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10 **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA**

11 **IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

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13 STATE OF ARIZONA, *ex rel.* MARK
14 BRNOVICH, Attorney General,

15 Plaintiff,

16 v.

17 C.R. BARD, Inc.

18 Defendant.
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Case No. CV2020-011768

STIPULATED CONSENT JUDGMENT

(Assigned to the Hon. John Hannah)

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21 The State of Arizona, *ex rel.* Mark Brnovich, the Attorney General (the “State”), filed a Complaint
22 alleging violations of the Arizona Consumer Fraud Act, A.R.S. §§ 44-1521 to -1534 (the “CFA”),
23 and C.R. Bard (“Bard”) has waived service of the Complaint, has been advised of the right to a
24 trial in this matter, and has waived the same. Defendant admits the jurisdiction of this Court over
25 the subject matter and parties, stipulates that this Court may enter the following Findings of Fact,
26 Conclusions of Law and Judgment, and acknowledges that this Court shall retain jurisdiction for
27 the purpose of enforcing this Consent Judgment. Defendant has consented and stipulated to entry
28 of this Consent Judgment to compromise and settle claims in connection with an investigation

1 under the Arizona Consumer Fraud Act and not out of any admission of guilt, wrongdoing, or
2 violation.

3 **PARTIES**

4 1. The State is authorized to bring this action under the Arizona Consumer Fraud Act,
5 A.R.S. §§ 44-1521 to -1534 (the “CFA”).

6 2. Defendant C.R. Bard, Inc. is a business corporation organized under the laws of the
7 State of New York with its principal place of business in Murray Hill, New Jersey.

8 3. This Court has jurisdiction over the Complaint and the parties necessary for the
9 Court to enter this Consent Judgment and any orders hereafter appropriate pursuant to
10 A.R.S. § 44-1528 and this Consent Judgment.

11 4. Venue is proper in Maricopa County pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-401(17).

12 NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDRED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

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14 **I. FINDINGS**

15 5. The terms of this Judgment shall be governed by the laws of the State of Arizona.

16 6. Entry of this Judgment is in the public interest and reflects a negotiated agreement
17 among the Parties.

18 7. The Parties have agreed to resolve the issues resulting from the Covered Conduct by
19 entering into this Judgment.¹

20 8. Bard is willing to enter into this Judgment regarding the Covered Conduct in order
21 to resolve the Attorneys General’s concerns under the State Consumer Protection Laws as to the
22 matters addressed in this Judgment and thereby avoid significant expense, inconvenience, and
23 uncertainty.

24 9. Bard is entering into this Judgment solely for the purpose of settlement, and nothing
25 contained herein may be taken as or construed to be an admission or concession of any violation
26 of law, rule, or regulation, or of any other matter of fact or law, or of any liability or wrongdoing,

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28 ¹This agreement is entered into pursuant to and subject to the State Consumer Protection laws cited in footnote 4.

1 all of which Bard expressly denies. Bard does not admit any violation of the State Consumer
2 Protection Laws set forth in footnote 4, and does not admit any wrongdoing that was or could
3 have been alleged by any Attorney General before the date of the Judgment under those laws. No
4 part of this Judgment, including its statements and commitments, shall constitute evidence of any
5 liability, fault, or wrongdoing by Bard.

6 10. This Judgment shall not be construed or used as a waiver or limitation of any
7 defense otherwise available to Bard in any other action, or of Bard's right to defend itself from, or
8 make any arguments in, any other private individual, regulatory, governmental, or class claims or
9 suits relating to the subject matter or terms of this Judgment. This Judgment is made without trial
10 or adjudication of any issue of fact or law or finding of liability of any kind. Notwithstanding the
11 foregoing, a State may file an action to enforce the terms of this Judgment.

12 11. No part of this Judgment shall create a private cause of action or confer any right to
13 any third party for violation of any federal or state statute except that a State may file an action to
14 enforce the terms of this Judgment. It is the intent of the Parties that this Judgment shall not be
15 binding or admissible in any other matter, including, but not limited to, any investigation or
16 litigation, other than in connection with the enforcement of this Judgment.

