

# In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 21-791V

UNPUBLISHED

ROBERT J. OWENS, JR.,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

Filed: January 29, 2021

Voluntary dismissal; Order  
concluding proceedings

## **ORDER CONCLUDING PROCEEDINGS**<sup>1</sup>

On January 22, 2021, Robert Owens filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. § 300aa—10 through 34.<sup>2</sup> Petitioner alleged that he suffered an adverse reaction to a pneumococcal vaccine that he received on September 18, 2019. Petition at 1. On January 28, 2021, Petitioner filed a notice of voluntary dismissal acknowledging that this case was a duplicate of an earlier filed case (no. 21-721V).

In light of Petitioner's "notice of dismissal at any time before service of respondent's report" pursuant to Vaccine Rule 21(a), **this case is dismissed without prejudice.**

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**s/Brian H. Corcoran**

Brian H. Corcoran

Chief Special Master

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<sup>1</sup> Although I have not formally designated this Order for publication, I am required to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website because it contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002. 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2012) (Federal Management and Promotion of Electronic Government Services). **This means the Order will be available to anyone with access to the internet.** In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), Petitioner has 14 days to identify and move to redact medical or other information, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. If, upon review, I agree that the identified material fits within this definition, I will redact such material from public access.

<sup>2</sup> National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755. Hereinafter, for ease of citation, all "§" references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2012).