

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT APPROVAL FOR CANADIAN MEDTRONIC SPRINT FIDELIS LEADS CLASS ACTION

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. IGNORING THIS NOTICE WILL AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS

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A Canada-wide settlement has been reached in a Class Action related to certain ICD Leads manufactured by Medtronic, Inc. and/or Medtronic of Canada Ltd. This lawsuit alleged that the Defendants were negligent in the design and manufacturing of the Leads and sought damages on behalf of Canadians for harm related to alleged defects in the Leads. The defendants deny the allegations, make no admission as to the truth of the allegations and deny any wrongdoing.

This Notice advises you that, following publication of a notice program, a hearing was held in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice on March 2, 2020 (“the Approval Hearing”) and the Court issued an Order approving the Settlement, finding that the Settlement is fair, reasonable and in the best interests of Class Members. The Settlement Approval Order can be reviewed at the settlement website, www.medtronicleadsettlement.ca.

WHO IS THIS NOTICE FOR?

The Settlement applies to all persons who were implanted in Canada with one or more Sprint Fidelis Leads that have the following lead model numbers: 6949, 6948, 6931 and 6930 (“the Leads”) and who did not opt out of the lawsuit.

WHAT IS THE SETTLEMENT?

The Settlement provides for a \$26 million (CDN) Settlement Fund which will be used to pay Approved Claims, the claims of the Public Health Insurers in the amount of \$4 million (CDN), the costs of notice and administration and Class Counsel Legal Fees, disbursements and taxes. Subject to the total number of Approved Claims, payments of up to \$25,000 will be made to Class Members who establish that they had a Lead that was prematurely explanted/replaced (or that they experienced unintended shocks) as a result of a fracture/impending fracture in the Lead. Further compensation may be paid to Class Members who experienced additional medical complications related to the lead fracture.

The quantum of compensation paid will depend on the total number of Approved Claims and all payments will be inclusive of all Family Class Members’ claims. Not all Class Members will be eligible for compensation. If money remains after the payment of all Approved Claims, the payment to the Public Health Insurers, the costs of notice and administration and Class Counsel Fees, disbursements and applicable taxes, such funds will be re-distributed proportionately among all Approved Claims.

PARTICIPATING IN THE SETTLEMENT – SUBMITTING CLAIMS

To be entitled to a payment pursuant to the Settlement, you must file a Claim with the Claims Administrator on or before the end of the Claim Period which expires on **SEPTEMBER 28, 2020**.

Downloadable versions of the Claim Packages are currently available online at www.medtronicleadsettlement.ca or, alternatively, Claim Packages can be requested from the Claims Administrator.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY COMPENSATION FROM THE SETTLEMENT, CLAIMANTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR CLAIM DOCUMENTATION TO THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR BEFORE THE EXPIRY OF THE CLAIM PERIOD ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2020.

If, for any reason, this deadline is extended, any extension and new deadline will be posted at the settlement website at www.medtronicleadsettlement.ca.

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LEGAL FEES

At the Approval Hearing, Class Counsel requested and received the Court’s approval for payment of their fees, disbursements and applicable taxes in the amount of \$8,029,967.95.

Claimants may retain their own lawyers to assist them in making individual claims under the Settlement and will be responsible for any fees charged by such lawyers.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

RicePoint Administration Inc. has been appointed by the Court as the Claims Administrator for the Settlement. If you have questions about the Settlement and/or would like to obtain more information and/or copies of the Settlement Agreement and related documents, please visit the settlement website at: www.medtronicleadsettlement.ca or contact the Claims Administrator at:

**Medtronic Leads Class Action Claims Administrator
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This Notice contains a summary of some of the terms of the Settlement. If there is a conflict between this Notice and the Settlement Agreement, the terms of the Settlement Agreement shall prevail.

This Notice has been approved by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice