1 In August of 2017, assigned counsel for the United States suffered a serious and unforeseen medical emergency that required an extended absence from the office. 3 Counsel has returned to the office and is currently transitioning back into the role of lead counsel. The parties have commenced fact discovery. As this case alleges medical malpractice, expert discovery will be required. The current deadline to complete discovery is July 8, 2018, allowing inadequate time for the parties to complete fact and expert discovery. Accordingly, the parties request an extension to August 22, 2018. This extension will not affect the current dispositive motion deadline or the scheduled trial 9 date. 10 DATED this 10th day of April, 2018. 11 12 ANNETTE L. HAYES HOLMAN LAW, PLLC 13 United States Attorney 14 s/James L. Holman s/Michelle R. Lambert 15 Michelle R. Lambert, NYS#4666657 James L. Holman, WSBA#06799 16 Assistant United States Attorney Holman Law, PLLC 4041 Ruston Way, Suite 101 United States Attorney's Office 17 Tacoma, WA 98402 700 Stewart Street, Suite 5220 18 Phone: (253) 627-1866 Seattle, Washington 98101-1271 Fax: (253) 627-1924 Phone: 206-553-7970 19 Email: michelle.lambert@usdoi.gov Email: JLH@theholmanlawfirm.com 20 Attorney for Defendant United States Attorney for Plaintiffs 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

2

4 5

3

7 8

6

10

1112

13 14

15

16 17

18

19

2021

22

2324

25

26.27.

28

## **ORDER**

The parties having so stipulated and agreed, it is SO ORDERED. The pretrial deadlines are extended as follows:

| <u>Deadline</u>                                       | New Deadline      |  |
|---|-------------------|--|
| Reports from expert witnesses under FRCP 26(a)(2) due | June 22, 2018     |  |
| Discovery Deadline                                    | August 22, 2018   |  |
| Settlement Conference                                 | September 5, 2018 |  |
| Deadline  | ė.                |  |

Dated this 12 day of April, 2018.

ROBERT S. LASNIK United States District Judge