

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

IN RE: XARELTO (RIVAROXABAN))	MDL No. 2592
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION)	
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THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:)	JUDGE FALLON
ALL ACTIONS)	MAG. JUDGE NORTH
_____)	
)	CASE MANAGEMENT
)	ORDER NO. [X]

**PRE-TRIAL ORDER NO. 13(A)
(Plaintiff Fact Sheets and Authorizations) AND
PRE-TRIAL NO. 14(A)
(Defendant Fact Sheets)**

The Parties have agreed to accept online submission and service of Plaintiff and Defendant Fact Sheets, (“PFS” and “DFS”), which are collectively described herein as Fact Sheets, and related documents in actions filed in or transferred to MDL No. 2592, and in the interest of efficiency and judicial economy, Pre-Trial Order Nos. 13 and 14 are amended and supplemented as follows:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. *Manner of Completion and Service of Fact Sheets and Authorization Forms.*

Plaintiffs and Defendants shall use the online MDL Centrality System designed and provided by BrownGreer PLC and accessible at www.MDLCentrality.com to implement the provisions of Pre-Trial Order Nos. 13 and 14 regarding Fact Sheets and Records Authorization Forms, as follows:

- (a) Each Plaintiff required by this Order to submit a Plaintiff Fact Sheet (“PFS”), shall, by counsel or as *pro se*, establish a secure online portal in the MDL Centrality online system and obtain authorized user names and secure login passwords to permit use of MDL Centrality by such counsel or Plaintiff. Except as set forth herein, Counsel for a Plaintiff

or each *pro se* Plaintiff shall be permitted to view, search and download on MDL Centrality only those materials submitted by that Plaintiff and by Defendants relating to that Plaintiff, and not materials submitted by or relating to other Plaintiffs.

- (b) The Defendants by counsel shall establish a secure online portal with the MDL Centrality online system and obtain authorized user names and secure login passwords to permit use of MDL Centrality by such counsel.
- (c) The Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, Attorney Designees Appointed by the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel, Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel, Defense Co-Lead Counsel, Defense Liaison Counsel and Defendants' Attorney Designees (collectively, the "Leadership Counsel"), shall establish separate secure online portals with the MDL Centrality online system and obtain individual unique user names and secure login passwords to permit use of MDL Centrality by such Leadership Counsel, who shall have access to and be able to view, search and download all materials submitted by all Plaintiffs and by all Defendants. Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel and Defense Liaison Counsel shall exchange the names, firm names and addresses of those attorneys appointed as Attorney Designees.
- (d) Each Plaintiff and Defendants shall use the MDL Centrality System to obtain, complete or upload data, and serve the appropriate Fact Sheet online (including the upload of PDFs or other electronic images, photographs and videos of any records required in the Fact Sheets). Each Plaintiff and Defendants shall provide a signed verification with their Fact Sheets, which will be signed in hard copy, uploaded and served through MDL Centrality.
- (e) Each Plaintiff shall use the MDL Centrality System to obtain, complete and serve online the Plaintiff's Records Authorizations. Each Plaintiff shall sign each of the required Records Authorizations, which will then be uploaded and served through MDL Centrality.
- (f) Service of a completed Fact Sheet and Records Authorizations shall be deemed to occur when the submitting party has performed each of the steps required by the MDL Centrality System to execute the online submission of the materials, and the submitting party has received confirmation on screen that the materials have been successfully submitted. The MDL Centrality System shall provide timely notice by email and online to Leadership Counsel who have obtained user credentials in MDL Centrality of the submission of Fact Sheets and Records Authorizations and shall provide access at that time to such Leadership Counsel of the materials submitted.
- (g) If a party must amend a previously served Fact Sheet, all subsequent versions must be named accordingly ("First Amended Fact Sheet", "Second Amended Fact Sheet", etc.), and all iterations of a Party's Fact Sheet must remain available and accessible to all Parties to a case through trial, appeal (if any), or other resolution of the litigation.
- (h) The Court may establish a secure online portal with the MDL Centrality online system and obtain an authorized user name and secure login password to permit use of MDL Centrality by the Court.

2. HIPAA Authorization. By using MDL Centrality, each Plaintiff authorizes the disclosure of his or her medical records and other health information submitted as part of the PFS or DFS to BrownGreer PLC as the administrator of the MDL Centrality System, the Court, Leadership Counsel and Defendants, and to the authorized agents, representatives and experts of the foregoing, for purposes of this litigation.

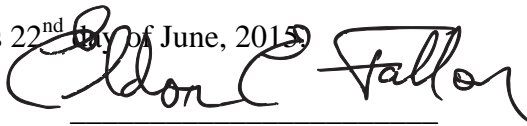
3. No Impact on Privileges or Work Product Protection. The use of MDL Centrality by any party shall not alter or otherwise waive or affect any attorney-client privilege or work product doctrine protection otherwise available that would otherwise apply to a document in the absence of the use of MDL Centrality. Any notations placed on materials, comments entered, or documents stored or uploaded to MDL Centrality by a user shall be considered to be the work product of such user unless and until the material is served on or purposefully disclosed to the opposing party through the use of MDL Centrality or otherwise. Pursuant to Rule 502(d) of the Federal Rules of Evidence, this order with respect to privilege and work product doctrine protection applies to any other federal or state proceeding.

4. No Impact on the Scope of Discovery. Nothing in the Fact Sheets, Records Authorizations, or any use or action in MDL Centrality shall be deemed to limit the scope of inquiry at depositions and admissibility of evidence at trial. The scope of inquiry at depositions shall remain governed by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the admissibility of information shall be governed by the Federal Rules of Evidence and applicable law. No objections or rights are waived as a result of any response in a Fact Sheet or the production of any documents with a Fact Sheet.

5. Extension of Deadlines. The Parties may agree to an extension of the deadlines set in this Order for the completion and service of Fact Sheets and Records Authorizations.

Consideration should be given to requests for extensions to stagger PFS deadlines where a single law firm has a large number due on or near the same dates, and correspondingly for Defendants with a large number of DFS due on or near the same dates. If the parties cannot agree on reasonable extensions of time, the requesting party may apply to the Court for such relief upon a showing of good cause and no prejudice to the other party. With any extension agreed to by the parties or granted by the Court, the twenty (20) day cure period set forth in Paragraph 3 of Pre-Trial Order No. 13 (Plaintiff Fact Sheets and Authorizations) and in Paragraph 3 of Pre-Trial Order no. 14 (Defendant Fact Sheets) shall begin on the day after the expiration of the extension period.

New Orleans, Louisiana this 22nd day of June, 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Eldon E. Fallon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Eldon E. Fallon
United States District Judge