## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

	)	MDL Docket No. 1953
IN RE:	)	
	)	CHIEF JUDGE JAMES G. CARR
HEPARIN PRODUCTS	)	CASE NO. 1:08-60000
LIABILITY LITIGATION	)	
	)	ALL CASES

## PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 20

## REGARDING CONSOLIDATED COMPLAINTS, SERVICE OF NEWLY FILED COMPLAINTS IN WORD, AND JOINDER OF ACAS

In order to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of this proceeding, the Court hereby enters this Order with respect to the form and filing of Complaints:

- 1. Plaintiffs' counsel may include up to twenty-five (25) separate Plaintiff claims in a single complaint. Loss of consortium claims shall not be counted separately.
- 2. Such Plaintiffs shall be listed alphabetically by last name.
- 3. The inclusion of multiple Plaintiffs in a single Complaint shall not have any bearing or relevance to any request for consolidation of claims for purposes of trial. It is understood that Defendants object to any such consolidation and reserve the right to continue to do so.

- 4. A copy of any and all Complaints filed hereafter, whether or not multiple plaintiffs or claims are included, shall be sent in Microsoft Word format to Defense Counsel for Baxter at the following email address: <a href="mailto:rdsmith@kirkland.com">rdsmith@kirkland.com</a>.
- 5. Plaintiffs with pending claims who have not joined American Capital Ltd. ("ACAS") as a defendant are hereby granted leave to file an amended complaint by interlineation, adopting all or a portion of their previously filed complaint by reference pursuant to Federal Rule 10(c).

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10/9/2009	s/ James G. Carr
	Chief Judge James G. Carr