

Nos. 18-1323, 18-1460

IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States

JUNE MEDICAL SERVICES L.L.C., et al.,
Petitioners-Cross-Respondents,

v.

REBEKAH GEE, SECRETARY, LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS,
Respondent-Cross-Petitioner.

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THE COURT: GOOD MORNING. YOU MAY BE SEATED EVERYONE. I HOPE EVERYONE HAD A RESTFUL WEEKEND. WE ARE READY TO PROCEED.

I WANTED TO TAKE UP SOME PRELIMINARY MATTERS BEFORE WE PUT OUR REBUTTAL WITNESS ON. AND THE FIRST THING I WANTED TO DO WAS TO SORT OF REMIND EVERYONE WHAT I HAD MENTIONED EARLIER, WHICH IS I WOULD ASK THE PARTIES TO PLEASE KEEP THE COURT APPRIZED OF ANY ACTIVITY WHICH OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPLICATIONS. AND THAT MEANS MORE THAN JUST LETTING ME KNOW IF AN APPLICATION HAS BEEN DENIED OR ACCEPTED. BUT IF THERE'S ANY FURTHER INQUIRIES FROM THE HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE OR THE HOSPITAL, YOU KNOW, ANYTHING REALLY. JUST ANY ACTIVITY IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OUTSTANDING APPLICATIONS I WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING ABOUT IT.

THE -- ANOTHER ISSUE OF COURSE IS THAT WE HAVE LOTS OF ACTIVITY GOING ON OUTSIDE THIS CASE IN THIS -- ON THIS ISSUE, SO IF THERE'S -- I EXPECT I'LL BE -- I'M TALKING ABOUT THE SUPREME COURT. I'M TALKING ABOUT THE CURRIER CASE AND I'M TALKING ABOUT THE COLE CASE. AND I'M GOING TO BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY FOR THREE WEEKS, ALTHOUGH, I WILL -- I WILL BE KEEPING UP WITH, YOU KNOW, THE PUBLICATIONS THAT I GET AND STUFF. BUT IT WOULD BE NICE IF THERE IS SOME ACTIVITY, EVEN IF I'VE ALREADY SEEN IT, TO LET ME KNOW ABOUT IT SO THAT I CAN BE

1 UP-TO-DATE ON ANY RECENT DEVELOPMENTS.

2 ANOTHER ISSUE, JUST TO SORT OF REMIND EVERYONE, IS
3 THAT BOTH SIDES HAVE ASKED FOR THE TRANSCRIPT. MY COURT
4 REPORTER IS GOING TO TRY TO GET THAT BY JULY THE 25TH. NOW,
5 IT MAY BE THAT SHE GETS TO IT QUICKER, IT MAY BE THAT SHE
6 DOESN'T GET TO IT THAT QUICKLY, BUT THAT'S THE TARGET AT THIS
7 POINT. AND THEN EVERYONE WILL HAVE 30 DAYS FROM THAT DATE
8 THAT THE TRANSCRIPT IS MADE AVAILABLE TO DO THE PROPOSED
9 FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW TEN DAYS THEREAFTER TO
10 DO A REPLY TO THE OTHER'S PROPOSED BRIEF.

11 IN TERMS OF THE FORM, I DON'T HAVE ANY PARTICULAR --
12 PARTICULAR FORM I MEAN -- I HAVEN'T HAD ONE IN THE LESS THAN A
13 YEAR THAT I'VE BEEN ON THE BENCH WHERE I'VE HAD PROPOSED
14 FINDINGS, SO I DON'T HAVE SOMETHING TO DIRECT YOU TO.
15 ALTHOUGH, IF ANYBODY HAS ANY PREFERENCES LET ME KNOW ON HOW
16 THEY WANT TO DO IT. I HELPED PREPARE PROPOSED FINDINGS IN ONE
17 OF THE CASES RIGHT BEFORE I LEFT, WHICH I THOUGHT WAS -- I
18 LIKED THE WAY IT LOOKED AND THAT WAS THE WAY THE COURT IN THAT
19 CASE WANTED IT, SO I CAN DIRECT THE PARTIES TO THAT ONE IF YOU
20 WOULD WANT ME TO DO THAT.

21 MR. DUNCAN: THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

22 THE COURT: OKAY. I'LL JUST, BY A MINUTE ENTRY OR
23 SOMEHOW, THROUGH KRISTIE OR SOMEBODY, WE'LL LET YOU KNOW WHERE
24 TO FIND THAT.

