

NOTICE

Re: St. Jude Medical Silzone® Coated Mechanical Heart Valve and Silzone® Coated Annuloplasty Rings implanted in British Columbia or elsewhere (“Silzone® Products”) prior to January 2000.

If you were a British Columbia resident on December 2, 2009 and were implanted in B.C. or elsewhere with a Silzone® Product, or if you are a family member, heir, or executor of the estate of a deceased person who was implanted in B.C. or elsewhere with a Silzone® Product and who was a B.C. resident at the time of death and died prior to December 2, 2009, you should read the following, as it affects your legal rights.

A Settlement has been reached in a class proceeding certified by the Supreme Court of British Columbia under the style of cause *Burnett v. St. Jude Medical, Inc. and St. Jude Medical Canada, Inc.* (Vancouver Registry Action No. S-014221).

WHAT ARE THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT?

The Settlement Agreement allows recovery by certain persons who were implanted with one or more of the Silzone® Products, who do not opt out of the proceedings, and who are in the following categories:

1. Each person who was a B.C. resident on December 2, 2009 and who was implanted with a Silzone® Product in B.C. or elsewhere (“Settlement Class Member”) will receive a payment of \$500.00.
2. The estate of a Settlement Class Member who was a B.C. resident at the time of death, who died prior to December 2, 2009, will receive \$500.00 by way of a payment to one family member, heir or executor of the estate.
3. Each Settlement Class Member (but not a deceased Settlement Class Member who died prior to December 2, 2009) who developed a Minor Paravalvular Leak (“Minor PVL”) meeting the qualifying criteria in the Settlement Agreement for Minor PVL will receive compensation according to a Point Based System on a *pro rata* basis, that is: a proportionate percentage of the points awarded to each Settlement Class Member as compared to the total points of all Settlement Class Members to the terms of the Settlement Agreement.
4. Each Settlement Class Member who developed a major paravalvular leak meeting the qualifying criteria in the Settlement Agreement for Major Paravalvular Leak (“Major PVL”) and the estate of a Settlement Class Member who was a B.C. resident at the time of death, and died prior to December 2, 2009 and who met the qualifying criteria in the Settlement Agreement for Major PVL, will receive compensation according to a Point Based System on a *pro rata* basis. A Settlement Class Member who receives compensation for Major PVL is not eligible for compensation for Minor PVL.

5. Settlement Class Members, including deceased Settlement Class Members who were B.C. residents at the time of death and died prior to December 2, 2009, who experienced a psychological condition meeting the qualifying criteria in the Settlement Agreement for a Psychological Injury, will receive compensation on a *pro rata* basis as set out in Schedule “H” to the Settlement Agreement.
6. Settlement Class Members, including deceased Settlement Class Members who were B.C. residents at the time of death and died prior to December 2, 2009, who suffered income loss as a result of developing Major PVL, Minor PVL or a Psychological Injury and meeting the income loss criteria in the Settlement Agreement will receive compensation on a *pro rata* basis from the Income Loss Fund as defined in the Settlement Agreement.

If you wish to make a claim under the Settlement, please contact the law firm of Poyner Baxter LLP (“Poyner Baxter”) to obtain a Claim Form. The completed Claim Form must be received by Poyner Baxter by 4:00 p.m. on June 30, 2010. If you wish to preserve your right to sue individually, you may opt out of the class action. The Opt-Out Form is also available from Poyner Baxter. This form must be completed by you and received by Poyner Baxter LLP before 4:00 p.m. on March 8, 2010. If you opt out, or if you do not submit a Claim Form, you will not receive any money from the settlement.

Details regarding the settlement and the Claim Form can be viewed at Poyner Baxter’s website at the following address: <http://www.poynerbaxter.com>.

The forms can also be obtained by contacting Connie Smith at Poyner Baxter LLP at 408 –145 Chadwick Court, North Vancouver, B.C. V7M 3K1; Telephone: 604-988-6321; Facsimile: 604-988-3632; Email: info@poynerbaxter.com