

Dear Sir or Madam:

WHY AM I GETTING THIS LETTER?

You are receiving the enclosed Claim Form because you may be a member of a class action brought on behalf of persons implanted with Medtronic Pacemaker Leads models 4012, 4004 or 4004M (the “Pacemaker Leads”). The case was brought against Medtronic Inc. and Medtronic of Canada Ltd., the manufacturer and distributor of the Pacemaker Leads. The plaintiffs in the class action alleged that the Pacemaker Leads were unreasonably prone to degeneration, and that injury could result from their use.

A settlement has been reached in this class action. The settlement has been approved by the Court. Subject to certain opt out rights, this settlement is binding on all class members resident in British Columbia who have not opted out and do not now opt out, and on all non-British Columbia residents who have opted into the class action and do not now opt out.

WHAT ARE THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT?

This settlement allows monetary recovery for qualifying class members for pain, suffering and loss of enjoyment of life experienced as a result of Pacemaker Lead Explant surgery, Pacemaker Lead Replacement surgery, and/or Additional Monitoring. These terms are defined as follows:

“Additional Monitoring” means two or more medical monitoring assessments of the Pacemaker Lead in any year after August 1991 in relation to Pacemaker Lead model number 4012; and in any year following October 1993 in relation to the Pacemaker Lead Models 4004 or 4004M.

“Pacemaker Lead Replacement” means that the Pacemaker Lead has been surgically replaced with another pacemaker lead with the original Pacemaker Lead being left in the Claimant’s body.

“Pacemaker Lead Extraction” means that the Pacemaker Lead has been surgically extracted from the Claimant’s body and may include replacement of the extracted Pacemaker Lead with a new pacemaker lead.

If you qualify within one of these categories, you may be entitled to recover.. A Claim Form is attached.

Your compensation will be determined based on a point system. The number of points will be based on your answers to the questions in the Claim Form and on your medical doctor’s answers to the applicable part of the Claim Form.

The number of points will be allocated as follows: Class members who underwent Pacemaker Lead Extraction(s) shall receive 20 points; Class members who underwent Pacemaker Lead Replacement(s) shall receive 10 points; and Class members who underwent

Additional Monitoring shall receive 1 point. Class members will only be entitled to recover under one of the above categories, whichever category yields the highest point value for that class member. Multiple procedures will not add additional points.

HOW MUCH WILL I RECEIVE?

The exact amount you will receive will not be known until it is determined how many class members wish to claim against the Settlement Fund.

WHEN WILL THE FUNDS BE DISTRIBUTED?

After September 6, 2005, Class Counsel will start delivering the funds after all eligible claims have been received

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

You can view the full details regarding the settlement terms and the order approving the settlement at www.branmac.com/classactions/medtronic.htm. If you still have questions, you may contact us.

WHAT IF I DON'T WANT ANY SETTLEMENT MONEY

If you do not want any settlement money at all, do not respond to this letter and do not send in a Claim Form.

WHAT IF I WANT TO PRESERVE MY RIGHT TO SUE?

If you do not wish to participate in this settlement and you want to pursue your own independent legal action against Medtronic Inc. or Medtronic of Canada Ltd. you must request a Medtronic Pacemaker Lead Opt Out Form from Branch MacMaster. You must then return the completed form to Branch MacMaster so that it is received by Branch MacMaster before 5 p.m. on July 4, 2005.

CAN ESTATES MAKE CLAIMS FOR DECEASED RECIPIENTS OF MEDTRONIC PACEMAKER LEADS 4004, 4004M AND 4012?

No. Eligible class members must be alive when the Claim Form is submitted. If an eligible class member dies between the time the claim is submitted and the date of distribution, the estate will be eligible to receive the deceased class member's share.

WHAT IF I WANT TO APPLY FOR SETTLEMENT FUNDS? HOW DO I COMPLETE THE CLAIM FORM?

Follow the instructions on the form. Once you have completed the enclosed Medtronic Pacemaker Lead Settlement Claim Form you need to sign it in the presence of your doctor or some other witness.

You must also have your medical doctor or former medical doctor complete the appropriate part of the Claim Form.

Once the Claim Form is completed, send it to:

Pacemaker Lead Class Action Settlement
Branch MacMaster
Attn: Shayna Cohene
1210-777 Hornby St.
Vancouver, BC V6Z 1S4
Fax: 604-684-3429
Phone: 604-654-2952

HOW MUCH TIME DO I HAVE TO GET THE FORM TO YOUR OFFICE?

In order to be eligible for payment, your form must reach this address before 5 p.m. on September 6, 2005.

WHEN WILL I RECEIVE SETTLEMENT FUNDS?

No funds will be distributed until after September 6, 2005.