25 IN TERMS OF THE BRIEFING, OBVIOUSLY THE ISSUES ARE

1 VERY CLEAR BUT THERE'S ONE PARTICULAR ONE THAT SORT OF HAS
2 DEVELOPED DURING THE COURSE OF THE TRIAL, ACTUALLY RIGHT
3 BEFORE THE TRIAL, WHICH I'M VERY INTERESTED IN, I'M NOT QUITE
4 SURE WHAT TO DO WITH, AND IT'S THE EFFECT OF SECRETARY
5 KLIEBERT'S DECLARATION IN WHICH SHE SAYS, I THINK IT'S DOCTORS
6 FOUR AND FIVE, BY HER WAY OF THINKING ARE -- MEET ACT 620.
7 AND I KNOW ONE OF THOSE TWO, AND I'VE FORGOTTEN WHICH ONE, THE
8 STIPULATION FROM THE HOSPITAL C -- FROM THE PARTIES IS THAT
9 THE HOSPITAL C DOCTOR WILL TESTIFY THAT -- WAS IT FOUR OR FIVE
10 THAT -- DO Y'ALL REMEMBER?

11 MS. DOUFEKIAS: IT WAS FIVE, YOUR HONOR.

12 THE COURT: FIVE, OKAY.

13 MR. DUNCAN: IT WAS FIVE. AND WE MIGHT -- I THINK
14 WE MIGHT WANT TO AMEND THE RECORD JUST TO OMIT THE NAME OF THE
15 HOSPITAL THAT YOUR HONOR JUST MENTIONED.

16 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. I APOLOGIZE. OOPS. THAT'S
17 AN OOPS MOMENT.

18 MR. DUNCAN: I DID IT TOO.

19 THE COURT: I'M ASKING MY COURT REPORTER ON THE
20 MOTION OF THE COURT TO STRIKE REFERENCE TO THE HOSPITAL.

21 BUT IN ANY EVENT -- AND THIS WAS RAISED IMPLICITLY,
22 MAYBE EXPLICITLY, DURING THE COURSE OF TESTIMONY AND ARGUMENT,
23 WHAT HAPPENS -- WHAT IS THE EFFECT OF THAT DECLARATION? WHAT
24 HAPPENS IF THERE'S A NEW GOVERNOR? WHAT HAPPENS IF SECRETARY
25 KLIEBERT CHANGES HER MIND, ET CETERA?

1 LET'S SEE IF I HAVE ANYTHING ELSE ON MY LIST. OH,
2 THE DEPOSITIONS DESIGNATIONS. I GOT AN E-MAIL OVER THE
3 WEEKEND TO THE EFFECT THAT WHAT WAS MY PREFERENCE WITH RESPECT
4 TO HOW TO FILE THOSE PORTIONS OF THE DEPOSITIONS UNDER SEAL
5 WHICH NEED TO BE UNDER SEAL, AND I THINK THE BEST AND CLEANEST
6 WAY TO DO IT IS JUST TO FILE A CONSENT, MOTION AND ORDER, SO
7 THAT IT'S IN THE RECORD WITHOUT HAVING TO SEARCH FOR IT IN THE
8 TRANSCRIPT AND THE CLERK'S CLEAR AND MS. CAUSEY IS CLEAR. SO
9 WE'LL ASK YOU TO PLEASE DO THAT.

10 THEN I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE HAS BEEN OR WILL
11 SHORTLY BE A DOCUMENT FILED CALLED, *LIST OF ADMITTED EXHIBITS*.
12 YOU WANT TO ADDRESS THAT, MS. DOUFEKIAS?

13 **MS. DOUFEKIAS:** YOUR HONOR, WE PREPARED OVER THE
14 WEEKEND ESSENTIALLY A LIST OF ALL OF THE EXHIBITS THAT WE HAVE
15 THAT HAVE BEEN ADMITTED INTO THE RECORD, AS WELL AS A FEW
16 ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS THAT THE PARTIES AGREED TO OVER THE
17 WEEKEND. AND WE'VE SET UP THE PLEADING SO THAT IT'S THE
18 EXHIBIT NUMBER AND WE'VE CROSS-REFERENCED IT IF IT'S A JOINT
19 EXHIBIT WITH THE PLAINTIFFS' OR DEFENDANT'S EXHIBIT NUMBER
20 THAT IT KIND OF BEGAN ITS LIFE IN THIS CASE AS.

21 WE'VE ALSO IDENTIFIED CONFIDENTIAL EXHIBITS, SO THIS
22 LIST IS ALL OF THE EXHIBITS THAT THE PARTIES UNDERSTAND HAVE
23 BEEN ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE ONE WAY OR ANOTHER AND I GAVE A
24 COPY TO MS. CAUSEY THIS MORNING. AND SO I THINK THAT UNLESS
25 THE COURT'S RECORD REFLECTS ANYTHING THAT'S NOT CONSISTENT

1 WITH THIS LIST I WOULD SUGGEST AND MR. DUNCAN HAS AGREED THAT
2 WE FILE THIS WITH THE RECORD OF THE COURT. I CAN ALSO FRANKLY
3 READ THROUGH IT THE WAY WE DID IN THE VERY BEGINNING OF THE
4 CASE.

5 THE COURT: I DON'T THINK YOU NEED TO DO THAT. I
6 THINK THIS IS REALLY, REALLY HELPFUL AND I THINK JUST FILING
7 IT IN THE RECORD WILL BE FINE.

8 MS. DOUFEKIAS: OKAY. AND THEN I HAD A FEW
9 QUESTIONS ABOUT SOME OF THE THINGS YOU'VE ALREADY ADDRESSED OR
10 I CAN WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE DONE WITH YOUR LIST.

11 THE COURT: NO, LET'S GO AHEAD. I'M DONE.

12 MS. DOUFEKIAS: MR. DUNCAN AND I SPOKE AT SOME POINT
13 LAST WEEK AND WE WERE HOPING THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PREVAIL
14 UPON THE COURT TO GIVE US 45 DAYS AS OPPOSED TO 30 TO FILE OUR
15 FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW?

16 THE COURT: NO.

17 MS. DOUFEKIAS: OKAY.

18 THE COURT: THIS IS NOT ARBITRARY. IT DOESN'T MAKE
19 ANY DIFFERENCE TO YOU, BUT THIS CASE IS ON THE LIST UNDER THE
20 CIVIL JUSTICE REFORM ACT. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT IS?

21 MS. DOUFEKIAS: I DO, YOUR HONOR.

22 THE COURT: DO YOU KNOW, MR. DUNCAN, WHAT THAT IS?

23 MR. DUNCAN: IT VAGUELY RINGS A BELL, YOUR HONOR.

24 THE COURT: IT MEANS THAT WHILE THEY CAN'T FIRE ME
25 FROM THIS JOB, IF IT GETS ON THE DREADED CJRA LIST

1 NONETHELESS, IT IS FROWNED UPON BECAUSE THE ACT IS INTENDED TO
2 GET JUDGES TO DECIDE MOTIONS WITHIN A SPECIFIC PERIOD OF TIME,
3 DUE DATE, DEADLINE FOR THIS MOTION AND THIS IS A MOTION, IT'S
4 CATEGORIZED AS A MOTION, IS SEPTEMBER THE 30TH.

5 AM I RIGHT, MS. CAUSEY?

6 THE CLERK: RIGHT. AND YOU'VE ALREADY REPORTED IT
7 ONCE.

8 THE COURT: AND I'VE ALREADY REPORTED IT ONCE. SO
9 IT'S GOING TO PUT A BURDEN ON YOU, BUT IT WILL ALSO PUT A
10 BURDEN ON ME. BECAUSE EVEN UNDER THE 30/10 DAYS, IF JULY 25TH
11 IS INDEED THE DATE, IT'S GOING TO BE -- AND WHO KNOWS, I'LL
12 JUST DO THE BEST I CAN AND WE'LL ALL DO THE BEST WE CAN. SO I
13 WAS IN FACT -- I SHOULD HAVE SAID -- I WAS GOING TO SAY, DON'T
14 ASK FOR AN EXTENSION ABSENT EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES FOR
15 THE REASONS THAT I'VE JUST EXPLAINED. SO I REALLY DO
16 APOLOGIZE FOR HAVING TO PUT THAT ADDITIONAL BURDEN ON YOU, BUT
17 I'M GOING TO TRY TO RESOLVE -- HAVE THE DISTRICT COURT'S
18 RULING ON THIS BY SEPTEMBER THE 30TH.

19 MS. DOUFEKIAS: UNDERSTOOD, YOUR HONOR. ONE
20 ADDITIONAL QUESTION THAT I HAVE, BECAUSE I'M NOT SURE BEING ON
21 THAT LIST AFFECTS THIS, BUT DOES THAT AFFECT THE PAGE
22 LIMITATIONS?

23 THE COURT: AFFECT THE WHAT?

24 MS. DOUFEKIAS: THE PAGE LIMITATION FOR THE BRIEFS
25 THAT --

1 **THE COURT:** OH, NO. NO. NO. I WILL ENTERTAIN A
2 MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH WHATEVER PAGE LIMITATIONS THERE ARE.
3 THIS IS AN EXTRAORDINARY CASE. SO, YOU KNOW, PLEASE DON'T
4 GIVE ME 150 PAGE BRIEF, BUT YOU DON'T NEED TO FILE A SEPARATE
5 MOTION TO EXTEND -- TO ENLARGE THE PAGE LIMITATION REQUIREMENT
6 THAT THE COURT HAS.

7 **MS. DOUFEKIAS:** THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR. WE ALSO --
8 WE'VE SPOKEN WITH DEFENDANTS AND THE PARTIES HAVE AGREED TO
9 THE FORM OF THE DEPOSITION DESIGNATIONS THAT I SENT TO THE
10 COURT OVER THE WEEKEND. SO WE WILL FILE A CONSENT MOTION, AND
11 WE ACTUALLY HAVE THAT READY TO GO TODAY. WE ALSO HAVE A
12 CONSENT MOTION FOR FILING DR. DOE FIVE'S STIPULATION UNDER
13 SEAL BECAUSE IT CONTAINS INFORMATION ABOUT THE HOSPITAL AND
14 ABOUT THE DOCTOR. SO WE PLAN ON DOING THAT AS WELL THIS
15 AFTERNOON.

16 **THE COURT:** ALL RIGHT. TERRIFIC.

17 **MR. DUNCAN:** MAY I ASK A QUICK QUESTION ABOUT THE
18 FORM IN WHICH WE WILL RECEIVE THE COMPLETED TRANSCRIPT AND
19 RECORD THAT WE WILL USE TO PREPARE OUR FINDINGS? I JUST --
20 I'M IGNORANT ABOUT THAT. HOW WILL WE GET THAT.?

21 **THE COURT:** THIS IS AN ASSUMPTION, WHICH AS I'VE
22 SAID EARLIER IS DANGEROUS, BUT MY ASSUMPTION IS IT'S GOING TO
23 BE POSTED ELECTRONICALLY ON THE DAY THAT IT'S MADE AVAILABLE.

24 MS. CAUSEY, IS THAT YOUR UNDERSTANDING?

25 AND, GINA, IS THAT RIGHT?

1 MR. DUNCAN: OKAY. WE'LL JUST -- WE'LL JUST
2 DOWNLOAD IT; IS THAT RIGHT?

3 THE COURT: CORRECT.

4 ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER PRELIMINARY MATTERS BEFORE WE
5 PROCEED WITH TESTIMONY?

6 OKAY. THEN LET'S CALL THE REBUTTAL WITNESS.

7 MS. JAROSLAW: YOUR HONOR, THE PLAINTIFFS CALL
8 DR. EVA PRESSMAN.

9 THE COURT: DR. PRESSMAN, COME FORWARD AND BE SWORN.
10 (WHEREUPON, EVA PRESSMAN, HAVING BEEN DULY SWORN,
11 TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS.)

12 DIRECT

13 BY MS. JAROSLAW:

14 Q GOOD MORNING, DOCTOR.

15 A GOOD MORNING.

16 Q PLEASE STATE AND SPELL YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

17 A EVA KAREN PRESSMAN. P-R-E-S-S-M-A-N.

18 Q HOW ARE YOU EMPLOYED?

19 A I'M AN EMPLOYEE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER IN
20 ROCHESTER, NEW YORK.

21 Q AND WHAT'S YOUR POSITION THERE?

22 A I'M THE CHAIR OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY.

23 Q AND AS THE CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS AND
24 GYNECOLOGY, WHAT ARE YOUR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES?

