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NOTICE OF STAY

A few proposed class actions were commenced in Ontario and in Québec alleging that Bard retrievable IVC Filters, designed to trap blood clots passing through the IVC (a large vein that returns blood from the lower body to the heart), were negligently designed, manufactured, and distributed, resulting in increased complications as compared to other treatment options. Bard denies these allegations.

The parties have reached an agreement to discontinue the Ontario and Québec class actions. The discontinuance was approved by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice. By judgment dated January 19, 2021, the Superior Court of Québec has stayed the progress of the class action in Québec. The discontinuance and the stay relate to the Bard IVC Filters class action only. They do not relate to claims against other manufacturers.

If you received a Bard IVC Filter and wish to pursue legal action, you may still be able to do so :

- either through currently pending class actions in Saskatchewan and British Columbia;
- by way of an individual action.

The class actions currently pending are :

- *Douglas Bussey c. Cook Group, Inc. and others*, Court of Queen's Bench of Saskatchewan, n° QBG 2729 in 2016;
- *Irene Fraser c. Cook Group, Inc. and others*, Supreme Court of British Columbia, N° 178129.

Siskinds can provide you with further information regarding your options. If you were implanted with an IVC Filter, we encourage you to email IVCFilters@siskinds.com or call us toll-free, at (800) 461-6166 X 2406 (English) or 2409 (French).