

## **Johnson & Johnson Statement on Garcia Verdict**

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“We will immediately appeal, and we expect to prevail as we typically do with aberrant adverse verdicts that have no basis in the law or science and are predicated on clearly erroneous rulings by the trial court -- as happened recently when the \$223 million award was vacated by the New Jersey appellate court. The verdict in this trial is irreconcilable with the decades of independent scientific evaluations confirming talc is safe, does not contain asbestos, and does not cause cancer.

For that reason, the vast majority of juries—including a jury that rendered a defense verdict yesterday—have rejected the false narratives regarding talc advanced by plaintiff law firms. Indeed, the contrived opinions of the purported “experts” presented by plaintiff’s counsel in this case should have been excluded by the judge and never should have been allowed to go to the jury. That is why the court overseeing the federal multi-district litigation, where the majority of the talc claims are pending, granted our motion to re-review whether the opinions have any scientific merit—they do not.

The research, clinical evidence, and over 40 years of studies by independent medical experts around the world continue to support the safety of talc. To learn more about our position and the science supporting the safety of talc, visit [www.FactsAboutTalc.com](http://www.FactsAboutTalc.com).”