

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
ATLANTA DIVISION**

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| <b>IN RE: WRIGHT MEDICAL</b>     | ) | <b>MDL DOCKET NO. 2329</b>         |
| <b>TECHNOLOGY, INC.,</b>         | ) |                                    |
| <b>CONSERVE HIP IMPLANT</b>      | ) |                                    |
| <b>PRODUCTS LIABILITY</b>        | ) | <b>1:12-MD-2329-WSD</b>            |
| <b>LITIGATION</b>                | ) |                                    |
|                                  | ) | <b>STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER</b> |
|                                  | ) | <b>OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>          |
| <b>This Document Relates To:</b> | ) |                                    |
| <b>ALL CASES</b>                 | ) |                                    |

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Plaintiffs and Defendants before this Court in MDL 2329 (sometimes hereinafter referred to as “Plaintiffs” and/or “Defendants,” or collectively, the “Parties”) hereby stipulate and agree, through their respective attorneys of record, as follows:

**I. CONFIDENTIALITY ORDER**

The Parties, by and through their counsel, stipulate and agree that this Stipulated Protective Order of Confidentiality – and any designation of a document, material or information (whether written, graphic, or electronic) as being a “PROTECTED DOCUMENT” subject to this Stipulated Protective Order of Confidentiality – is intended solely to facilitate prompt discovery and the preparation for trial of the Wright hip implant litigation.

## **II. SCOPE OF ORDER**

This Protective Order shall govern all hard copy and electronic materials, the information contained therein, and all other information including all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations thereof, whether revealed in a document, deposition, other testimony, discovery response or otherwise, produced by any party to this proceeding (the “Supplying Party”) to any other party (the “Receiving Party”). This Protective Order is binding upon all Parties and their counsel in the MDL, including their respective corporate parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates and their respective attorneys, principals, experts, consultants, representatives, directors, officers, employees, and others as set forth in this Protective Order. If additional parties are added other than parents, subsidiaries or affiliates of current parties to this litigation, then their ability to receive a “PROTECTED DOCUMENT” as set forth in this Protective Order will be subject to them being bound, by agreement or Court Order, to this Protective Order.

(a) Third Parties who so elect may avail themselves of, and agree to be bound by, the terms and conditions of this Protective Order and thereby become a Supplying Party for purposes of this Protective Order.

(b) The entry of this Protective Order does not preclude any party from seeking a further order of this Court.

(c) Nothing herein shall be construed to affect in any manner the admissibility at trial or in any other Court proceeding of any document, testimony, or other evidence.

(d) This Protective Order shall not be construed to allow for global designations of all documents as “PROTECTED DOCUMENTS,” or for the designation of documents generally available to the public as “PROTECTED DOCUMENTS.”

(e) In designating a document as a “PROTECTED DOCUMENT,” the Supplying Party shall do so in good faith consistent with the provisions of this Order and rulings of the Court.

### **III. “PROTECTED DOCUMENT” DEFINED**

A. The term “PROTECTED DOCUMENT” refers to information protected by Rule 26 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, or by other applicable laws or rules as a “trade secret” (as defined in the Uniform Trade Secrets Act) or by privacy laws, including laws governing personal or medical information. “PROTECTED DOCUMENTS” containing confidential information as used in this Order means documents containing trade secrets and other information that is of a proprietary, business, financial or technical nature and is not readily known or available to competitors, potential competitors, or the public,

the value of which arises from its being confidential and the disclosure of which (whether separately or in conjunction with other information being produced) is believed in good faith by the Supplying Party to have the potential, if disclosed, for causing competitive harm to it or giving a competitive advantage to others.

Plaintiffs and Defendants shall also be permitted designate materials that contain personal information as a "PROTECTED DOCUMENT" pursuant to this Order.

B. Examples of "PROTECTED DOCUMENTS" containing such confidential information, which is of a proprietary, business, financial, or technical nature and is not readily known or available to competitors, potential competitors, or the general public, include but are not limited to:

1. Engineering drawings showing the dimensions, specifications, tolerances, and similar information related to the design of the Conserve components and/or system or other hip systems;

2. Raw material specifications and manufacturing process descriptions and records that provide details of the way in which Wright manufacturers the Conserve components and/or system or other hip systems; and

3. Documents related to Wright's internal development, manufacturing, testing, regulatory approval application, and marketing processes; sales statistics; cost and pricing structures; customer lists; distributor lists;

competitors and analysis of competitor products; independent contractors; recall plans and processes; and similar matters that are confidential and proprietary and have independent economic value because they are not known to Wright

competitors or potential competitors or the general public; have entailed substantial cost to develop; and are necessary for a medical device company to compete in a heavily regulated industry and comply with governing FDA regulations.