17 12. This Judgment (or any portion thereof) shall in no way be construed to prohibit Bard
18 from making representations with respect to any Bard products in Labeling that are required under
19 Federal law, regulations, or policies or guidance having the force of law, including in Food and
20 Drug Administration ("FDA") approved Labeling.

21 13. Nothing in this Judgment shall require Bard to:

- 22 a. take any action that is prohibited by the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C.
23 § 301 et seq. ("FDCA") or any regulation promulgated thereunder, or by the
24 FDA; or
25 b. fail to take any specific action that is expressly permitted or is required by the
26 FDCA or any regulation promulgated thereunder.

II. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall be used in construing the Judgment:

14. “Covered Conduct” means Bard’s marketing and promotional practices, and dissemination of information to Health Care Providers (HCPs) and consumers, regarding Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh products, including but not limited to the dissemination of Marketing Materials, disclosure of Significant or Inherent Complications in Instructions for Use (IFUs), Sponsorship of any programs, training any sales professionals, the publication of any clinical or pre-clinical data, or the reporting of MDRs or adverse events, through the Effective Date of the Judgment.

15. “Effective Date” means the date on which a copy of the Judgment, duly executed by Bard and by the Signatory Attorney General, is approved by, and becomes a Judgment of the Court.

16. “Health Care Provider” or “HCP” means any physician or other health care practitioner who is licensed to provide health care services.

17. “Bard” means C. R. Bard, Inc. and Becton, Dickinson and Company and all of their officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, affiliates, parents, subsidiaries, operating companies, assigns and successors.

18. “Labeling” means “all labels and other written, printed, or graphic matter (1) upon any article or any of its containers or wrappers, or (2) accompanying such article,” as defined under Section 201(m) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA).

19. “Marketing Materials” means any written, electronic, or verbal material or statements either publicly disseminated (including videos, websites it hosts or controls, or any other form of media) or made for the purpose of public dissemination in the United States, in the course of marketing, promoting, or informing Health Care Providers, consumers, or patients about Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh, including, but not limited to, HCP training materials and training materials for sales representatives made for the purpose of public dissemination and delivery to HCPs.

20. “Multistate Executive Committee” means the Attorneys General and their staffs

1 representing California, Florida, Indiana, Maryland, Ohio, South Carolina, Texas, and
2 Washington.

3 21. “Multistate Working Group” means the Attorneys General and their staffs
4 representing Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware,
5 District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii², Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky,
6 Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri,
7 Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North
8 Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina,
9 South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah³, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

10 22. “Parties” means Bard as defined in paragraph 17 and the Signatory Attorney
11 General.

12 23. “Post-effective Date Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh” means Urogynecologic
13 Surgical Mesh that enters the market in the United States after the Effective Date, and that is not
14 identical or substantially equivalent to Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh that was on the market in
15 the United States prior to the Effective Date.

16 24. “Significant Complications” means all complications of Urogynecologic Surgical
17 Mesh, including complications discovered subsequent to the Effective Date, which constitute
18 clinically significant risks material to a Health Care Provider’s decision to implant
19 Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh.

20 25. “Inherent Mesh Complications” means Significant Complications that may not be
21 eliminated with surgical technique and are associated with the use of Urogynecologic Surgical
22 Mesh. Disclosure of such risks shall include an adequate description of the chronicity, acuteness,
23 and permanence of the risks. A non-verbatim description of these risks shall include, but are not

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25 ²Hawaii is represented on this matter by its Office of Consumer Protection, an agency which is not part of the state Attorney
26 General’s Office, but which is statutorily authorized to undertake consumer protection functions, including legal
27 representation of the State of Hawaii. For simplicity, the entire group will be referred to as the “Attorneys General,” and
28 such designation, as it includes Hawaii, refers to the Executive Director of the State of Hawaii Office of Consumer
Protection.

³With regard to Utah, the Utah Division of Consumer Protection is charged with administering and enforcing the Consumer
Sales Practices Act, the statute relevant to this Judgment. References to the “States,” “Parties,” or “Attorneys General,” with
respect to Utah, refers to the Utah Division of Consumer Protection.

1 limited to, risks of:

- 2 • Exposure of mesh material into the vagina, which can be associated with pain during
- 3 intercourse for the woman and/or her partner
- 4 • Pain caused by exposure may be severe and may result in permanent sexual
- 5 dysfunction
- 6 • Erosion
- 7 • Implantation of Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh through the vagina may cause
- 8 bacterial contamination
- 9 • Infection
- 10 • Voiding dysfunction, including de novo urge incontinence
- 11 • Foreign body reaction
- 12 • Inflammation
- 13 • Scar plating around mesh
- 14 • Clinical consequences of mesh contracture
- 15 • Acute and/or chronic pain
- 16 • Pelvic pain, which in some patients may not resolve
- 17 • Pain with intercourse, which in some patients may not resolve
- 18 • Excessive contraction or shrinkage of the tissue surrounding the mesh, vaginal
- 19 scarring, tightening and/or shortening may occur

20 Such description shall also note that the occurrence of one or more of these complications
21 may require treatment or surgical intervention:

- 22 i. In some instances, the complication may persist as a permanent condition after
- 23 the surgical intervention or other treatment;
- 24 ii. Removal of mesh or correction of mesh-related complications may involve
- 25 multiple surgeries; and
- 26 iii. Complete removal of mesh may not be possible and additional surgeries may not
- 27 always fully correct the complications

28 However, for Post-Effective Date Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh, a non-verbatim
description of these risks may include, but are not limited to, the risks listed in the bullet points
above, depending upon the available Valid Scientific Evidence.

26. “Signatory Attorney General” means the Attorney General of Arizona, or his
authorized designee, who has agreed to this Judgment.

1 27. “Sponsor” or “Sponsorship” means to pay for in whole or in part, to provide
2 financial support or subsidization, or to provide goods or materials of value in support, but does
3 not include de minimis support.

4 28. “State Consumer Protection Laws” means the consumer protection laws cited in
5 footnote 4 under which the Attorneys General have conducted the investigation.⁴

6 29. “Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh” means any medical device cleared or approved by
7 the FDA (as the term “device” is defined in 21 U.S.C. § 321(h)) that contains synthetic, multi-
8 strand, knitted, or woven mesh and that is indicated to be used for implantation in the pelvic floor
9 to treat stress urinary incontinence (SUI) and/or pelvic organ prolapse (POP) sold or marketed in

