

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
CHARLESTON DIVISION**

This medical device products liability matter is before the Court on Defendant Stryker Corporation's motion for summary judgment (ECF No. 26). Although Plaintiff Tammy Stieglitz has had ample opportunity to oppose the motion, she has not filed any response.

Stryker's motion is well-founded. Under South Carolina law, a plaintiff in a medically complex products liability case "must establish proximate cause through competent expert testimony." *Disher v. Synthes (U.S.A.)*, 371 F. Supp. 2d 764, 772 (D.S.C. 2005). Stieglitz has not proffered any expert evidence. There being no support in the record for that essential element of Stieglitz's claims, *see id.* at 769, summary judgment is warranted, *see Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(e)(3)*.

Therefore, it is **ORDERED** that Stryker's motion for summary judgment is **GRANTED**.

**AND IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Patrick Michael Duffy  
PATRICK MICHAEL DUFFY  
United States District Judge

**May 16, 2017**  
**Charleston, South Carolina**