

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

PRESENT: THE HONORABLE BARBARA JACOBS ROTHSTEIN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DATE: JUNE 7, 2004

IN RE: PHENYLPROPANOLAMINE
(PPA) PRODUCTS LIABILITY
LITIGATION

MDL NO. 1407

This document relates to all
actions

IN CHAMBERS PROCEEDING:

THIS MATTER comes before the Court on defendant Novartis AG's Motion for Protective Order Regarding Deposition Notice of Daniel Vasella, M.D.

Given Dr. Vasella's apparently limited knowledge, an in person deposition would be burdensome. Plaintiffs may proceed either by way of interrogatories, or by noticing a telephonic deposition of Dr. Vasella not to exceed two hours. Defendants shall cooperate in arranging a telephonic deposition if plaintiffs so request.

Following the two hour telephonic deposition, plaintiffs may petition the court for more time if they are able to demonstrate that Dr. Vasella has significant relevant knowledge.

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