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**'26CV4314 JO VET**

9 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
10 **FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

11 IN RE: ANGIODYNAMICS, INC., AND  
12 NAVILYST MEDICAL, INC., PORT  
13 CATHETER PRODUCTS LIABILITY  
14 LITIGATION

15 MARK RICHARD STEVENS,

16 *Plaintiff,*

17 vs.

18 ANGIODYNAMICS, INC., AND  
19 NAVILYST MEDICAL, INC.,

20 *Defendants.*

21 Civil Action No.:

Case No. 3:24-md-03125-JO-VET  
MDL No. 3125

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**COMPLAINT AND  
JURY DEMAND**

1 Plaintiff, MARK RICHARD STEVENS, files this Complaint pursuant to Case  
2 Management Order (CMO) No. 1 (“Direct Filing Order”), and is bound by the rights,  
3 protections, privileges, and obligations of that CMO. In accordance with CMO No. 1,  
4 Plaintiff hereby designates the United States District Court for the Western District of  
5 Pennsylvania as Plaintiff’s designated venue (“Original Venue”), as this case may have  
6 originally been filed in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391.

7 COMES NOW the Plaintiff, MARK RICHARD STEVENS (hereinafter  
8 “Plaintiff”), by and through his undersigned counsel, and brings this Complaint against  
9 AngioDynamics, Inc, and Navilyst Medical, Inc. (collectively, the “Defendants”), and  
10 hereby alleges as follows:

11 1. This is an action for damages arising out of the failure relating to  
12 Defendants’ design, development, testing, assembling, manufacturing, packaging,  
13 promoting, marketing, distribution, supplying, and/or selling the defective implantable  
14 vascular access device sold under the trade name of SmartPort (hereinafter “SmartPort”,  
15 or “Defective Device”).

### 16 **PARTIES**

17 2. Plaintiff, MARK RICHARD STEVENS, is an adult citizen and resident of  
18 Indiana County, Pennsylvania, and claims damages as set forth below.

19 3. Defendant AngioDynamics, Inc. (“AngioDynamics”) is a Delaware  
20 corporation with its principal place of business located in Latham, New York.  
21 AngioDynamics conducts business throughout the United States, including the State of  
22 Pennsylvania. AngioDynamics is engaged in the business of researching, developing,  
23 designing, licensing, manufacturing, distributing, supplying, selling, marketing, and  
24 introducing into interstate commerce, either directly or indirectly through third parties or  
25 related entities, its medical devices, including the SmartPort.

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1           4. Defendant Navilyst Medical, Inc. (“Navilyst”) is a Delaware corporation  
2 with its principal place of business located in Marlborough, Massachusetts. Navilyst  
3 conducts business throughout the United States, including the State of Pennsylvania, and  
4 is a wholly owned subsidiary of AngioDynamics. Navilyst is engaged in the business of  
5 researching, developing, designing, licensing, manufacturing, distributing, supplying,  
6 selling, marketing, and introducing into interstate commerce, either directly or indirectly  
7 through third parties or related entities, its medical devices, including the SmartPort.

8                           **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

9           5. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the parties pursuant to 28  
10 U.S.C. §1332(a) because the parties are citizens of different states and the amount in  
11 controversy exceeds \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and cost.

12           6. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391 by virtue of the  
13 facts that (a) a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims occurred  
14 in the Original Venue and (b) Defendants’ products are produced, sold to and consumed  
15 by individuals in the State of Pennsylvania, thereby subjecting Defendants to personal  
16 jurisdiction in this action and making them all “residents” of this judicial District.

17           7. Defendants have and continue to conduct substantial business in the State of  
18 California and in the Original Venue, distribute vascular access products in the Original  
19 Venue, receive substantial compensation and profits from sales of vascular access  
20 products in the Original Venue, and made material omissions and misrepresentations and  
21 breaches of warranties in the Original Venue, subjecting them to *in personam* jurisdiction  
22 in the Original Venue.

23           8. Consistent with the Due Process Clause of the Fifth and Fourteenth  
24 Amendments, this Court has *in personam* jurisdiction over Defendants, because  
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1 Defendants are present in the State of Pennsylvania, such that requiring an appearance  
2 does not offend traditional notices of fair and substantial justice.<sup>1</sup>

3 **PRODUCT BACKGROUND**

4 9. In or about 2003, a company called Horizon Medical Products (“Horizon”)  
5 obtained clearance via the 510(k) Premarket Notification Program from the Food and  
6 Drug Administration to market and sell a product called the Triumph VTX Port with  
7 LiveValve Catheter under the 510(k) number K032557.

8 10. Shortly after the clearance of the Triumph port, Horizon merged with Rita  
9 Medical Systems, which was in the process of being acquired by AngioDynamics.

10 11. In or about 2007, Rita Medical Systems, Inc. received clearance via the  
11 510(k) Premarket Notification Program from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)  
12 to market and sell a product called Vortex® CT Port Access System.

13 12. Around the same time, AngioDynamics completed the acquisition of the  
14 assets and liabilities of Rita Medical Systems, Inc. and rebranded the subject product as  
15 SmartPort CT.

16 13. The SmartPort port system bears a design and specifications that differ  
17 significantly from the Triumph port (including but not limited to the catheter design and  
18 connection hub), but Defendants represented to regulatory authorities that the SmartPort  
19 port was substantially similar to Triumph port cleared under the K032557 submission.

20 14. Because the SmartPort port system’s design and specifications differ  
21 significantly from the Triumph port, which was not communicated to the FDA in the  
22 510(k) submission, the SmartPort is per se misbranded pursuant to the Food, Drug, and  
23 Cosmetic Act.

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26 <sup>1</sup> See 42 Pa.C.S. § 5322 (2024) (Pennsylvania’s “Long Arm Statute”).  
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1           15. The SmartPort is not substantially equivalent to the Triumph, and substantial  
2 equivalence is a fundamental requirement of the FDA's 510(k) clearance process.

