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Ms. Marguerite McNeill  
1008 South Farmer Avenue  
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**Re: Sulzer Hip Prosthesis**

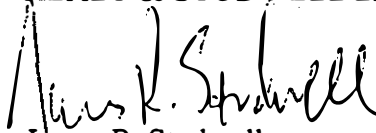
Dear Ms. McNeill,

This is a short letter to confirm with you that the deadline to decide whether or not you want to opt out of the settlement has been extended to April 29, 2002. A fairness hearing will begin on May 6, 2002. This will determine the fairness of the final Settlement Agreement. A notice which will contain the final terms of the final Settlement Agreement will be mailed out to you as soon as that final Settlement Agreement is available.

Please be aware that this letter is merely advising you of the status of the preliminarily approved class action Settlement Agreement. The agreement has not yet been approved. If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Very Truly Yours,

HEALY & STUDWELL LAW FIRM, P.C.

  
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