

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
Southern Division**

In re:)
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SILICONE GEL BREAST IMPLANTS) Case No. CV 92-P-10000-S
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION)
(MDL 926))

ORDER 31J
(Supplemental Instructions Regarding Discovery Depositions)

Supplementing the protocol contained in Order 31I, it is ordered as follows:

1. The "discovery" depositions of the members of the National Science Panel will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, commencing at 9:30 a.m., EST, Thursday, February 4, 1999, and continuing, as necessary, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and to be completed by noon, February 7th.
2. By January 15, 1999, the parties will by FAX or email provide to Mr. Kobayashi and Ms. Leonard (with a copy to the court and opposing counsel) the questions they would seek to ask during the depositions, including an appropriate reference to any articles, studies, etc. involved in the question. Counsel are reminded that, if a question involves an inquiry about an article, study, etc. not shown as a reference in, or mentioned in, the panel's Report, a legible hard-copy of the article, study, etc. shall be simultaneously forwarded to Mr. Kobayashi and Ms. Leonard for re-transmission to the panelists. This requirement applies whether or not the article, study, etc. may have been previously identified and submitted to the Panel as one of arguable significance. The court encourages the parties to also transmit a computer-readable copy of such materials.
3. The office location for the depositions will be determined within the next few weeks. The court anticipates that, because of space limitations and the technical nature of these depositions, attendance will generally be limited to those attorneys (and their consultants) needed to conduct the depositions.

This the 8th day of January, 1999.

/s/ Sam C. Pointer, Jr. _____
United States District Judge

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