**IV. NON-DISCLOSURE OF “PROTECTED DOCUMENTS”**

A. No person who examines any item produced pursuant to a discovery request, or any information that is protected by this Protective Order, shall disseminate orally, or by any other means, any protected information other than as permitted by this Order.

B. A party may not file in the public record in this action any “PROTECTED DOCUMENT” without written permission from the Supplying Party or a court order secured after appropriate notice to all interested persons. Material or information designated as a “PROTECTED DOCUMENT” under this Stipulated Protective Order of Confidentiality shall not be used or disclosed by any party, their counsel or any person acting on his/her behalf to any other persons except as provided for hereinafter, and shall not be used for any business or

competitive purpose, or for any other purposes whatsoever, other than the preparation and trial of an action involving a Wright hip implant and any appeal therein.

**V. NO WAIVER OF RIGHTS OR IMPLICATION OF DISCOVERABILITY**

A. Any designation of “PROTECTED DOCUMENT” under this Stipulated Protective Order of Confidentiality shall not be construed as an admission or an agreement by any party:

1. That the designated disclosure constitutes or contains confidential information; or
2. That any document, material or information, or any portion thereof, constitutes competent, material, relevant, or admissible evidence in this case.

This Stipulated Protective Order of Confidentiality is entered into solely to facilitate a reasonable and prompt disclosure of discovery materials to facilitate preparation and trial of the Wright Conserve hip implant litigation.

B. This Stipulated Protective Order of Confidentiality shall not be construed as a waiver by any party of the right to contest the designation of documents as “PROTECTED DOCUMENTS” under this Stipulated Protective Order of Confidentiality. Any party desiring to contest the protected designation

of specific documents as “PROTECTED DOCUMENTS” may do so at any time and shall give the Supplying Party notice in writing (a letter to both lead counsel delivered by email shall be sufficient) including the listing of any such document(s) or the bates ranges for the document(s), and shall provide a brief explanation of the basis for contesting the “PROTECTED DOCUMENT” designation (the “Notice”). If the same document in the Notice appears in the production at other bates numbers, the Notice shall be deemed to be sufficient for all such documents. The Notice shall be sufficient if it identifies documents being challenged and states the basis for the challenge.

C. If the Parties cannot stipulate to the designation as a “PROTECTED DOCUMENT” within thirty (30) days of the Supplying Party’s receipt of the Notice, the Supplying Party has the burden of making an application to the Court for an order directing that the contested document(s) shall remain a “PROTECTED DOCUMENT” under the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order of Confidentiality. All references in motions or briefs to information in a “PROTECTED DOCUMENT” or to any “PROTECTED DOCUMENT” shall be filed under seal pursuant to applicable Court rules and procedure governing the filing of documents designated as “PROTECTED DOCUMENTS.” Pending a Court determination, no document designated as a “PROTECTED DOCUMENT”

under this Order shall be disseminated other than as provided by this Order unless otherwise ordered by the Court or stipulated by the Parties. Failure of the Supplying Party to move for an Order to establish confidentiality within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the Notice will operate as a waiver of the confidentiality designation. To the extent that a document designated as a “PROTECTED DOCUMENT” under this Order has been produced in another action and determined by a court of competent jurisdiction not to be confidential, then said document will be considered non-confidential and non-protected for purposes of this litigation.

**VI. DESIGNATION OF DOCUMENT AS A “PROTECTED DOCUMENT”**

A. Pursuant to the terms and requirements of this Stipulated Order of Confidentiality, the Supplying Party may designate as a “PROTECTED DOCUMENT” all or any part of documents produced by it in the course of litigation or in response to initial disclosures, and various interrogatories and requests for production of documents; as well as documents, electronic files and data compilations; and deposition transcripts, or portions thereof; that contain or constitute confidential information.

B. The designation of confidential information shall be made by placing or affixing on the material in a manner that will not interfere with its legibility the

words “PROTECTED DOCUMENT – DOCUMENT SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER” as long as the designation is conspicuously placed on produced documents in a uniform manner. The designation shall be made prior to, or contemporaneously with, production or disclosure of that material.