25 A I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR RUNNING A DEPARTMENT OF

1 APPROXIMATELY 50 FACULTY MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE CARE
2 OF WOMEN IN THEIR OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY NEEDS. WE HAVE
3 ALL SPECIALTIES OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY AND DO RESEARCH,
4 TEACHING AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.

5 Q DO YOU STILL SEE PATIENTS?

6 A I DO.

7 Q HOW OFTEN?

8 A THREE TO FOUR DAYS A WEEK.

9 Q AND YOU DO SURGERIES?

10 A YES.

11 Q ARE YOU BOARD CERTIFIED?

12 A I AM. I'M BOARD CERTIFIED IN OBSTETRICS AND
13 GYNECOLOGY, AS WELL AS MATERNAL FETAL MEDICINE.

14 Q WHERE ARE YOU LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE?

15 A I'M CURRENTLY PRACTICE -- CURRENTLY LICENSED TO
16 PRACTICE IN NEW YORK STATE.

17 Q WHAT'S YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND?

18 A I WENT TO COLLEGE AT BROWN UNIVERSITY IN PROVIDENCE,
19 RHODE ISLAND, MEDICAL SCHOOL AT DUKE UNIVERSITY IN DURHAM,
20 NORTH CAROLINA AND RESIDENCY AND FELLOWSHIP AT JOHNS HOPKINS
21 UNIVERSITY IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

22 Q AFTER YOU GRADUATED FROM MEDICAL SCHOOL AND WENT TO
23 JOHNS HOPKINS, WHAT DID YOUR RESIDENCY INVOLVE?

24 A MY RESIDENCY WAS IN OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY AND
25 INVOLVED ALL ASPECTS OF BOTH OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY.

1 Q AND HOW LONG WAS THAT RESIDENCY?

2 A FOUR YEARS.

3 Q DURING THAT RESIDENCY DID YOU BECOME PROFICIENT IN
4 THE FULL RANGE OF OBSTETRIC AND GYNECOLOGIC SURGERY?

5 A YES.

6 Q DID THAT INCLUDE SURGICAL ABORTION?

7 A IT DID, YES.

8 Q WHAT WAS THE EXTENT OF YOUR SURGICAL ABORTION
9 PRACTICE AT JOHNS HOPKINS IN TERMS OF GESTATIONAL AGE?

10 A WE WENT UP TO 24 WEEKS OF GESTATION. ABORTION
11 INCLUDED SURGICAL ABORTION, DILATION AND CURETTAGE, DILATION
12 AND EVACUATION AND INDUCTION OF LABOR IN THE SECOND TRIMESTER.

13 Q AFTER YOUR RESIDENCY DID YOU HOLD OTHER POSITIONS AT
14 JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY?

15 A AFTER FINISHING MY RESIDENCY AND FELLOWSHIP I BECAME
16 THE DIRECTOR OF FETAL ASSESSMENT, THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF
17 THE OB/GYN RESIDENCY PROGRAM AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF
18 OBSTETRICAL AND GYNECOLOGIC ULTRASOUND.

19 Q IN CONNECTION WITH THOSE POSITIONS DID YOU HAVE
20 TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES?

21 A I DID. I TAUGHT MEDICAL STUDENTS, RESIDENTS AND
22 FELLOWS REALLY THROUGHOUT MY CAREER.

23 Q WHAT SUBJECTS DID YOU TEACH?

24 A REALLY MOST OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY. MY PRIME
25 INTEREST IS IN HIGH RISK PREGNANCY. SO MUCH OF MY TEACHING IS

1 RELATED TO PREGNANCY AND PREGNANCY COMPLICATIONS.

2 Q AND WAS YOUR TEACHING BOTH IN THE CLASSROOM AND IN
3 THE OPERATING ROOM?

4 A CLASSROOM, OPERATING ROOM, IN THE CLINIC, ON THE
5 IN-PATIENT FLOORS, EVERYWHERE.

6 Q AND DID YOU SERVE WITH THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT
7 DURING YOUR TENURE AT JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY?

8 A AS PART OF MY ON-CALL RESPONSIBILITIES I HAVE
9 ATTENDED IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM FOR PATIENTS WITH OBSTETRICS OR
10 GYNECOLOGIC COMPLAINTS.

11 Q WHAT PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DO YOU BELONG TO?

12 A I'M A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICS
13 AND GYNECOLOGY, THE SOCIETY FOR MATERNAL FETAL MEDICINE, THE
14 ASSOCIATION FOR PROFESSORS OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY AND
15 THE SOCIETY FOR REPRODUCTIVE INVESTIGATION.

