MDL is hereby scheduled for a Case Management Conference (CMC) on **Tuesday, May 1, 2012, at 1:00 PM Eastern Time**, before Judge Dan A. Polster, in Chambers 18B, 801 W. Superior Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. In preparation for the CMC, by **4:00 PM Eastern Time on April 23, 2012**, counsel shall file a suggested protocol for managing this MDL and answer the following questions:

1. Why is it necessary to have multiple class action cases that appear to be virtually identical?
2. What are the key factual and legal issues involved in the MDL that must be addressed before a resolution can be reached?

If counsel is unable to agree on the suggested protocol, this filing shall reflect each side's differing views.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

*/s/Dan Aaron Polster 3/13/12*

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**Dan Aaron Polster**  
**United States District Judge**