C. Deposition testimony or any portion thereof may be designated “Confidential” on the record at the time of the deposition, or no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of the final transcript by counsel for the designating party. If the party seeking to maintain a deposition transcript as a Protected Document does not serve a letter on the court reporter and Plaintiffs’ Liaison Counsel within 30 days of receipt of the deposition transcript, designating which portions of the transcript are confidential, then the entire transcript shall be deemed not to contain any Protected Information. Any documents attached to a deposition transcript as exhibits or otherwise which themselves have been designated “Protected Documents,” in whole or in part, shall continue to be treated as confidential pursuant to this Protective Order, without the need to re-designate such documents Protected Documents.

D. All copies, duplicates, extracts, summaries, or descriptions (hereinafter referred to collectively as copies) of documents designated as “PROTECTED DOCUMENTS” under this Order, or any portion of such a

document, shall be immediately affixed with the designation “PROTECTED DOCUMENT” if the words do not already appear on the copy. All such copies shall be afforded the full protection of this Protective Order.

E. Any document, material or other information designated as entitled to protection under this Order which is submitted to the Court in support of a pleading, or introduced at a hearing, trial or other proceeding, in this action may continue as protected material only by Order of the Court in accordance with these procedures. If information entitled to protection under this Order is submitted to the Court in support of a pleading, such information shall maintain its privileged status for ten (10) days. During this ten-day period the party who designated the information as protected may move the Court to continue the protected status of the information by submitting to the Court a motion for continued protection. The opposing party shall not be permitted to file a response to the motion. The copy of the motion must be delivered to chambers and accompanied by an unredacted copy of the designated material(s). As an aid to the Court, the unredacted copy must be tabbed, marking each section for which continued protection is being requested, so the Court can easily review and determine if continued protection will be granted.

A party who seeks to introduce protected information at a hearing, trial or other proceeding shall advise the Court at the time of introduction that the

information sought to be introduced is protected. If the party who designated the information as protected requests the protection be continued, the Court will review the information, in camera, to determine if the information is entitled to continued protection.

**VII. PERMISSIBLE DISCLOSURES OF “PROTECTED DOCUMENTS”**

A. Material or information designated as “PROTECTED DOCUMENTS” under this Stipulated Protective Order of Confidentiality shall not be disclosed to any other person or entity, except in the following circumstances:

1. Disclosure may be made to counsel and employees of counsel for Plaintiffs or Defendants who have direct functional responsibility for assisting in the preparation and trial of this action or any appeal herein. Any employee to whom disclosure is made shall be advised of, shall become subject to, and shall agree in advance of disclosure to the provisions of this Stipulated Protective Order requiring that the material and information be held in confidence.

2. Disclosure may be made to consultants or experts (hereinafter, “consultant/expert”) employed by Plaintiffs or Defendants to assist in the preparation and trial of this litigation. However, prior to disclosure to any consultant/expert (including undisclosed consulting experts), the consultant/expert must agree to be bound by the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order of

Confidentiality by executing the acknowledgement annexed hereto as Exhibit "A." A copy of each executed acknowledgement shall be maintained for Plaintiffs' consultants/experts by Plaintiffs' Counsel, and for Defendants' consultants/experts by Counsel for Defendants, during the course of the litigation. At the conclusion of the litigation, counsel for Receiving Party shall confirm in writing to counsel for Supplying Party that any documents designated as "PROTECTED DOCUMENTS" that were provided to consultants/experts have been returned to counsel for the Receiving Party or destroyed.

3. In no event shall a Receiving Party disclose any documents designated as "PROTECTED DOCUMENTS," or any contents or substance thereof, to any employees, officers, or directors of any competitor of Wright, or anyone who at the time of disclosure is anticipated to become an employee, officer, or director of any competitor of Wright. A "competitor" shall be defined as any medical device manufacturer or designer that manufactures or designs, or may seek to manufacture or design, artificial hip joints or any component thereof, or any supplier thereto.

4. In the event a Receiving Party wishes to make disclosure to any current consultant/expert of any competitor of Wright, or to anyone who, at the time of disclosure, is anticipated to become a consultant/expert of any competitor

of Wright, irrespective of whether they are retained as a consultant/expert for Plaintiffs, counsel for the parties shall “meet and confer.” The “meet and confer” will not require disclosure of the identity of the consultant/expert to whom “PROTECTED DOCUMENTS” will be provided. A party wishing to make a disclosure to any current consultant/expert of any competitor of Wright, or to anyone who, at the time of disclosure, anticipates becoming a consultant/expert of any competitor of Wright, shall identify the bates range of documents that may be provided to such consultant/expert without disclosing the identity of the person. Within fourteen (14) days of the disclosure of the bates range of documents, any party may designate as “PROTECTED DOCUMENT – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” any document, or information in a document, which that party considers in good faith to contain such highly confidential information that if potentially disclosed to a Wright competitor, such disclosure would cause Wright competitive harm. If such a designation is not made within fourteen (14) days, the documents in the bates range may be provided to the consultant/expert pursuant to this Protective Order. A party may object to the “PROTECTED DOCUMENT – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” designation of a document, or information in a document, within fourteen (14) days of the designation. If the parties cannot agree to the “PROTECTED DOCUMENT – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” designation,