16 Q AND HAVE YOU PUBLISHED APPROXIMATELY 70 RESEARCH
17 ARTICLES IN PEER REVIEWED MEDICAL JOURNALS?

18 A APPROXIMATELY, YES.

19 Q AND HAVE YOU REVIEWED MORE THAN A DOZEN GRANTS FROM
20 FOUNDATIONS FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH?

21 A FOUNDATIONS AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, YES.

22 Q AND WERE SOME OF THOSE GRANTS FROM THE NATIONAL
23 INSTITUTES OF HEALTH?

24 A YES.

25 Q AND WERE SOME OF THOSE GRANTS FROM THE UNITED STATES

1 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE?

2 A YES.

3 Q HAVE YOU MADE IN EXCESS OF 100 PRESENTATIONS AT
4 NATIONWIDE MEDICAL CONFERENCES?

5 A YES.

6 Q I'D LIKE YOU TO LOOK AT PLAINTIFFS' EXHIBIT 94,
7 WHICH IS IN EVIDENCE BY STIPULATION. WE'LL PULL THAT UP ON
8 THE SCREEN SO THAT YOU CAN TAKE A LOOK AT IT. IF WE COULD
9 SCROLL THROUGH THAT. AS WE SCROLL THROUGH PLAINTIFFS' EXHIBIT
10 94 DO YOU RECOGNIZE IT?

11 A IT'S MY CURRICULUM VITAE OR RESUMÉ.

12 Q AND DOES THAT CV ACCURATELY LISTS YOUR
13 QUALIFICATIONS, PUBLICATIONS, RESEARCH GRANTS AND
14 PRESENTATIONS?

15 A IT WAS ACCURATE AS OF THE DAY IT WAS GIVEN. THERE
16 MIGHT BE A FEW MORE THINGS ADDED TO IT SINCE THEN.

17 Q I'D ALSO LIKE TO YOU SHOW YOU PLAINTIFFS'
18 EXHIBIT 131 WHICH IS ALSO IN EVIDENCE BY STIPULATION AND WE'LL
19 SCROLL THROUGH THAT. IF WE COULD GO TOWARDS THE LAST PAGE OF
20 THE NARRATIVE WITH THE SIGNATURE? DO YOU RECOGNIZE
21 PLAINTIFFS' EXHIBIT 131?

22 A YES, IT'S MY REPORT.

23 Q AND IS THAT THE EXPERT -- EXCUSE ME. IS THAT THE
24 EXPERT REPORT THAT YOU WROTE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE AND
25 THAT YOU SIGNED AND SUBMITTED ON DECEMBER 15TH, 2014?

1 A YES.

2 Q FINALLY, I'D LIKE TO SHOW YOU PLAINTIFFS'
3 EXHIBIT 147, WHICH BY STIPULATION IS ALSO IN EVIDENCE. AND DO
4 YOU RECOGNIZE 147?

5 A YES.

6 Q AND IS PLAINTIFFS' EXHIBIT 147 A SUPPLEMENT OF
7 SOURCES YOU RELIED ON FOR YOUR OPINIONS IN THIS CASE?

8 A YES.

9 Q AND DID YOU SIGN IT AND SUBMIT IT ON MARCH 5TH,
10 2015?

11 A YES.

12 Q ALL RIGHT. WE CAN TAKE THE DOCUMENTS DOWN.
13 DR. PRESSMAN, FOR HOW MANY YEARS DID YOU SERVE AS AN ON-CALL
14 OB/GYN FOR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS?

15 A I'VE BEEN TAKING CALL IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT
16 SINCE MY RESIDENCY, SO MORE THAN 25 YEARS.

17 Q AND DURING THAT TIME DID YOU TREAT AND DIAGNOSE
18 COMPLICATIONS OF MISCARRIAGE AND ABORTION IN THE EMERGENCY
19 ROOM?

