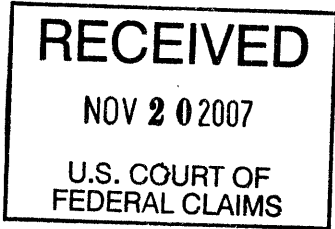


In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS
(Filed: November 20, 2007)



IN RE: CLAIMS FOR VACCINE INJURIES *
RESULTING IN AUTISM SPECTRUM *
DISORDER OR A SIMILAR *
NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER *

VARIOUS PETITIONERS, *

v. *

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND *
HUMAN SERVICES, *

Respondent. *

AUTISM MASTER FILE¹

ORDER MODIFYING SCHEDULE FOR PSC'S "SECOND THEORY" OF CAUSATION

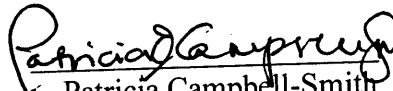
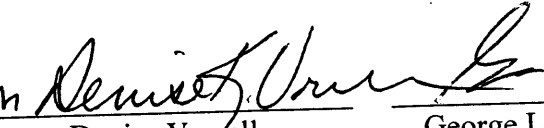
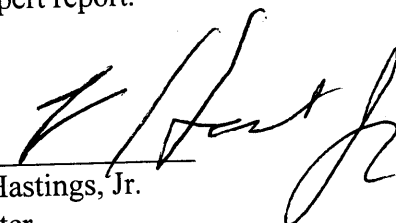
An impromptu unrecorded status conference in the Omnibus Autism Proceeding (OAP) was held on November 19, 2007. Participants were Thomas Powers for the Petitioners' Steering Committee (PSC), Traci Patton for the respondent, and Special Master Hastings.

At the conference, counsel jointly explained that a problem has arisen concerning one of the two cases which the PSC was to have designated on November 19 as a "test case." Specifically, a potential issue as to the timeliness of filing has arisen in that case, so that all agree that such case is now not a good selection as a causation test case. Counsel represented that they would attempt to

¹The Autism Master File constitutes the record of the Omnibus Autism Proceeding. The complete File is maintained by the Clerk of this court, and is available for inspection by the parties. An electronic version of the File is maintained on this court's website. This electronic version contains a complete list of all documents in the File, along with the full contents of most of those documents; the exception is that the content of some documents has been withheld from the website due to copyright considerations or due to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-12(d)(4)(A). To access this electronic version of the Autism Master File, visit this court's website at www.uscfc.uscourts.gov. Click on the "Vaccine Program" page, then on the "Autism Proceeding" page.

agree on a new date for the PSC to designate a replacement case and file an expert report in that case. They will report concerning that point at the next Autism status conference, which is scheduled for Monday, November 26, 2007.

In the meantime, we note that on November 19, 2007, the PSC did designate one "second theory" test case (*Mead v. HHS*, No. 03-215V), and did file an expert report concerning that case. The PSC is also scheduled to designate a second test case, and file an expert report in that case, on November 30, 2007. Thus, at the status conference on November 26, 2007, the parties will report concerning when we can expect to receive the PSC's *third* designation and expert report.

		
Patricia Campbell-Smith Special Master	Denise Vowell Special Master	George L. Hastings, Jr. Special Master