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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

ADAM PHILLIPPI,

Plaintiff - Appellant,

v.

STRYKER CORPORATION; STRYKER  
SALES CORPORATION, Michigan  
corporations,

Defendants - Appellees.

No. 10-16651

D.C. No. 2:08-cv-02445-JAM-  
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MEMORANDUM\*

Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Eastern District of California  
John A. Mendez, District Judge, Presiding

Argued and Submitted January 13, 2012  
San Francisco, California

Before: WALLACE, NOONAN, and M. SMITH, Circuit Judges.

Adam Phillippi appeals from the district court’s summary judgment in favor  
of Stryker Corporation and Stryker Sales Corporation (“Stryker”) in Phillippi’s

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except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

diversity products liability action. Reviewing the district court's order de novo, *see Alpha Delta Chi-Delta Chapter v. Reed*, 648 F.3d 790, 796 (9th Cir. 2011), we affirm.

Phillippi argues that as a result of the implantation of a Stryker pain pump, he suffered chondrolysis, the complete or nearly complete loss of cartilage, in his shoulder joint. However, as the district court found, Phillippi provided insufficient evidence to raise a known or knowable risk of chondrolysis at the time of Phillippi's surgery such that Stryker had a duty to warn. *See Brown v. Superior Court*, 751 P.2d 470, 475-76 (Cal. 1988).

Phillippi also argues that the district court erred in excluding the declaration of Dr. Younger. Because the district court clearly found that the declaration was self-serving and lacking foundation, we hold that its exclusion was not an abuse of discretion. *See ACLU of Nev. v. City of Las Vegas*, 333 F.3d 1092, 1097 (9th Cir. 2003) (holding that evidentiary rulings made in the context of summary judgment are reviewed for an abuse of discretion); *see also FTC v. Publ'g Clearing House, Inc.*, 104 F.3d 1168, 1171 (9th Cir. 1997) ("A conclusory, self-serving affidavit, lacking detailed facts and any supporting evidence, is insufficient to create a genuine issue of material fact.").

Accordingly, the judgment of the district court is **AFFIRMED**.