10 ⁴ALABAMA – Alabama Deceptive Trade Practices Act § 8-19-1 et seq. (2002); ALASKA – Alaska Unfair Trade Practices
11 and Consumer Protection Act AS 45.50.471 – 45.50.561; ARIZONA – Consumer Fraud Act, A.R.S. §44-1521 et seq.;
12 ARKANSAS – Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 4-88-101, et seq.; CALIFORNIA – Bus. & Prof
13 Code §§ 17200 et seq. and 17500 et seq.; COLORADO – Colorado Consumer Protection Act, Colo. Rev. Stat. § 6-1-101 et
14 seq.; CONNECTICUT – Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act, Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 42-110a through 42-110q;
15 DELAWARE – Delaware Consumer Fraud Act, Del. CODE ANN. tit. 6, §§ 2511 to 2527; DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
16 District of Columbia Consumer Protection Procedures Act, D.C. Code §§ 28-3901 et seq.; FLORIDA – Florida Deceptive
17 and Unfair Trade Practices Act, Part II, Chapter 501, Florida Statutes, 501.201 et. seq.; GEORGIA - Fair Business Practices
18 Act, O.C.G.A. Sections 10-1-390 et seq.; HAWAII – Uniform Deceptive Trade Practice Act, Haw. Rev. Stat. Chpt. 481A and
19 Haw. Rev. Stat. Chpt. 480; IDAHO – Idaho Consumer Protection Act, Idaho Code § 48-601 et seq.; ILLINOIS – Consumer
20 Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act, 815 ILCS 505/2 et seq.; INDIANA – Deceptive Consumer Sales Act, Ind. Code
21 §§ 24-5-0.5-0.1 to 24-5-0.5-12; IOWA - Iowa Consumer Fraud Act, Iowa Code Section 714.16; KANSAS - Kansas
22 Consumer Protection Act, K.S.A. 50-623 et seq.; KENTUCKY – Kentucky Consumer Protection Act, KRS Ch. 367.110, et
23 seq.; LOUISIANA – Unfair Trade-Practices and Consumer Protection Law, LSA-R.S. 51:1401, et seq.; MAINE – Unfair
24 Trade Practices Act, 5 M.R.S.A. § 207 et seq.; MARYLAND - Maryland Consumer Protection Act, Md. Code Ann., Com.
25 Law §§ 13-101 et seq.; MASSACHUSETTS – Mass. Gen. Laws c. 93A, §§ 2 and 4; MICHIGAN – Michigan Consumer
26 Protection Act, MCL § 445.901 et seq.; MINNESOTA – Minn. Stat. §§325D.44, 325F.69; MISSISSIPPI - Mississippi
27 Consumer Protection Act, Miss. Code Ann. § 75-24-1, et seq.; MISSOURI – Missouri Merchandising Practices Act, Mo. Rev.
28 Stat. §§ 407.010 et seq.; MONTANA – Montana Consumer Protection Act §§ 30-14-101 et seq.; NEBRASKA – Consumer
Protection Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 59-1601 et seq. and Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 87-301 et
seq.; NEVADA – Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Nevada Revised Statutes 598.0903 et seq.; NEW HAMPSHIRE – NH RSA
§358-A et seq.; NEW JERSEY – New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act, NJSA 56:8-1 et seq.; NEW MEXICO – NMSA 1978, §
57-12-1 et seq.; NEW YORK – General Business Law Art. 22-A, §§ 349-50, and Executive Law § 63(12); NORTH
CAROLINA – North Carolina Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act, N.C.G.S. 75-1.1, et seq.; NORTH DAKOTA –
Unlawful Sales or Advertising Practices, N.D. Cent. Code § 51-15-02 et seq.; OHIO – Ohio Consumer Sales Practices Act,
R.C. 1345.01, et seq.; OKLAHOMA – Oklahoma Consumer Protection Act 15 O.S. §§ 751 et seq.; OREGON – Oregon
Unlawful Trade Practices Act, Or. Rev. Stat. § 646.605 et seq.; PENNSYLVANIA – Pennsylvania Unfair Trade Practices
and Consumer Protection Law, 73 P.S. 201-1 et seq.; RHODE ISLAND – Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Rhode Island Gen.
Laws § 6-13.1-1, et seq.; SOUTH CAROLINA – South Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 39-5-10 et
seq.; SOUTH DAKOTA – South Dakota Deceptive Trade Practices and Consumer Protection, SDCL ch. 37-24;
TENNESSEE – Tennessee Consumer Protection Act, Tenn. Code Ann. 47-18-101 et seq.; TEXAS – Texas Deceptive Trade
Practices-Consumer Protection Act, Tex. Bus. And Com. Code 17.41, et seq.; UTAH - Consumer Sales Practices Act, Utah
Code Ann. §§ 13-11-1 et seq.; VERMONT – Vermont Consumer Protection Act, 9 V.S.A. § 2451, et seq.; VIRGINIA-
Virginia Consumer Protection Act, Va Code Ann. §59.1-196 et seq.; WASHINGTON – Unfair Business Practices/Consumer
Protection Act, RCW §§ 19.86 et seq.; WISCONSIN – Wis. Stat. § 100.18 (Fraudulent Representations).

1 the United States.

2 30. "Valid Scientific Evidence" means evidence from well-controlled investigations,
3 partially controlled studies, studies and objective trials without matched controls, well-
4 documented case histories conducted by qualified experts, or reports of significant human
5 experience with a marketed device, from which it can fairly and responsibly be concluded by
6 qualified experts that there is reasonable assurance to substantiate that a representation is true.

7 31. Any reference to a written document shall mean a physical paper copy of the
8 document, electronic version of the document, or electronic access to such document.
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10 **III. COMPLIANCE PROVISIONS**

11 **A. Exit from Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh Business**

12 32. Bard states that it ceased the marketing, promotion, sale, and distribution of
13 Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh in the United States and the manufacturing of Urogynecologic
14 Surgical Mesh for sale in the United States by December 30, 2016.