the matter shall be resolved by the Court pursuant to Section V(B) and V(C) of this Protective Order, and no disclosure shall be made until the matter is resolved by the Court. A document, or information in a document, which the parties agree to designate, or the Court designates, as “PROTECTED DOCUMENT – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY,” shall not be provided to any consultants/experts of any competitor of Wright, or to anyone who, at the time of disclosure, anticipates becoming an employee, officer, director or consultant of any competitor of Wright.

5. Disclosure may be made to the Parties to the extent required for assisting in the preparation and trial of this matter or any appeal herein. To the extent such disclosure is made, such Party shall be advised of, shall become subject to, and shall agree in advance of disclosure to the provisions of this Stipulated Protective Order of Confidentiality requiring that the material and information be held as confidential.

6. Disclosure may be made to the Court and Court personnel (including the court having jurisdiction over any appeal).

7. Disclosure may be made to Court reporters used in connection with this litigation.

8. Disclosure may be made to any person who (1) wrote or received a copy of the document designated as a “PROTECTED DOCUMENT”

before it was produced in this litigation, or (2) was present or participated in a meeting or discussion of the confidential information contained in the PROTECTED DOCUMENT before it was furnished in this litigation.

8. Disclosure may be made to any mediators, secretaries, paraprofessional assistants, and other employees of such mediators who are actively engaged in assisting the mediators in connection with this matter.

9. Disclosure may be made to employees of outside copying, document imaging and facsimile services.

10. Disclosure may be made to witnesses or deponents in the course of this litigation, only as necessary for the litigation and only after the person to whom such disclosure is made has been informed of the Stipulated Protective Order of Confidentiality and has agreed in writing to be bound by signing the form of acknowledgement annexed as Exhibit "A." The executed acknowledgement shall be retained by counsel for the Receiving Party, with a copy provided to counsel for the Supplying Party on a showing of good cause where providing a copy does not violate the attorney-client privilege, the work-product privilege or any other privilege.

B. All counsel shall keep all material or information designated as "PROTECTED DOCUMENTS" that is received under this Stipulated Protective

Order of Confidentiality within its exclusive possession and control, except as provided in Section VII(A) and shall take reasonable steps to maintain such material in a secure manner. Except as provided in Section VII(A), no person shall have access to the foregoing material and information.

C. Any person having access to material information designated “PROTECTED DOCUMENTS” under this Stipulated Protective Order Of Confidentiality, including consultants and experts, are permitted to make copies, extracts, summaries, or descriptions of the material or information or any portion thereof as necessary for the preparation and trial of this litigation, provided however that such copies, extracts, summaries or descriptions will themselves be treated and disclosed only pursuant to the terms of this Protective Order.

D. If another court or an administrative agency subpoenas or otherwise orders production of a “PROTECTED DOCUMENT” that a person has obtained under the terms of this Order, the person to whom the subpoena or other process is directed shall promptly notify liaison counsel for the Supplying Party in writing via fax and overnight delivery of all of the following: (1) the “PROTECTED DOCUMENT” that is requested for production in the subpoena; (2) the date on which compliance with the subpoena is requested; (3) the location at which compliance with the subpoena is requested; (4) the identity of the party serving the

subpoena; (5) the case name; jurisdiction; and index, docket, complaint, charge, civil action or other identification number or other designation identifying the litigation, administrative proceeding or other proceeding in which the subpoena or other process has been issued; and (6) provide a copy of the subpoena, order or other request. In no event shall a “PROTECTED DOCUMENT” be produced prior to the expiration of twenty-one (21) days following transmission of written notice to liaison counsel for the Supplying Party unless required to do so by the order seeking the documents.

#### **VIII. UNAUTHORIZED AND INADVERTENT DISCLOSURES**

A. If any party or counsel learn of any unauthorized disclosure of documents or information designated as a “PROTECTED DOCUMENT”, it shall immediately inform counsel for Supplying Party in writing of all pertinent facts relating to such disclosure. If counsel for the parties cannot agree on an adequate remedy to address the unauthorized disclosure, Supplying Party may move for appropriate relief from the Court within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of notice of the unauthorized disclosure.

