IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

CHARLESTON DIVISION

IN RE: BOSTON SCIENTIFIC CORP. PELVIC REPAIR SYSTEMS PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL 2326

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO CASES IDENTIFIED ON EXHIBIT A

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

Pending in the cases identified on Exhibit A are (1) Motions to Withdraw as Counsel of Record filed by plaintiffs' counsel in the cases on Exhibit A; and (2) Boston Scientific Corporation's Motions to Dismiss With Prejudice. In the motions to withdraw, plaintiffs' counsel moves to withdraw after losing communication with the plaintiffs in the cases on Exhibit A despite numerous attempts to contact plaintiffs. In the second group of motions, defendant Boston Scientific Corporation ("BSC") moves the court for an order dismissing the cases on Exhibit A with prejudice for failure to serve a Plaintiff Fact Sheet pursuant to deadlines and requirements established by Pretrial Order Nos. 17 and 328. Plaintiffs' counsel in the cases on Exhibit A has responded to the motions, indicating that plaintiffs do not dispute that the plaintiffs on Exhibit A have not served a Plaintiff Fact Sheet. Counsel further asserts that dismissal with prejudice in the cases on Exhibit A is extreme and a less drastic sanction such as dismissal without prejudice is more appropriate. Finally, counsel asserts in all cases on Exhibit A that the court should first rule on pending motions to withdraw as counsel.

For reasons appearing to the court, the court **ORDERS** that the motions to withdraw identified on Exhibit A are **DENIED**.

Turning to BSC's motion, the court finds, pursuant to Rules 16 and 37 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and after weighing the factors identified in *Wilson v. Volkswagen of Am., Inc.*, 561 F.2d 494, 503-06 (4th Cir. 1977), that BSC should be dismissed without prejudice from the cases on Exhibit A for plaintiffs' failure to serve a Plaintiff Fact Sheet in compliance with the court's applicable pretrial orders.

Therefore, the court **ORDERS** that in the cases on Exhibit A, the motions to dismiss are **GRANTED** in part to the extent BSC seeks dismissal and **DENIED** insofar as BSC seeks dismissal with prejudice. The court **ORDERS** that in the cases on Exhibit A, BSC is dismissed without prejudice, and the cases are closed and stricken from the court's docket.

The court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to file a copy of the Order in each individual case listed on Exhibit A and send a copy of this Order to counsel of record and any unrepresented party in the cases on Exhibit A.

ENTER: July 17, 2019

JOSEPH R. GOODWIN UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

$\underline{\text{Exhibit A}}$

		<u>Motion to Withdraw</u>	<u>Motion to Dismiss</u>
Acree	2:13-cv-20722	ECF No. 12	ECF No. 16
Arrieta	2:13-cv-23493	ECF No. 12	ECF No. 16
Davis	2:13-cv-23895	ECF No. 13	ECF No. 17
Debow	2:13-cv-11382	ECF No. 13	ECF No. 17
Escobedo	2:14-cv-14479	ECF No. 13	ECF No. 17
Isaacs	2:13-cv-24390	ECF No. 12	ECF No. 16