Drug and Device MDL Update

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Several years ago, we decided to try to name the drug and device <u>mass torts</u>. You know, in case the longestrunning products liability MDL is ever the Final Jeopardy answer. Or, if knowing the largest pharmaceutical MDL to date is something you can use as an ice breaker. Actually, if you know those things, as my grandmother would say – that and a nickel will get you a cup of coffee (she's 95 and unfamiliar with Starbuck's prices).

But, we decided the list was worth updating anyway – including providing links to litigation websites where available. Let's start with the ones that are still around since our original post in 2008. Some are shadows of their former selves; just a few cases hanging on for resolution:

MDL - 986 IN RE: "Factor VIII or IX Concentrate Blood Products" Products Liability Litigation (no website)

MDL-1203 IN RE Diet Drugs (Phentermine/Fenfluramine/Dexfenfluramine) Products Liability Litigation

MDL-1431 IN RE Baycol Products Liability Litigation

MDL-1596 IN RE Zyprexa Products Liability Litigation (no website)

MDL-1626 IN RE Accutane Products Liability Litigation (no website)

MDL-1629 IN RE Neurontin Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation (no website)

MDL-1657 IN RE Vioxx Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation

MDL-1699 IN RE Bextra and Celebrex Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation

MDL-1708 IN RE Guidant Corp. Implantable Defibrillators Products Liability Litigation

MDL-1736 IN RE Celexa and Lexapro Products Liability Litigation (no website)

MDL-1742 IN RE Ortho Evra Products Liability Litigation

MDL-1763 IN RE Human Tissue Products Liability Litigation (no website)

MDL-1769 IN RE Seroquel Products Liability Litigation

MDL-1785 IN RE Bausch & Lomb Inc. Contact Lens Solution Products Liability Litigation (no website)

MDL-1836 IN RE Mirapex Products Liability Litigation

But, some are still going strong and may well continue to generate law that we report on here:

MDL-1355 IN RE Propulsid Products Liability Litigation

MDL-1507 IN RE Prempro Products Liability Litigation

MDL-1789 IN RE Fosamax Products Liability Litigation (no website)

MDL-1760 IN RE Aredia and Zometa Products Liability Litigation (no website)

Dechert

MDL-1842 IN RE Kugel Mesh Hernia Patch Products Liability Litigation

MDL-1871 IN RE: Avandia Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation

MDL- 1909 IN RE: Gadolinium Contrast Dyes Products Liability Litigation

MDL- 1928 IN RE: Trasylol Products Liability Litigation

MDL- 1943 IN RE: Levaquin Products Liability Litigation

MDL- 1953 IN RE: Heparin Products Liability Litigation

MDL- 1959 IN RE: Panacryl Sutures Products Liability Litigation (no website)

MDL- 1964 IN RE: NuvaRing Products Liability Litigation (no website)

MDL- 1968 IN RE: Digitek Products Liability Litigation

MDL- 2004 IN RE: Mentor Corp. ObTape Transobturator Sling Products Liability Litigation (no website)

Now, how about the new (?) ones. These aren't all the drug/device MDLs that have been created since 2008, but they are the ones that are still listed as active by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation:

MDL - 2023 IN RE: Bayer Corp. Combination Aspirin Products Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation (no website)

MDL - 2051 IN RE: Denture Cream Products Liability Litigation

MDL - 2066 IN RE: Oral Sodium Phosphate Solution-Based Products Liability Litigation

MDL - 2067 IN RE: Celexa and Lexapro Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation (no website)

MDL - 2087 IN RE: Hydroxycut Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation (no website)

MDL - 2092 IN RE: Chantix (Varenicline) Products Liability Litigation

MDL - 2100 IN RE: Yasmin and Yaz (Drospirenone) Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation

MDL - 2107 IN RE: Budeprion XL Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation (no website)

MDL - 2120 IN RE: Pamidronate Products Liability Litigation (no website)

MDL - 2158 IN RE: Zimmer Durom Hip Cup Products Liability Litigation (no website)

MDL - 2187 IN RE: Avaulta Pelvic Support Systems Products Liability Litigation

MDL - 2190 IN RE: McNeil Consumer Healthcare, et al., Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation (no website)

MDL - 2197 IN RE: DePuy Orthopaedics, Inc., ASR Hip Implant Products Liability Litigation

MDL - 2226 IN RE: Darvocet, Darvon and Propoxyphene Products Liability Litigation (no website)

MDL - 2243 IN RE: Fosamax (Alendronate Sodium) Products Liability Litigation (No. II) (no website)

MDL - 2244 IN RE: DePuy Orthopaedics, Inc., Pinnacle Hip Implant Products Liability Litigation (no website)

MDL - 2272 IN RE: Zimmer NexGen Knee Implant Products Liability Litigation (no website)

MDL - 2299 IN RE: Actos (Pioglitazone) Products Liability Litigation

MDL - 2325 IN RE: American Medical Systems, Inc., Pelvic Repair System Products Liability Litigation (no website)

MDL - 2326 IN RE: Boston Scientific Corp., Pelvic Repair System Products Liability Litigation (no website)

MDL - 2327 IN RE: Ethicon, Inc., Pelvic Repair System Products Liability Litigation (no website)

MDL - 2329 IN RE: Wright Medical Technology, Inc., Conserve Hip Implant Products Liability Litigation (no website)

There you have it. A list of what's what in drug and device MDLs. For the record – What is MDL 875--Asbestos Products Litigation? and Diet Drugs (according to JPML numbers).