B. Inadvertent production of any document or information without a designation of “PROTECTED DOCUMENT” will not be deemed to waive a later claim to its confidential nature or to preclude a party from designating said

document or information as a “PROTECTED DOCUMENT” pursuant to this Order at a later date. Any party may designate as a “PROTECTED DOCUMENT” or withdraw a “PROTECTED DOCUMENT” designation from any material that it has produced, provided, however, that such re-designation shall be effective only as of the date of such re-designation. A party must treat such documents and things with the noticed level of protection from the date such notice is received. Such re-designation shall be accomplished by notifying counsel for each party in writing of such re-designation and providing replacement images bearing the appropriate description. Upon receipt of any re-designation and replacement image that designates material as a “PROTECTED DOCUMENT,” all Parties shall (1) treat such material in accordance with this Order; (2) take reasonable steps to notify any persons known to have possession of any such material of such re-designation under this Protective Order; and (3) promptly endeavor to procure all copies of such material from any persons known to have possession of such material who are not entitled to receipt under this Protective Order.

C. Inadvertent production of documents (hereinafter “Inadvertently Produced Documents”) subject to work-product immunity, the attorney-client privilege, or other legal privilege protecting information from discovery shall not constitute a waiver of the immunity or privilege, provided that the party producing

the documents shall notify all Parties in writing within a reasonable period of time from the discovery of the inadvertent production. If such notification is made, such Inadvertently Produced Documents and all copies thereof shall, upon request, be returned to the party making the inadvertent production; all notes or other work product of the Receiving Party reflecting the contents of such materials shall be destroyed; and such returned or destroyed material shall be deleted from any litigation-support or other database. No use shall be made of such Inadvertently Produced Documents during depositions or at trial, nor shall they be disclosed to anyone who was not given access to them prior to the request to return or destroy them. The party receiving such Inadvertently Produced Documents may, after receipt of the notice of inadvertent production, move the Court to oppose the request for return of the subject materials. If the party receiving the production disputes in writing the claim of privilege, they may retain possession of the Inadvertently Produced Documents as well as any notes or other work product of the Receiving Party reflecting the contents of such materials pending the resolution by the Court of the motion below. If the Receiving Party's motion is denied, the Receiving Party shall promptly comply with the preceding provisions of this paragraph or with such other directives as may be issued by the Court.

D. Upon final termination of this action, whether by judgment, settlement or otherwise, upon written request from counsel for the Supplying Party, counsel for all Parties shall return to counsel for the Supplying Party all materials and all copies thereof in his/her possession that were designated by Supplying Party as “PROTECTED DOCUMENTS” in accordance with this Stipulated Protective Order of Confidentiality and/or, in the alternative, shall provide a written statement to counsel for the Supplying Party that all copies of such materials in his or her possession, including copies upon which any notes have been made, have been destroyed.

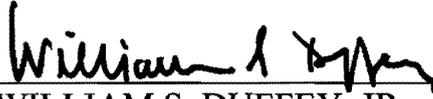
**IX. MODIFICATIONS**

A. Any party for good cause shown may apply to the Court for modification of this Protective Order, or the Protective Order may be modified by consent of the Parties in writing.

B. This Stipulated Protective Order of Confidentiality shall remain in full force and effect, and each person subject to this Order shall continue to be subject to the jurisdiction of this Court, for the purposes of this Order, in perpetuity, and the Court shall not be divested of jurisdiction of any person or of the subject matter of this Order by the occurrence or conclusion of this litigation or by the filing of a

notice of appeal or of any other pleading that would have the effect of divesting this Court of jurisdiction of this matter generally.

**SO ORDERED** this 2nd day of May, 2012.

  
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WILLIAM S. DUFFEY, JR.  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

AGREED TO BY COUNSEL OF RECORD:

/s/ Michael L. McGlamry  
Counsel for MDL Plaintiffs

/s/ Dana J. Ash  
Counsel for MDL Defendants

DATED: May 2, 2012.

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**CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT**

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that he/she has read the Stipulated Protective Order of Confidentiality executed by the attorneys of record for the Parties and entered by the court in the action presently pending in United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia entitled *In Re: Wright Medical Technology, Inc., Conserve Hip Implant Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2329, and understands the terms thereof and agrees, upon threat of penalty of contempt to be bound by such terms.

The undersigned further agrees that no documents designated as "PROTECTED DOCUMENTS," or any contents or substance thereof, will be provided to any medical device manufacturer or designer that manufactures or

designs, or may seek to manufacture or design, artificial hip joints or any component thereof, or any supplier thereto.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_