

## **NOTICE OF DISCONTINUANCE**

### **CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT RELATING TO IVC FILTERS MANUFACTURED BY BARD**

**(Court File No. 500-06-000786-166)**

**Please read this notice carefully. It may affect your rights.**

An application for authorization to institute a class action lawsuit has been filed in Quebec alleging that IVC filters designed by Bard to prevent blood clots from migrating to the inferior vena cava (a major vein that carries blood from the lower body to the heart) were improperly designed, manufactured, and distributed, resulting in an increase in complications compared to other treatment options. Bard denies these allegations.

The parties reached an agreement to terminate the class action in Quebec by means of a discontinuance. The discontinuance has been approved by the Quebec Superior Court. The discontinuance only applies to the Quebec class action relating to IVC filters designed by Bard. It does not affect claims against other manufacturers.

The discontinuance of this class action may impact the limitation period for making a claim.

If you have had a IVC filter implanted and wish to pursue a claim, you can still do so, either through the class actions currently underway in Saskatchewan and British Columbia, or through an individual action. Siskinds Desmeules can provide you with more information about your options at:

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QUEBEC.**