15 33. In the event that Bard engages in any conduct involving the manufacture,
16 promotion, marketing, sale, or distribution of Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh, either directly or
17 indirectly through any third parties, in the United States, it shall be bound by the following
18 provisions contained in paragraphs 35 through 58 of this Judgment for ten (10) years from the
19 date of first sale of an Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh product in the United States or for twenty
20 (20) years from the Effective Date of this Agreement, whichever is less. Paragraph 36 is not time
21 restricted. Nothing in this Judgment shall be construed to require Bard, for any Urogynecologic
22 Surgical Mesh product approved through the FDA Premarket Approval process, to utilize product
23 labeling different from that which is approved by the FDA.

24 **B. Marketing, Information, and Training**

25 34. In promoting Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh, Bard shall not violate the CFA.

26 35. Bard shall not, in any Marketing Materials, make any claim comparing safety or
27 efficacy clinical outcomes with the use of Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh to any non-mesh
28 procedure safety or efficacy clinical outcomes, unless any such representation is supported by

Valid Scientific Evidence. Bard, however, may make comparisons in any Marketing Materials not involving safety or efficacy clinical outcomes, if not false, misleading, or deceptive.

36. Bard shall not, in any Marketing Materials, misrepresent the safety or efficacy of its Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh by omitting Significant Complications or Inherent Mesh Complications, as appropriate given the length, context, medium, and placement of the Marketing Material and in all instances where the Marketing Material purports to address the subject of complications.

37. In any Marketing Material that is intended to reach patients or consumers other than or in addition to Health Care Providers, Bard shall also include descriptions of Significant Complications and Inherent Mesh Complications in terms reasonably understandable to a patient.

38. Bard shall not, in any Marketing Materials, misrepresent the extent to which Inherent Mesh Complications are risks or complications common to all pelvic floor or other surgeries.

39. Bard shall not, in any Marketing Materials, represent or imply that Significant Complications or Inherent Mesh Complications can be eliminated with surgical experience or technique alone. However, for Post-Effective Date Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh, Bard may, in any Marketing Materials, represent or imply that Significant Complications can be eliminated with surgical experience or technique alone, if such statement is supported by Valid Scientific Evidence.

40. Bard shall not represent or imply that such Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh does not cause a foreign body reaction, including any chronic foreign body reaction, after the Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh is implanted inside the body. However, for Post-Effective Date Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh, Bard may represent or imply that such Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh does not cause a foreign body reaction, including any chronic foreign body reaction, after the Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh is implanted inside the body, if such statement is supported by Valid Scientific Evidence.

41. Bard shall not, in any Marketing Materials, represent or imply that such Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh is “soft” or that it has “multidirectional elasticity” within the body

1 after implantation or use any other phrases having an equivalent meaning. However, for Post-
2 Effective Date Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh, Bard may, in any Marketing Materials, represent
3 or imply that such Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh is “soft” or that it has “multidirectional
4 elasticity” within the body after implantation or use any other phrases having an equivalent
5 meaning, if such statement is supported by Valid Scientific Evidence. Nothing shall prevent Bard
6 from making claims to Health Care Providers about the softness and elasticity of Urogynecologic
7 Surgical Mesh prior to implantation inside the body provided the claims do not suggest these
8 properties are retained in the body.

9 42. Bard shall not, in any Marketing Materials, represent or imply that such
10 Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh, including its collagen Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh, helps the
11 body more readily accept a foreign body implant, or reduces the risk of foreign body reaction,
12 erosion, infection, or any other Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh complications, including any
13 Significant Complications or Inherent Complications. However, for Post-Effective Date
14 Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh, Bard may, in any Marketing Materials, represent or imply that
15 such Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh, including its collagen Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh, helps
16 the body more readily accept a foreign body implant, or reduces the risk of foreign body reaction,
17 erosion, infection, or any other Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh complications, including any
18 Significant Complications or Inherent Complications, if such statement is supported by Valid
19 Scientific Evidence.

20 43. Bard shall not, in any Marketing Materials, misrepresent the FDA approval or
21 clearance status of its Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh devices or the extent to which any of its
22 Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh products have been studied or clinically proven.

23 44. Bard shall not, in any Marketing Materials, misrepresent the complexity of
24 Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh implantation procedures or the level of surgical skill and/or
25 experience necessary to perform these procedures safely. Moreover, Bard employees shall not
26 encourage a Health Care Provider to perform Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh implants without
27 receiving adequate information and training on how to implant its Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh.

28 45. In any training in which Bard provides risk information, either directly or through

1 third parties, to any Health Care Provider, Bard shall disclose all Significant Complications and
2 Inherent Mesh Complications of its Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh.

3 46. Bard shall, in the marketing and promotion of any Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh
4 product, ensure that its Marketing Materials and other communications do not misrepresent FDA
5 updates or communications regarding Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh.

6 **C. Disclosures to Health Care Providers**

7 47. To the extent not prohibited by federal law, Bard shall ensure that all IFUs for its
8 Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh products cleared through the 510(k) process include a list of all
9 known Significant Complications and Inherent Mesh Complications.

10 48. Bard shall evaluate emerging risk information on an ongoing basis and, consistent
11 with such risk information, shall update the warnings and precautions section of IFUs and all
12 Marketing Material to include Significant Complications associated with its Urogynecologic
13 Surgical Mesh products as soon as practicable. If Bard obtains, receives, or is aware of any new
14 risk information that necessitates a more immediate disclosure for public health and safety
15 purposes, Bard shall notify HCPs of this information through other means, such as notices or
16 “dear doctor letters,” as appropriate given the nature of the new information and unless otherwise
17 directed by the FDA.

18 **D. Studies, Clinical Data, and Sponsorship**

19 49. Bard shall, when citing to any clinical study, clinical data, or preclinical data,
20 present a fair and balanced view of available scientific literature with respect to the safety,
21 efficacy, risks and complications of Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh.

22 50. Bard shall, when citing to any clinical study, clinical data, or preclinical data
23 regarding Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh in its Marketing Materials, not misrepresent the results,
24 scope, or clinical significance of any particular clinical study, clinical data, or preclinical data,
25 including by implying a more favorable result than supported by the study or data.

26 51. Bard shall, when submitting a clinical study, clinical data, or preclinical data
27 regarding Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh for publication, disclose Bard’s role as a Sponsor and
28 any author’s potential conflict of interest consistent with the disclosure requirements for the

1 International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) or, if different, the disclosure
2 policies of the relevant publication.

3 52. Bard shall not cite to any clinical study, clinical data, or preclinical data regarding
4 Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh for which Bard has not complied with the requirements of Section
5 III(D).

6 53. Bard shall not cite to any clinical study, clinical data, or preclinical data regarding
7 Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh for which any author/consultant, to the extent Bard knows, has not
8 complied with the applicable publication's conflict disclosure requirements unless Bard discloses
9 the conflict in a clear and conspicuous manner when citing to such study or data.

10 54. In all contracts for consulting services regarding Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh
11 between Bard and any Health Care Provider or other author/consultant, Bard shall include a
12 Sponsorship disclosure provision under which the Health Care Provider or other author/consultant
13 agrees that he or she shall, in terms likely to be read and understood by the audience, disclose in
14 any public presentation or submission for publication Bard's sponsorship of the contracted-for
15 activities. Bard shall also include a disclosure clause under which the Health Care Provider or
16 other author/consultant acknowledges that Bard may publicly report the fact that Bard made value
17 transfers to him or her. To the extent within its control, Bard shall ensure that any HCP or
18 author/consultant who submits for publication a clinical study, clinical data, or pre-clinical data
19 that Bard has Sponsored, authored, or edited, in whole or in part, shall comply with the
20 publication's conflict disclosure requirements.

21 55. In accordance with applicable law, Bard shall register Bard-sponsored clinical
22 studies regarding its Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh with ClinicalTrials.gov. Bard shall also
23 retain any design history files and clinical records, including but not limited to clinical data,
24 relating to its post-December 30, 2016 Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh devices and any
25 Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh devices that existed prior to December 30, 2016 (or substantially
26 equivalent to such devices) over which it has or should have possession, custody or control for 15
27 years past the last sale date of the Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh devices to which those files and
28 records apply, unless a longer period is required by applicable law. Bard shall retain any non-

1 clinical data relating to its post-December 30, 2016 Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh devices and
2 any Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh devices that existed prior to December 30, 2016 (or
3 substantially equivalent to such devices) over which it has or should have possession, custody or
4 control until December 30, 2031, if not introduced prior to that date. If introduced prior to
5 December 30, 2031, then Bard shall retain non-clinical data for 15 years past the last sale date,
6 unless a longer period is required by applicable law.

7 **E. Bard Internal Policies and Training**

8 56. BARD shall ensure that its independent contractors, agents, and employees, who
9 sell, market, or promote Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh or otherwise train, provide information to,
10 or communicate with Health Care Providers regarding Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh, are
11 adequately informed and trained regarding their obligations to report all patient complaints and/or
12 adverse events to BARD.

13 57. BARD shall ensure that its company practices regarding the reporting of patient
14 complaints relating to Urogynecologic Surgical Mesh as MDR reportable adverse events are
15 consistent with FDA requirements.

16 **F. Monitoring and Compliance**

17 58. Bard shall be responsible for ensuring monitoring and compliance with the
18 provisions of this Judgment.

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20 **IV. PAYMENT**

21 59. Bard shall pay a total amount of \$60 million as follows: 1) the initial payment of
22 \$15 million shall be paid by the later of October 30, 2020 or 30 days after the Effective Date; 2)
23 the second payment of \$15 million shall be paid by April 1, 2021; and 3) the final payment of \$30
24 million shall be paid by October 30, 2021. These payments will be divided and paid by Bard to
25 each Signatory Attorney General of the Multistate Working Group in amounts to be designated by
26 and in the sole discretion of the Multistate Executive Committee.⁵ Payment made to the State of

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28 ⁵The payment, over three installments, to the Signatory Attorney General under this paragraph shall be \$1,151,493.

1 Arizona shall be deposited by the Arizona Attorney General into the Consumer Protection –
2 Consumer Fraud Revolving Fund pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 44-1531.01, and used for the purposes set
3 forth therein. The Parties acknowledge that the payments described herein are not a fine, penalty,
4 or payment in lieu thereof.

5 6 **V. ENFORCEMENT**

7 60. For the purposes of resolving disputes with respect to compliance with this
8 Judgment, should any of the Signatory Attorneys General have a reasonable basis to believe that
9 Bard has engaged in a practice that violates a provision of this Judgment subsequent to the
10 Effective Date, then such Attorney General shall notify Bard in writing of the specific objection,
11 identify with particularity the provision of this Judgment that the practice appears to violate, and
12 give Bard thirty (30) days to respond to the notification; provided, however, that a Signatory
13 Attorney General may take any action if the Signatory Attorney General believes that, because of
14 the specific practice, a threat to the health or safety of the public requires immediate action.

15 61. Upon receipt of written notice, Bard shall provide a good-faith written response to
16 the Attorney General notification, containing either a statement explaining why Bard believes it is
17 in compliance with the Judgment, or a detailed explanation of how the alleged violation occurred
18 and a statement explaining how Bard intends to remedy the alleged breach. Nothing in this
19 section shall be interpreted to limit the State of Arizona's Civil Investigative Demand ("CID") or
20 investigative subpoena authority, to the extent such authority exists under applicable law, and
21 Bard reserves all of its rights in responding to a CID or investigative subpoena issued pursuant to
22 such authority.

23 62. The Attorney General may agree, in writing, to provide Bard with additional time
24 beyond the thirty (30) days to respond to a notice provided under paragraph 60 above.

25 63. Upon giving Bard thirty (30) days to respond to the notification described above, the
26 Signatory Attorney General shall also be permitted reasonable access to inspect and copy relevant,
27 non-privileged, non-work product records and documents in the possession, custody, or control of
28 Bard that relate to Bard's compliance with each provision of this Judgment pursuant to that State's

CID or investigative subpoena authority. If the Signatory Attorney General makes or requests copies of any documents during the course of that inspection, the Signatory Attorney General shall provide a list of those documents to Bard.

