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## Plaintiffs File New Accolade, LFIT Personal Injury Suits in NJ, KY, AK and MA Federal Courts

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- A number of lawsuits asserting personal injury claims resulting from allegedly defective Accolade Hip Stem and LFIT V40 Femoral Head systems have been filed recently in a number of federal courts across the country.

The complaints, filed in the Districts of Massachusetts, Alaska, New Jersey and the Western District of Alaska, asserted in part that the femoral head commonly paired with the Accolade TMZF is the LFIT Anatomic CoCr V40 Femoral Head.

A pair of complaints filed in New Jersey one week after a petition was filed with the U.S. Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation to coordinate similarly situated lawsuits contended that the material combination in the devices have been "reported to cause corrosion."

"In their marketing and sale of the device, Defendants represented and warranted that proprietary materials alleviate concerns for this problem," one of the New Jersey complaints asserted.

Among the complaints filed in recent weeks are: Kuehl, No. 17-00416 (D. N.J.); Sherman, No. 17-00417 (D. N.J.); Forman, No. 17-00036 (W.D. Ky.); Witt, No. 17-00001 (D. Alaska); Driscoll, No. 17-10057 (D. Mass.).

In a Jan. 13 petition filed with the JPML, plaintiffs asked the panel to transfer the pending claims to the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, noting that three of the personal injury actions are already pending there.

The plaintiffs in the underlying actions contended that they sustained injuries from the failure of the Stryker LFIT V40 Anatomic Femoral Head used in hip replacement devices. The plaintiffs said that the LFIT has since been recalled.

"These femoral heads have been used in at least six different modular hip replacement devices manufactured by Stryker," the petition said. "The estimated number of Stryker LFIT V40 femoral heads that have been implanted into patients is in excess of 100,000 units." For more on the JPML petition, see the related story in this issue.

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