3           16. Defendant's Vascular Access Devices were designed, patented,  
4 manufactured, labeled, marketed, sold, and distributed by Defendants at all relevant times  
5 herein.

6           17. The SmartPort is one of several varieties of port/catheter systems that has  
7 been designed, manufactured, marketed, and sold by Defendants.

8           18. According to Defendants, the SmartPort is totally implantable vascular  
9 access device designed to provide repeated access to the vascular system for the delivery  
10 of medication, intravenous fluids, parenteral nutrition solutions, and blood products.

11           19. The intended purpose of the SmartPort is to make it easier to deliver  
12 medications directly into the patient's blood stream. The device is surgically placed  
13 completely under the skin and left implanted.

14           20. The SmartPort is a system consisting of two primary components: an  
15 injection port and a polyurethane or silicone catheter which includes additives intended  
16 to make it radiopaque.

17           21. The SmartPort has many variations, some of which include polyurethane  
18 catheters and some of which include silicone catheters.

19           22. The injection port has a raised center, or "septum," where the needle is  
20 inserted for delivery of the medication. The medication is carried from the port into the  
21 bloodstream through a small, flexible tube, called a catheter, that is inserted into a blood  
22 vessel.

23           23. The SmartPort is indicated for patient therapies requiring repeated access to  
24 the vascular system. The port system can be used for infusion of medications, I.V. fluids,  
25 parenteral nutrition solutions, blood products, and for the withdrawal of blood samples.  
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1           24. The product's catheter is comprised of a polymeric mixture of polyurethane  
2 or silicone and a barium sulfate radiopacity agent.

3           25. Barium sulfate is known to contribute to reduction of the mechanical  
4 integrity of polyurethane and silicone *in vivo* as the particles of barium sulfate dissociate  
5 from the surface of the catheter over time, leaving microfractures and other alterations of  
6 the polymeric structure and degrading the mechanical properties of the polyurethane.

7           26. Researchers have shown that catheter surface degradation in products  
8 featuring a radiopaque barium sulfate stripe is concentrated at the locus of the stripe.<sup>2</sup>

9           27. The mechanical integrity of barium sulfate-impregnated polyurethane or  
10 silicone is affected by the concentration of barium sulfate as well as the heterogeneity of  
11 the modified polymer.

12           28. Upon information and belief, Defendants' manufacturing process in  
13 designing and constructing the catheter implanted in Plaintiff involved too high a  
14 concentration of barium sulfate particles for the polymer formulation, leading to  
15 improperly high viscosity of the admixed polyurethane or silicone before polymerization  
16 and causing improper mixing of barium sulfate particles within the polymer matrix.

17           29. This defect in the manufacturing process led to a heterogeneous modified  
18 polymer which led to an irregular catheter surface replete with fissure, pits and cracks.

19           30. The roughened catheter surface leads to the collection and proliferation of  
20 fibrinous blood products, thereby drastically increasing the risk of biofilm, infection, and  
21 sepsis.

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25 <sup>2</sup> See Hecker JF, Scandrett LA. Roughness and thrombogenicity of the outer surfaces of  
26 intravascular catheters. *J Biomed Mater Res.* 1985;19(4):381-395.  
27 doi:10.1002/jbm.820190404  
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1           31. Although the surface degradation and resultant mechanical failure can be  
2 reduced or avoided with design modifications (*e.g.*, using a higher grade radiopacity  
3 compound and/or encapsulating the admixed polymer within polyurethane), Defendants  
4 elected not to incorporate those design elements into the SmartPort.

5           32. At all times relevant, Defendants misrepresented the safety of the SmartPort  
6 system, and negligently designed, manufactured, prepared, compounded, assembled,  
7 processed, labeled, marketed, distributed, and sold the SmartPort system as safe and  
8 effective device to be surgically implanted to provide repeated access to the vascular  
9 system for the delivery of medications, intravenous fluids, parenteral nutrition solutions,  
10 and blood products.

11           33. At all times relevant to this action, Defendants knew and had reason to know,  
12 that the SmartPort was not safe for the patients for whom they were prescribed and  
13 implanted, because once implanted the device was prone to infection, thrombosis,  
14 fracturing, migrating, perforating internal vasculature and otherwise malfunctioning.

15           34. At all times relevant to this action, Defendants knew and had reason to know  
16 that patients implanted with a SmartPort port had an increased risk of suffering life  
17 threatening injuries, including but not limited to: death; hemorrhage; cardiac/pericardial  
18 tamponade (pressure caused by a collection of blood in the area around the heart);  
19 infection; cardiac arrhythmia and other symptoms similar to myocardial infarction;  
20 severe and persistent pain; and perforations of tissue, vessels and organs, or the need for  
21 additional surgeries to remove the defective device.

22           35. Soon after the SmartPort was introduced to market, which was years before  
23 Plaintiff was implanted with his device, Defendants began receiving large numbers of  
24 adverse event reports (“AERs”) from health care providers reporting that the SmartPort  
25 was fracturing post-implantation and that fractured pieces were migrating throughout the  
26 human body, including to the heart and lungs. Defendants also received large numbers of  
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1 AERs reporting that the SmartPort was found to have perforated internal vasculature.  
2 These failures were often associated with reports of severe patient injuries such as:

- 3 a. hemorrhage;
- 4 b. infection/ sepsis;
- 5 c. cardiac/pericardial tamponade;
- 6 d. cardiac arrhythmia and other symptoms similar to myocardial infarction;
- 7 e. severe and persistent pain;
- 8 f. perforations of tissue, vessels, and organs; and
- 9 g. upon information and belief, even death.

10 36. In addition to the large number of AERs which were known to Defendants  
11 and reflected in publicly accessible databases, there are many recorded device failures  
12 and/or injuries related to the Defendants' implantable port products which were  
13 concealed from medical professionals and patients through submission to the FDA's  
14 controversial Alternative Summary Reporting ("ASR") program.

15 37. The FDA halted the ASR program after its existence was exposed by a multi-  
16 part investigative piece, prompting a widespread outcry from medical professionals and  
17 patient advocacy groups.<sup>3</sup>

18 38. Prior to the discontinuation of the ASR program, Defendants reported  
19 numerous episodes of failures of their implanted port/catheter products – including  
20 numerous episodes of thrombosis and blood clots – under the ASR exemption, thereby  
21 concealing them from physicians and patients.

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25 <sup>3</sup> Christina Jewett, *Hidden Harm: Hidden FDA Reports Detail Harm Caused by Scores of*  
26 *Medical Devices*, Kaiser Health News (Mar. 2019).

1           39. Defendants were aware or should have been aware that the SmartPort had a  
2 substantially higher failure rate than other similar products on the market, yet Defendants  
3 failed to warn consumers of this fact.

4           40. Defendants also intentionally concealed the severity of complications  
5 caused by the SmartPort and the likelihood of these events occurring.

6           41. Rather than alter the design of the SmartPort to make it safer or adequately  
7 warn physicians of the dangers associated with the SmartPort, Defendants continued to  
8 actively and aggressively market the SmartPort as safe, despite their knowledge of  
9 numerous reports of infection, fracture, thrombosis, and associated injuries.

10          42. Moreover, Defendants concealed—and continue to conceal—their  
11 knowledge of the SmartPort’s dangerous propensity to precipitate thrombosis and blood  
12 clots. Defendants further concealed their knowledge that the catheter design caused these  
13 failures and that these failures cause serious injuries.

14          43. The conduct of Defendants, as alleged in this Complaint, constitutes willful,  
15 wanton, gross, and outrageous corporate conduct that demonstrates a conscious disregard  
16 for the safety of Plaintiff. Defendants had actual knowledge of the dangers presented by  
17 the SmartPort, yet consciously failed to act reasonably to:

- 18           a. Adequately inform or warn Plaintiff, his prescribing physicians, or the  
19 public at large of these dangers;  
20           b. Establish and maintain an adequate quality and post-market surveillance  
21 system; or  
22           c. Recall the SmartPort System from the market.

23           **SPECIFIC FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS AS TO PLAINTIFF**

24          44. On or about June 7, 2021, Plaintiff underwent placement of an  
25 AngioDynamics SmartPort Port Catheter product, with model number  
26 H787CT80STPDVI1 and lot number 5673775. This SmartPort device consisted of a port  
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1 body and polyurethane catheter and was implanted through the left internal jugular vein  
2 for the administration of chemotherapy treatment related to lymphoma.

3 45. Defendants, directly or through their agents, apparent agents, servants, or  
4 employees designed, manufactured, marketed, advertised, distributed, and sold the  
5 SmartPort that was implanted in Plaintiff.

6 46. Defendants manufactured, sold, and/or distributed the SmartPort to Plaintiff,  
7 through Plaintiff's doctors, to be used for vein access.

8 47. On or about June 21, 2021, Plaintiff presented to Indiana Regional Medical  
9 Center in Indiana, Pennsylvania, with complaints of pain around his SmartPort site  
10 radiating into his neck and symptoms consistent with infection. During hospitalization,  
11 wound cultures obtained from the port site grew Pseudomonas, and Plaintiff was  
12 diagnosed with cellulitis, severe neutropenia, and sepsis.

13 48. On or about June 23, 2021, Plaintiff underwent removal of the infected  
14 SmartPort. The procedure was performed by Muralidhar R. Guddeti, M. D. at Indiana  
15 Regional Medical Center in Indiana, Pennsylvania. During the procedure, the entire  
16 SmartPort and catheter were removed due to infection, cellulitis, sepsis, and positive  
17 Pseudomonas wound cultures.

18 49. At all times, the SmartPort was utilized and implanted in a manner  
19 foreseeable to Defendants, as Defendants generated the instructions for use and created  
20 procedures for implanting the product.

21 50. The SmartPort implanted into Plaintiff was in the same or substantially  
22 similar condition as when it left the possession of Defendants, and in the condition  
23 directed by and expected by Defendants.

24 51. Plaintiff and Plaintiff's physicians foreseeably used and implanted the  
25 SmartPort, and did not misuse, or alter the SmartPort in an unforeseeable manner.  
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1           52. Defendants advertised, promoted, marketed, sold, and distributed the  
2 SmartPort as a safe medical device when Defendants knew or should have known the  
3 SmartPort was not safe for its intended purposes and that the product could cause serious  
4 medical problems.

5           53. Defendants had sole access to material facts concerning the defective nature  
6 of the products and their propensity to cause serious and dangerous side effects.

7           54. In reliance on Defendants' representations, Plaintiff's doctor was induced  
8 to, and did use, the SmartPort.

9           55. As a result of having the SmartPort implanted, Plaintiff sustained significant  
10 mental and physical pain and suffering, suffered permanent injury, permanent and  
11 substantial physical deformity, underwent corrective surgery or surgeries, and suffered  
12 financial or economic loss, including, but not limited to, obligations for medical services  
13 and expenses.

14           56. Defendants' SmartPort was marketed to the medical community and to  
15 patients as safe, effective, reliable, medical devices; implanted by safe and effective,  
16 minimally invasive surgical techniques for the treatment of medical conditions, and as  
17 safer and more effective as compared to the traditional products and procedures for  
18 treatment, and other competing Vascular Access Devices.

19           57. Defendants have marketed and sold the SmartPort to the medical community  
20 at large and patients through carefully planned, multifaceted marketing campaigns and  
21 strategies. These campaigns and strategies include, but are not limited to, direct to  
22 consumer advertising, aggressive marketing to health care providers at medical  
23 conferences, hospitals, private offices, and/or group purchasing organizations, and  
24 include a provision of valuable consideration and benefits to the aforementioned.

25           58. The injuries, conditions, and complications suffered due to Defendants'  
26 SmartPort include but are not limited to hemorrhage; cardiac/pericardial tamponade;  
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1 cardiac arrhythmia and other symptoms similar to myocardial infarction; severe and  
2 persistent pain; perforations of tissue, vessels and organs; and even death.

3 59. Defendants were negligent toward Plaintiff in the following respects:

4 a. Defendant failed to design and establish a safe, effective procedure for  
5 removal of the SmartPort; therefore, in the event of a failure, injury, or  
6 complications, it is difficult to safely remove the SmartPort.

7 b. Defendants provided incomplete, insufficient, and misleading information  
8 to physicians in order to increase the number of physicians using the  
9 SmartPort for the purpose of increasing their sales. By so doing, Defendants  
10 caused the dissemination of inadequate and misleading information to  
11 patients, including the Plaintiff.

12 60. The SmartPort was utilized and implanted in a manner foreseeable to  
13 Defendants.

14 61. The SmartPort implanted into Plaintiff was in the same or substantially  
15 similar condition as when it left the possession of the Defendants, and in the condition  
16 directed by the Defendants.

17 62. At the time of his implant procedure, Plaintiff was not informed of, and had  
18 no knowledge of the complaints, known complications, and risks associated with  
19 SmartPort.

20 63. Plaintiff was never informed by Defendants of the defective and dangerous  
21 nature of the SmartPort.

22 64. At the time of Plaintiff's implant procedure, neither Plaintiff nor Plaintiff's  
23 physicians were aware of the defective and dangerous condition of the SmartPort.

24 65. At the time of the injuries referenced herein, Plaintiff did not know that the  
25 corrective surgery Plaintiff underwent was due to a defect in the SmartPort.  
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1           66. As a direct and proximate result of the defective SmartPort and the wrongful  
2 acts and omissions of the Defendants as alleged herein, Plaintiff was injured due to the  
3 use of the SmartPort, which caused Plaintiff various physical, mental, and emotional  
4 injuries and damages.

5                           **DISCOVERY RULE AND TOLLING**

6           67. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs of this  
7 Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

8           68. Plaintiff's action has been filed within the applicable statute of limitations  
9 period allowable pursuant to Pennsylvania law.

10          69. In Pennsylvania, a person must bring suit for personal injury within two  
11 years after the cause of action accrues, unless the running of the statute of limitations is  
12 tolled by operation of the discovery rule or other applicable law.

13          70. Pennsylvania recognizes the discovery rule, which tolls the running of the  
14 statute of limitations where the injured party, despite the exercise of reasonable diligence,  
15 is unable to know of the injury or its cause. Under the discovery rule, a cause of action  
16 does not accrue until the plaintiff knew, or reasonably should have known, of the injury  
17 and that it may have been caused by another party's conduct.

18          71. Plaintiff first learned of his potential cause of action in approximately late  
19 2025, when he viewed advertisements concerning recently discovered risks associated  
20 with SmartPort and similar port catheter devices. Prior to that time, Plaintiff had no  
21 reason to suspect that his injuries, infection, sepsis and subsequent removal of the  
22 SmartPort may have been caused by a defect in the device. Accordingly, Plaintiff's cause  
23 of action accrued upon discovery pursuant to Pennsylvania's discovery rule.

24          72. Plaintiff's Injuries, including port infection, cellulites, sepsis, and the  
25 subsequent removal of his SmartPort device, were objectively verifiable. However, the  
26 nature and cause of those injuries did not become apparent until Plaintiff learned that the  
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SmartPort may have been defective and that defects associated with the device could have caused or contributed to the injuries he suffered.

73. Despite seeking medical treatment for his SmartPort-related complications, including infection, cellulitis, sepsis, and eventual removal of the device, Plaintiff was never informed that the SmartPort may have been defective. Plaintiff's healthcare provider did not advise him that SmartPort was faulty or that his injuries could have been definitively caused by a defect in the device. Rather, Plaintiff understood his complication related to his medical condition and or treatment. It was not until Plaintiff later learned through advertisements that the SmartPort may have be defective.

74. After learning of the potential connection between his SmartPort-related injuries and defects allegedly associated with SmartPort devices through advertisements in late 2025, Plaintiff acted diligently in investigating his claims. Plaintiff thereafter retained legal counsel, and subsequently filed this complaint.

#### **FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT**

75. The expiration of Pennsylvania's two-year statute of limitations has been equitably tolled by reason of Defendants' fraudulent concealment, and fraudulent conduct.

76. In Pennsylvania, a defendant's fraudulent concealment of wrongdoing may toll the statue of limitations after the cause of action accrues.

77. To establish fraudulent concealment under Pennsylvania law, a plaintiff must demonstrate that the defendant, through fraud, concealment, or misleading conduct, caused the plaintiff to relax his vigilance or deviate from his right of inquiry, thereby preventing the timely discovery of the facts giving rise to the cause of action.

78. The statute of limitations is tolled until "the fraud is discovered or could have been discovered with reasonable diligence."

1           79. Through affirmative misrepresentations and omissions, Defendants actively  
2 concealed from Plaintiff the true risks associated with the implantation and use of  
3 Defendants' SmartPort product.

4           80. Here, Defendants knew that the SmartPort was defective, as evidenced by  
5 numerous documented adverse events associated with the product. Such adverse event  
6 information was concealed from Plaintiff to his detriment.

7           81. Defendants were aware that patients, like Plaintiffs, were being "wronged"  
8 in that they did not receive full and accurate safety information about the SmartPort  
9 before agreeing to have the product implanted. Such information was also concealed from  
10 Plaintiff's doctors.

11           82. Defendants are estopped from relying on the statute of limitations defense  
12 because Defendants actively concealed the defects, suppressed reports, failed and/or  
13 continue to fail, to follow through on regulatory requirements, and failed and/or continue  
14 to fail to disclose known defects to physicians. Instead of revealing the defects,  
15 Defendants continued to represent that the SmartPort is safe for its intended use.

16           83. Defendants are and were under a continuing duty to disclose the true  
17 character, quality, and nature of risks and dangers associated with the SmartPort. Due to  
18 Defendants' concealment of the true character, quality, and nature of the SmartPort,  
19 Defendants are estopped from relying on any statute of limitations defense.

20           84. Defendants furthered this fraudulent concealment through a continued and  
21 systematic failure to disclose information to Plaintiff, Plaintiff's healthcare Providers,  
22 and the public.

23           85. Defendants' acts before, during and/or after the act causing Plaintiff's injury  
24 prevented Plaintiff from discovering the injury or the cause of the injury.  
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1 86. Defendants' conduct, as described in this Complaint, amounts to conduct  
2 purposely committed, which Defendants must have realized was dangerous, heedless,  
3 reckless, and without regard to the consequences or Plaintiff's rights and safety.

4 87. Defendants' conduct, as described in this Complaint, also amounts to a  
5 continuing tort, and continues up through and including the date of the filing of Plaintiff's  
6 Complaint.

7 88. As a result of Defendants' actions, Plaintiff could not reasonably have  
8 known or learned through reasonable diligence that he had been exposed to the risks  
9 alleged herein associated with Defendants' SmartPort product, and that those risks were  
10 the direct and proximate result of Defendants' acts and omissions.

11 89. Upon learning of Defendants' fraud – as exposed in the social media  
12 advertisement about defect port catheter devices, including the SmartPort, Plaintiff  
13 promptly sought legal counsel after his discovery of his potential cause of action.

14 90. Pursuant to Pennsylvania law with application of the discovery rule, as  
15 invoked by Defendants' fraudulent concealment, Plaintiff has timely filed his complaint  
16 within two years of discovering his cause of action, which is the same date he discovered  
17 the fraud which deterred Plaintiff from bringing the action sooner.

18 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**  
19 **NEGLIGENCE**

20 91. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs of this  
21 Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

22 92. The Defendants owed Plaintiff a duty to exercise reasonable care when  
23 designing, manufacturing, marketing, advertising, distributing, selling, and conducting  
24 post-market surveillance of the SmartPort.

25 93. The Defendants failed to exercise due care under the circumstances and  
26 therefore breached this duty by:  
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- a. Failing to properly and thoroughly test the SmartPort before releasing the device to market, and/or failing to implement feasible safety improvements;
- b. Failing to properly and thoroughly analyze the data resulting from any pre-market testing of the SmartPort;
- c. Failing to conduct sufficient post-market testing and surveillance of the SmartPort;
- d. Designing, manufacturing, marketing, advertising, distributing, and selling the SmartPort to consumers, including Plaintiff, without an adequate warning of the significant and dangerous risks of the SmartPort and without proper instructions to avoid the harm which could foreseeably occur as a result of using the SmartPort;
- e. Failing to exercise due care when advertising and promoting the SmartPort; and
- f. Negligently continuing to manufacture, market, advertise, and distribute the SmartPort after Defendants knew or should have known of its adverse effects.

94. In performing the foregoing acts, omissions, and misrepresentations, Defendants acted grossly negligent, fraudulently, and with malice so as to justify an award of punitive and/or exemplary damages.

95. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned, Plaintiff was injured due to the use of the SmartPort, which caused Plaintiff various physical, mental, and emotional injuries and damages. Accordingly, Plaintiff seeks compensatory damages.

**SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**  
**STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY – FAILURE TO WARN**

96. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

1           97. Defendants designed, set specifications, manufactured, prepared,  
2 compounded, assembled, processed, marketed, labeled, distributed, and sold the  
3 SmartPort, including the one implanted into Plaintiff, into the stream of commerce and  
4 in the course of same, directly advertised and marketed the device to consumers or  
5 persons responsible for consumers, and therefore had a duty to warn of the risk of harm  
6 associated with the use of the device and to provide adequate instructions on the safe and  
7 proper use of the device.

8           98. At the time Defendants designed, manufactured, prepared, compounded,  
9 assembled, processed, marketed, labeled, distributed, and sold the device into the stream  
10 of commerce, the device was defective and presented a substantial danger to users of the  
11 product when put to its intended and reasonably anticipated use, namely as an implanted  
12 port/catheter system to administer the medications. Defendants failed to adequately warn  
13 of the device's known or reasonably scientifically knowable dangerous propensities, and  
14 further failed to adequately provide instructions on the safe and proper use of the device.

15           99. Defendants knew or should have known at the time they manufactured,  
16 labeled, distributed and sold the SmartPort that was implanted into Plaintiff that the  
17 SmartPort posed a significant and higher risk than other similar devices of device failure  
18 and resulting serious injuries.

19           100. Defendants failed to timely and reasonably warn of material facts regarding  
20 the safety and efficacy of the SmartPort; no reasonable health care provider, including  
21 Plaintiff's, or patient would have used the device in the manner directed, had those facts  
22 been made known to the prescribing healthcare providers or the consumers of the device.

23           101. The warnings, labels, and instructions provided by the Defendants at all  
24 times relevant to this action, are and were inaccurate, intentionally misleading, and  
25 misinformed and misrepresented the risks and benefits and lack of safety and efficacy  
26 associated with the device.

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1           102. The health risks associated with the device as described herein are of such a  
2 nature that ordinary consumers would not have readily recognized the potential harm.

3           103. The device, which was designed, manufactured, prepared, compounded,  
4 assembled, processed, marketed, labeled, distributed, and sold into the stream of  
5 commerce by Defendants, was defective at the time of release into the stream of  
6 commerce due to inadequate warnings, labeling and/or instructions accompanying the  
7 product.

8           104. When Plaintiff was implanted with the device, Defendants failed to provide  
9 adequate warnings, instructions, or labels regarding the severity and extent of health risks  
10 posed by the device, as discussed herein.

11           105. Defendants intentionally underreported the number and nature of adverse  
12 events associated with the device to Plaintiff's health care providers, as well as the FDA.

13           106. Neither Plaintiff nor his healthcare providers knew of the substantial danger  
14 associated with the intended and foreseeable use of the device as described herein.

15           107. Plaintiff and his healthcare providers used the SmartPort in a normal,  
16 customary, intended, and foreseeable manner, namely as a surgically placed device used  
17 to make it easier to deliver intravenous fluids and/or medications directly into the  
18 patient's bloodstream.

19           108. Upon information and belief, the defective and dangerous condition of the  
20 SmartPort, including the one implanted into Plaintiff, existed at the time they were  
21 manufactured, prepared, compounded, assembled, processed, marketed, labeled,  
22 distributed, and sold by Defendants to distributors and/or healthcare professionals or  
23 organizations.

24           109. Upon information and belief, the SmartPort implanted in Plaintiff was in the  
25 same condition as when it was manufactured, inspected, marketed, labeled, promoted,  
26 distributed and sold by Defendants.

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1 110. Defendants' lack of sufficient warning and/or instructions was the direct and  
2 proximate cause of Plaintiff's serious physical injuries, and economic damages in an  
3 amount to be determined at trial. In other words, had Defendants provided adequate  
4 warnings, Plaintiff and his physicians would not have used the SmartPort.

5 111. In performing the foregoing acts, omissions, and misrepresentations,  
6 Defendants acted grossly negligent, fraudulently, and with malice so as to justify an  
7 award of punitive and/or exemplary damages.

8 112. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned, Plaintiff was injured  
9 due to the use of the SmartPort, which caused Plaintiff various physical, mental, and  
10 emotional injuries and damages. Accordingly, Plaintiff seeks compensatory damages.

11 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**  
12 **STRICT LIABILITY – DESIGN DEFECT**

13 113. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs of this  
14 Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

15 114. Defendants supplied, manufactured, sold, distributed and/or otherwise  
16 placed into the stream of commerce the SmartPort implanted into Plaintiff.

17 115. The SmartPort implanted in Plaintiff was not reasonably safe for its intended  
18 use and was defective with respect to its design.

19 116. The SmartPort was in a defective condition at the time that it left the  
20 possession or control of Defendants, it was not safe for its anticipated use and safer, more  
21 reasonable alternative designs existed that could have been utilized by Defendant.

22 117. The SmartPort was unreasonably dangerous to the user or consumer, taking  
23 into consideration the utility of said product and the risks involved in its use. The  
24 foreseeable risks associated with the design of the product exceeded any benefits  
25 associated with the design and were more dangerous than a reasonably prudent consumer  
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1 such as Plaintiff and/or his physicians would expect when the product was used for its  
2 normal and intended purpose.

3 118. The SmartPort was expected to and did reach the consumer without  
4 substantial change in its condition in which it was supplied, distributed, sold and/or  
5 otherwise placed into the stream of commerce.

6 119. A reasonably prudent medical device manufacturer would have recognized  
7 the defective design of the SmartPort and would not have placed the SmartPort into the  
8 stream of commerce.

9 120. The design defects in the SmartPort were not known, knowable and/or  
10 reasonably apparent to Plaintiff and/or his physician or discoverable upon any reasonable  
11 examination.

12 121. The SmartPort was used and implanted in the manner in which it was  
13 intended to be used and implanted by Defendants pursuant to the instructions for use and  
14 the product specifications provided by Defendants.

15 122. Defendants are strictly liable to the Plaintiff for designing, manufacturing,  
16 marketing, labeling, packaging and selling a defective product.

17 123. Additionally, at the time the SmartPort left Defendants' control, a practical  
18 and technically feasible alternative design was available that would have prevented the  
19 harm suffered by Plaintiff.

20 124. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned, Plaintiff was injured  
21 due to the use of the SmartPort, which caused Plaintiff various physical, mental, and  
22 emotional injuries and damages. Accordingly, Plaintiff seeks compensatory damages.

23 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**  
24 **BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTY**

25 125. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs of this  
26 Complaint as if fully set forth herein.  
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1           126. Defendants impliedly warranted that the SmartPort was merchantable and  
2 fit for the ordinary purposes for which it was intended.

3           127. When the SmartPort was implanted in Plaintiff, it was being used for the  
4 ordinary purposes for which it was intended.

5           128. Plaintiff, individually and/or by and through Plaintiff's physician, relied  
6 upon Defendants' implied warranties of merchantability in consenting to have the  
7 SmartPort implanted in his.

8           129. Privity exists between Plaintiff because Plaintiff's physicians acted as  
9 Plaintiff's purchasing agents in the subject transaction and/or because Plaintiff was a  
10 third-party beneficiary of the subject contract.

11           130. Plaintiff was the intended consumer of the device when Defendant made the  
12 warranties set forth herein, and such warranties were made to benefit Plaintiff as a patient  
13 and consumer.

14           131. Defendants breached these implied warranties of merchantability because  
15 the SmartPort implanted in Plaintiff was neither merchantable nor suited for its intended  
16 uses as warranted in that the device varied from its intended specifications, which  
17 included, but are not limited to, variances in the following respects:

- 18           a. Defendants' manufacturing process in constructing the catheter of the  
19 SmartPort implanted in Plaintiff involved too high of a concentration of  
20 barium sulfate particles for the polymer formulation, which led to  
21 improperly high viscosity of the admixed polyurethane before  
22 polymerization and causing improper mixing of barium sulfate particles  
23 within the polymer matrix;
- 24           b. Defendants knew or should have known barium sulfate is known to  
25 contribute to a reduction in the mechanical integrity of the polyurethane in  
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1 its product, the SmartPort, as the barium sulfate particles dissociate from  
2 the surface of the catheter over time; and

3 c. These defects led to a heterogenous modified polymer that included  
4 microfractures and weakened areas at the location of the higher barium  
5 sulfate concentration that ultimately led to the collection and proliferation  
6 of blood products, thereby drastically increasing the risk of biofilm,  
7 infection, and sepsis.

8 132. Defendants' breaches of their implied warranties resulted in the implantation  
9 of unreasonably dangerous and defective product, the SmartPort, into Plaintiff's body,  
10 placing said Plaintiff's health and safety in jeopardy.

11 133. The SmartPort was sold to Plaintiff's health care providers for implantation  
12 in patients, such as Plaintiff.

13 134. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned, Plaintiff was injured  
14 due to the use of the SmartPort, which caused Plaintiff various physical, mental, and  
15 emotional injuries and damages. Accordingly, Plaintiff seeks compensatory damages.

16 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**  
17 **BREACH OF EXPRESS WARRANTY**

18 135. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs of this  
19 Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

20 136. Defendants through their officers, directors, agents, representatives, and  
21 written literature and packaging, and written and media advertisement, expressly  
22 warranted that the SmartPort was safe and fit for use by consumers, was of merchantable  
23 quality, did not produce dangerous side effects, and was adequately tested and fit for its  
24 intended use.

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1           137. Defendants further breached express representations and warranties made to  
2 Plaintiff, his physicians and healthcare providers with respect to the SmartPort implanted  
3 in Plaintiff in the following respects:

- 4           a. Defendants represented to Plaintiff and his physicians and healthcare  
5 providers through labeling, advertising, marketing materials, detail  
6 persons, seminar presentations, publications, notice letters, and regulatory  
7 submissions among other ways that the Defendants' SmartPort was safe,  
8 meanwhile Defendant fraudulently withheld and concealed information  
9 about the substantial risks of serious injury associated with using the  
10 SmartPort;
- 11           b. Defendant represented to Plaintiff and his physicians and healthcare  
12 providers that the Defendants' SmartPort was as safe and/or safer than  
13 other alternative procedures and devices then on the market, meanwhile  
14 Defendant fraudulently concealed information that demonstrated that  
15 SmartPort was not safer than alternative therapies and products available  
16 on the market; and
- 17           c. Defendant represented to Plaintiff and his physicians and healthcare  
18 providers that the Defendants' SmartPort was more efficacious than other  
19 alternative procedures, therapies and/or devices. Meanwhile Defendant  
20 fraudulently concealed information, regarding the true efficacy of  
21 SmartPort.

22           138. At all relevant times, the SmartPort did not perform as safely as an ordinary  
23 consumer would expect, when used as intended or in a reasonably foreseeable manner.

24           139. Plaintiff, Plaintiff's physicians, and the medical community reasonably  
25 relied upon the Defendants' express warranties for the SmartPort.

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1 140. Privity exists between Plaintiff because Plaintiff's physicians acted as  
2 Plaintiff's purchasing agents in the subject transaction and/or because Plaintiff was a  
3 third-party beneficiary of the subject contract.

4 141. Plaintiff was the intended consumer of the SmartPort when Defendant made  
5 the warranties set forth herein, and such warranties were made to benefit Plaintiff as a  
6 patient and consumer.

7 142. At all relevant times, the SmartPort was used on Plaintiff by Plaintiff's  
8 physicians for the purpose and in the manner intended by Defendants.

9 143. Plaintiff and Plaintiff's physicians, by the use of reasonable care, could not  
10 have discovered the breached warranty and realized its danger.

11 144. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned, Plaintiff was injured  
12 due to the use of the SmartPort, which caused Plaintiff various physical, mental, and  
13 emotional injuries and damages. Accordingly, Plaintiff seeks compensatory damages.

14 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**  
15 **FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT**

16 145. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs of this  
17 Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

18 146. Defendants made false statements and representations to Plaintiff and his  
19 healthcare providers concerning the SmartPort product implanted in Plaintiff.

20 147. Defendants fraudulently concealed information with respect to the  
21 SmartPort in the following particulars:

- 22 a. Defendants represented through the labeling, advertising, marketing  
23 materials, seminar presentations, publications, notice letters, and regulatory  
24 submissions that the SmartPort was safe and fraudulently withheld and  
25 concealed information about the substantial risks of using the SmartPort;  
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1 b. Defendants represented that the SmartPort was safer than other alternative  
2 systems and fraudulently concealed information which demonstrated that  
3 the SmartPort was not safer than alternatives available on the market;

4 c. Defendants concealed that it knew these devices were fracturing and  
5 migrating from causes other than the manner in which the implanting  
6 physician implanted the device; and

7 d. That frequency of these failures and the severity of injuries were  
8 substantially worse than had been reported.

9 148. Defendants had knowledge that the representations they made concerning  
10 the SmartPort, as stated above, were false.

11 149. The concealment of information by the Defendants about the risks of the  
12 SmartPort was intentional.

13 150. The Defendants had sole access to material facts concerning the dangers and  
14 unreasonable risks of the SmartPort.

15 151. The concealment of information and the misrepresentations about the  
16 SmartPort was made by the Defendants with the intent that Plaintiff's health care  
17 providers and Plaintiff rely upon them.

18 152. Plaintiff and his physicians relied upon the representations and were  
19 unaware of the substantial risks of the SmartPort which the Defendants concealed from  
20 the public, including Plaintiff and Plaintiff's physicians.

21 153. Defendants acted with oppression, fraud, and malice towards Plaintiff, who  
22 accordingly requests that the trier of fact, in the exercise of its sound discretion, award  
23 additional damages for the sake of example and for the purpose of punishing Defendants  
24 for their conduct, in an amount sufficiently large to be an example to others, and to deter  
25 this Defendants and others from engaging in similar conduct in the future.

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1           154. Had Defendants not concealed this information, neither Plaintiff nor  
2 Plaintiff's health care providers would have consented to using the device in Plaintiff.

3           155. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned, Plaintiff was injured  
4 due to the use of the SmartPort, which caused Plaintiff various physical, mental, and  
5 emotional injuries and damages. Accordingly, Plaintiff seeks compensatory damages.

6                                   **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**  
7                   **VIOLATION OF PENNSYLVANIA DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES ACT**

8           156. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs of this  
9 Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

10           157. The acts and practices engaged in by Defendants constitute unlawful, unfair,  
11 deceptive, and/or fraudulent business or trade practices in violation of Pennsylvania  
12 Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, 73 P.S. § 201-1, et seq. (the  
13 "UTPCPL")

14           158. This included, but was not limited to, representing that the SmartPort had  
15 characteristics or benefits it did not have and/or misrepresenting that the SmartPort was  
16 of a particular standard, namely, that it was reasonably safe for use when it was not.

17           159. Defendants engaged in in unlawful practices, including deception, false  
18 promises, misrepresentation, and/or concealment, suppression, or omission of material  
19 facts in connection with the sale, distribution, and/or advertisement of the SmartPort in  
20 violation of the UTPCPL.

21           160. Plaintiff purchased the SmartPort, a product that Defendants falsely  
22 represented as having certain characteristics and benefits it did not have, *inter alia*, that  
23 it was reasonably safe for use, as further set forth above, in violation of the UTPCPL.

24           161. Defendants further knowingly or recklessly engaged in unfair,  
25 unconscionable, deceptive, deliberately misleading, false, and/or fraudulent and  
26 deceptive acts and practices, all in violation of the UTPCPL, and as further described  
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1 herein, which created a likelihood of confusion or misunderstanding on Plaintiff's part  
2 with respect to the SmartPort Plaintiff purchased, including, but not limited to,  
3 misrepresenting that the SmartPort was reasonably safe for use and failing to adequately  
4 disclose the substantial risk of fracture and other injuries or harm the product entailed  
5 given the large number of adverse events Defendants knew or should have been aware of  
6 but did not adequately disclose to Plaintiff.

7 162. Defendants' conduct and practices engaged in offends established public  
8 policy, is unethical, and is substantially injurious to consumers such as Plaintiff.

9 163. Defendants' practices were likely to mislead consumers who acted  
10 reasonably to their detriment in purchasing the product based on Defendants'  
11 representations that it was reasonably safe for use when it in fact was not and had a higher  
12 risk of fracture due to its defective design.

13 164. Defendants intended for Plaintiff, Plaintiff's physicians, and other  
14 consumers to rely on their deceptive practices and representations in order to continue  
15 selling and manufacturing the SmartPort.

16 165. As a result of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiff suffered actual damages in that  
17 the product Plaintiff purchased was misrepresented and worth far less than the product  
18 Plaintiff thought had been purchased, had Defendants' representations been true.

19 166. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned, Plaintiff was injured  
20 due to the use of the SmartPort, which caused Plaintiff various physical, mental, and  
21 emotional injuries and damages. Accordingly, Plaintiff seeks compensatory damages.

22 **PUNITIVE DAMAGES**

23 167. Plaintiff is entitled to an award of punitive and exemplary damages based  
24 upon Defendants' intentional, willful, knowing, fraudulent, malicious acts, omissions,  
25 and conduct, and their complete and total reckless disregard for the public safety and  
26 welfare. Defendants intentionally and fraudulently misrepresented facts and information  
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1 to both the healthcare community and the general public, including Plaintiff and  
2 Plaintiff's health care providers, by making intentionally false and fraudulent  
3 misrepresentations about the safety and efficacy of the SmartPort. Defendants  
4 intentionally concealed the true facts and information regarding the serious risks of harm  
5 associated with the implantation of said product, and intentionally downplayed the type,  
6 nature, and extent of the adverse side effects of being implanted with the device, despite  
7 Defendants' knowledge and awareness of the serious and permanent side effects and risks  
8 associated with use of same. Defendants further intentionally sought to mislead health  
9 care providers and patients, including Plaintiff and Plaintiff's health care providers,  
10 regarding the cause of fracture and failures of the SmartPort.

11 168. Defendants had knowledge of and were in possession of evidence  
12 demonstrating that the SmartPort caused serious physical side effects. Defendants  
13 continued to market said product by providing false and misleading information with  
14 regard to the product's safety and efficacy to the regulatory agencies, the medical  
15 community, and consumers of the SmartPort, notwithstanding Defendants' knowledge of  
16 the true serious side effects of the SmartPort, Defendants failed to provide accurate  
17 information and warnings to the healthcare community that would have dissuaded  
18 physicians from surgically implanting the SmartPort and consumers from agreeing to  
19 being implanted with the SmartPort, thus depriving physicians and consumers from  
20 weighing the true risks against the benefits of prescribing and implanting the SmartPort.

21 169. As a direct, proximate, and legal result of Defendants' acts and omissions  
22 as described herein, and Plaintiff's implantation with Defendants' defective product,  
23 Plaintiff suffered the injuries and damages described in this complaint.

24 **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants for  
25 compensatory, special, and punitive damages, together with interest, costs of suit,  
26 attorneys' fees, and all such other relief as the Court deems proper.

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**PRAYER**

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff prays for judgment against each of the Defendants as follows:

- a. Judgement be entered against all Defendants on all causes of action of this Complaint;
- b. Plaintiff be awarded his full, fair, and complete recovery for all claims and causes of action relevant to this action;
- c. Plaintiff be awarded general damages according to proof at the time of trial;
- d. Plaintiff be awarded damages, including past medical expenses according to proof at the time of trial;
- e. Plaintiff be awarded actual damages, attorneys' fees and costs in connection with Plaintiff's claims under the Pennsylvania Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law;
- f. Plaintiff be awarded punitive damages according to proof at the time of trial;
- g. Awarding pre-judgment and post-judgment interest to the Plaintiff;
- h. Awarding the costs and the expenses of this litigation to the Plaintiff; and
- i. For such other and further relief as the court may deem just and proper.

Dated: July 28, 2026

By: /s/ Timothy R. West

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## I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

Mark Richard Stevens

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Out of State  
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

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606, San Diego, CA 92108

## DEFENDANTS

Angiodynamics, Inc., and Navilyst Medical, Inc.

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Out of State  
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Attorneys (If Known)

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## II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
- ☐ 3 Federal Question  
(U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☒ 4 Diversity  
(Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

## III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

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## IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

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## VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):  
28 USC 1332Brief description of cause:  
product liability diversity action

## VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.

DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☒ Yes ☐ No

## VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

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