

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN RE: BOSTON SCIENTIFIC
CORPORATION SPINAL CORD
STIMULATOR PRODUCTS
LIABILITY LITIGATION**

**This Document Relates to:
ALL ACTIONS**

Case No. 2:26-ml-03181-JLS-E

**PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 3: DOCKET
MANAGEMENT ORDER**

1 **I. PURPOSE**

2 The purpose of this Order is to establish procedures governing docket
3 management and certain filings in this multidistrict litigation in order to promote the
4 efficient administration of these proceedings and avoid unnecessary duplication.

5 **II. APPLICATION OF THIS ORDER**

6 This Order applies to all actions previously transferred to this Court by the
7 Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation (JPML), all tag-along actions subsequently
8 transferred by the JPML, and all actions directly filed in, removed to, or otherwise
9 assigned to this MDL, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

10 **III. COORDINATION**

11 The actions subject to this Order are coordinated for pretrial purposes pursuant
12 to 28 U.S.C. §1407

13 **IV. ADMISSION OF COUNSEL**

14 Attorneys admitted to practice and in good standing in any United States
15 District Court shall be admitted *pro hac vice* in this litigation without need of filing
16 an application for admission *pro hac vice* or paying the *pro hac vice* fee. The
17 requirement that *pro hac vice* counsel retain local counsel is waived and does not
18 apply to this MDL action. Plaintiff's counsel seeking to be admitted and appear in
19 the MDL shall contact Plaintiff's Liaison Counsel at araso@nighgoldenberglaw.com for
20 information on how to obtain ECF credentials.

21 **V. ECF REGISTRATION**

22 All pleadings and other documents shall be filed electronically with the Clerk
23 of this court. If not already registered, each attorney of record is obligated to register
24 for electronic filing (CM/ECF) in the Central District of California. More
25 information can be found in the Court's Local Rules and on the Court's website. All
26 counsel shall familiarize themselves with this District's CM/ECF policies and
27 procedures.
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VI. MASTER DOCKET AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBER DOCKETS

The Clerk of Court will maintain a master docket styled “In re: Boston Scientific Corporation Spinal Cord Stimulator Products Liability Litigation” and the case number “2:26-ml-03181.” The Clerk will also maintain individual member case dockets. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, filings shall be made in accordance with the procedures set forth below.

For now and until otherwise ordered, Counsel of record in any individual member case appearing for the first time in this MDL shall file a notice of appearance in the master docket and in the individual member case docket.¹ No additional notices of appearance should be filed in the master docket by any such counsel if additional member cases are subsequently filed by that counsel. However, counsel appearing in additional member cases shall file a notice of appearance in any such member case individual docket.

All documents filed in this action shall bear the following caption: In re: Boston Scientific Corporation Spinal Cord Stimulator Products Liability Litigation, Case No. 2:26-md-3181-JLS. followed immediately under with the words “This Document Relates to:” When a pleading or other document relates to all actions covered by this Order, the words “ALL ACTIONS” shall appear after the words: “This Document Relates to:”. When a pleading or other document relates to fewer than all actions, it should list the case numbers of the actions it related to. See Section VIII below for an exemplar caption.

Pleadings, motions, or documents that relate to all actions covered by this Order shall be filed on the master docket only.

When a pleading or other document relates to fewer than all actions but has some general applicability (e.g. a motion which applies to groups of cases by state

¹ The Court is currently working to develop a more automated way of populating attorney information on the master docket, and may update this Order accordingly.

or only to bellwether cases) that warrants its filing on the master docket, the caption and separate docket number assigned by the Clerk of this Court for each individual action to which the pleading relates shall appear immediately after or below the words “This Document Relates to:”. Any such filings shall be made in the master docket only.

Pleadings, motions, or documents that relate only to one or more individual member actions and have no general applicability shall not be filed on the master docket but shall be filed only in the individual member docket(s).

No individual complaint shall be filed in the master docket unless otherwise ordered by the Court. No plaintiffs’ attorney shall file any documents in the master docket, other than a notice of appearance, unless authorized to do so by Co-Lead Counsel or a member of the PEC.

VII. MEMBER CASE DOCKETS AND FILES

The Clerk of Court will maintain a separate docket and case file for each member case in this MDL, whether direct-filed in this District, or removed or transferred to this Court. Each such case will be assigned a new case number in this Court.

VIII. CAPTION REQUIREMENTS

Documents filed on the master docket should include the following caption:

IN RE: BOSTON SCIENTIFIC CORPORATION SPINAL CORD STIMULATOR PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION This Document Relates to:	Case No. 2:26-ml-03181-JLS TITLE
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IX. DISCOVERY REQUESTS AND RESPONSES

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(d), discovery requests and responses will not be filed with the Court except when specifically ordered by the Court or to the extent offered in connection with a motion.

X. STATUS CONFERENCES

The Court will conduct periodic status conferences at such times and in such manner as the Court may direct. Unless otherwise ordered, the parties shall submit a Joint Status Report and Agenda one week in advance of each conference or in accordance with deadlines established by the Court.

The next status conference will be held on October 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Courtroom 8A of the Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez United States Courthouse.

XI. WEBSITE

The Court publishes key orders, notices, and other items of interest to an MDL webpage, which is accessible from the Central District of California's Cases of Interest webpage: https://www.cacd.uscourts.gov/newsworthy/cases-of-interest-all?field_case_name_tid=%22Boston%20Scientific%20Corp.%20Spinal%20Cord%20Stimulator%20MDL%22.

Dated: August 18, 2026



HON. JOSEPHINE L. STATON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE