

The court remains committed to resolving the Hepatitis B discovery issues in a cooperative, flexible, and timely fashion. **With that goal in mind, the undersigned welcomes the opportunity to work with counsel informally, in an individual and mediator capacity, to further discuss and develop administrative options for resolving the difficult discovery and logistical issues.** The parties may contact Meredith A. Mills, at (202) 504-2329, to schedule a conference call, request the court's assistance prior to the next status conference, or raise any questions regarding this Order or the discovery proceedings in the Hepatitis B cases.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Gary J. Golkiewicz
Chief Special Master