64. The State may assert any claim that Bard has violated this Judgment in a separate civil action to enforce compliance with this Judgment, or may seek any other relief afforded by law for violations of the Judgment, but only after providing Bard an opportunity to respond to the notification described in paragraph 60 above; provided, however, that a Signatory Attorney General may take any action if the Signatory Attorney General believes that, because of the specific practice, a threat to the health or safety of the public requires immediate action

VI. RELEASE

65. Released Claims. By its execution of this Judgment, the State of Arizona releases and forever discharges Bard and its past and present officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, affiliates, parents, subsidiaries, operating companies, predecessors, assigns and successors (collectively, the “Releasees”) from the following: all civil causes of action, claims, damages, restitution, disgorgement, fines, costs, attorney’s fees, or penalties that the Arizona Attorney General has asserted or could have asserted against the Releasees under the State Consumer Protection Laws, or any amendments thereto, or by common law claims concerning deceptive or fraudulent trade practices, that the Signatory Attorney General has the authority to release resulting from the Covered Conduct up to and including the Effective Date. For purposes of this paragraph 65, Releasees do not include Covidien Ltd. or Medtronic PLC, or their past and present officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, affiliates, parents, subsidiaries, operating companies, predecessors, assigns and successors.

66. Claims Not Covered. Notwithstanding any term of this Judgment, specifically reserved and excluded from the release in paragraph 65 as to any entity or person, including Releasees, are any and all of the following:

- a. Any criminal liability that any person or entity, including Releasees, has or may have to the State of Arizona;

1 approval by the State of Arizona of any of Bard's advertising or business practices. Further,
2 neither Bard nor anyone acting on its behalf shall state or imply, or cause to be stated or implied,
3 that the State of Arizona or any other governmental unit of Arizona has approved, sanctioned or
4 authorized any practice, act, advertisement, or conduct of Bard.

5 72. Any failure by any party to this Judgment to insist upon the strict performance by
6 any other party of any of the provisions of this Judgment shall not be deemed a waiver of any of
7 the provisions of this Judgment, and such party, notwithstanding such failure, shall have the right
8 thereafter to insist upon the specific performance of any and all of the provisions of this Judgment.

9 73. Entire Agreement: This Judgment represents the full and complete terms of the
10 settlement entered into by the Parties hereto. In any action undertaken by the Parties, no prior
11 versions of this Judgment and no prior versions of any of its terms that were not entered by the
12 Court in this Judgment may be introduced for any purpose whatsoever.

13 74. Jurisdiction: This Court retains jurisdiction of this Judgment and the Parties hereto
14 for the purpose of enforcing and modifying this Judgment and for the purpose of granting such
15 additional relief as may be necessary and appropriate.

16 75. Counterparts: This Judgment may be executed in counterparts, and a facsimile or
17 .pdf signature shall be deemed to be, and shall have the same force and effect as, an original
18 signature.

19 76. Notice: All Notices under this Judgment shall be provided to the following via email
20 and Overnight Mail:

21 Defendant:

22 Greg A. Dadika
23 Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Counsel
24 Becton Dickinson and Company
Greg.Dadika@bd.com

25 Copy to Bard's attorneys at Troutman Pepper via electronic mail sent to:
26 Barry H. Boise (barry.boise@troutman.com)
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1 Signatory Attorney General:

2 Kaitlin Hollywood
3 Arizona Attorney General's Office
4 400 W. Congress, Suite S-315
5 Tucson, AZ 85701
6 Kaitlin.hollywood@azag.gov
7 consumer@azag.gov

8 Notice shall also be provided to any person subsequently designated by the State of Arizona to
9 receive such notice.

10 77. To the extent that any provision of this Judgment obligates Bard to change any
11 policy(ies) or procedure(s) and to the extent not already accomplished, Bard shall implement the
12 policy(ies) or procedure(s) as soon as reasonably practicable, but no later than 120 days after the
13 Effective Date of this Judgment.

14 78. If any portion of this Consent Judgment is held invalid by operation of law, the
15 remaining terms thereof shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

16 79. This Consent Judgment is the result of a compromise and settlement agreement
17 between the parties. Only the State may seek enforcement of this Consent Judgment. Nothing
18 herein is intended to create a private right of action by other parties.

19 80. This Consent Judgment shall not limit the rights of any private party to pursue any
20 remedies allowed by law.

21 81. The effective date of this Consent Judgment is the date that it is entered by the
22 Court.

23 82. This Consent Judgment resolves all outstanding claims expressly identified in the
24 Complaint as to Defendant. As no further matters remain pending, this is a final judgment entered
25 pursuant to Ariz. R. Civ. P. 54(c).
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For Defendant C.R. Bard, Inc.

By: _____



Greg A. Dadika
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Dated: _____


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