20 A MANY TIMES, YES.

21 Q DO YOU PRESENTLY HAVE HOSPITAL ADMITTING PRIVILEGES?

22 A YES.

23 Q WHERE?

24 A STRONG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND HIGHLAND HOSPITAL, BOTH
25 IN ROCHESTER, NEW YORK.

1 Q ARE THOSE HOSPITALS AFFILIATED WITH THE UNIVERSITY
2 OF ROCHESTER MEDICAL CENTER?

3 A YES.

4 Q DID YOU HAVE PRIVILEGES AT ANY OTHER HOSPITAL
5 PREVIOUSLY?

6 A HOSPITALS AFFILIATED WITH HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, SO
7 JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL AND BAYVIEW HOSPITAL IN BALTIMORE,
8 MARYLAND.

9 Q DO YOU CURRENTLY SERVE ON THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
10 OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER MEDICAL CENTER?

11 A I DO.

12 Q WHAT IS THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE?

13 A THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE IS A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS
14 WHO REVIEW APPLICATIONS FOR ADMITTING PRIVILEGES AT THE
15 UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER HOSPITALS.

16 MS. JAROSLAW: YOUR HONOR, AT THIS TIME I TENDER
17 DR. PRESSMAN AS AN EXPERT IN OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY,
18 ABORTION CARE AND HOSPITAL CREDENTIALING.

19 THE COURT: ANY OBJECTIONS?

20 MR. ADEN: YOUR HONOR, NO OBJECTION WITH REGARD TO
21 HER QUALIFICATIONS GENERALLY, WHICH ARE OBVIOUSLY EXTENSIVE.
22 AND I'M NOT SURE IF THIS IS BY WAY OF OBJECTION TO THE
23 QUALIFICATION OR BY WAY OF OBJECTION TO THE EVIDENCE LATER IN
24 HER TESTIMONY, BUT SHE SUBMITTED THE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON
25 MARCH 15TH OF THIS YEAR, WHICH INCLUDED THE LIST OF BYLAWS FOR

1 HOSPITALS THAT SHE HAD REVIEWED TWO MONTHS AFTER HER
2 DEPOSITION AND ONLY TWO WEEKS BEFORE TRIAL. I RECALL, YOUR
3 HONOR, THAT DR. MARIER WAS NOT PERMITTED TO TESTIFY REGARDING
4 ADMITTING PRIVILEGES, RULES AT HOSPITALS OTHER THAN HIS OWN,
5 AND WE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT THE COURT PRECLUDE THE WITNESS
6 FROM TESTIFYING REGARDING ADMITTING PRIVILEGES, BYLAWS AT
7 HOSPITALS OTHER THAN HER OWN WITH DUE RESPECT, SIR.

8 THE COURT: MRS. JAROSLAW?

9 MS. JAROSLAW: YOUR HONOR, THE REPORT WAS NOT
10 SUBMITTED TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO TRIAL. IT WAS APPROXIMATELY
11 THREE AND A HALF MONTHS PRIOR TO THIS TRIAL. ONE OF THE
12 SOURCES CITED IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT WAS A SOURCE THAT
13 DR. PRESSMAN WAS ASKED ABOUT DURING HER DEPOSITION. SHE WAS
14 ASKED BY DEFENSE COUNSEL.

15 SO AS A RESULT WE SUPPLEMENTED HER REPORT TO
16 INDICATE A RELIANCE ON THAT PARTICULAR REPORT AND THAT SHE MAY
17 RELY ON IT IN HER TESTIMONY BECAUSE IT AROSE IN THE
18 DEPOSITION.

19 WITH REGARD TO THE REST, WE ASKED DR. PRESSMAN TO
20 REVIEW HOSPITAL BYLAWS AND TO READ THEM, AND GIVEN THAT WE
21 HAVE A CONTINUING DUTY UNDER RULE 26 TO ADVISE COUNSEL OF WHAT
22 MATERIALS WE PROVIDE TO THE EXPERTS WE PROVIDED THAT
23 SUPPLEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULE.

24 MR. ADEN: YOUR HONOR, FORGIVE ME FOR MISSPEAKING.
25 SHE IS RIGHT. IT WAS NOT TWO WEEKS BEFORE THIS TRIAL STARTED.

1 IT WAS TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE INITIAL TRIAL DATE IS WHAT I MEANT
2 TO SAY AND I APOLOGIZE.

3 THE ADDITIONAL BYLAWS DID NOT COME UP IN THE
4 DEPOSITION. AND I WOULD STIPULATE THAT SHE MAY SPEAK TO THE
5 PERIODICAL THAT WAS DISCUSSED IN HER DEPOSITION, THAT'S NO
6 PROBLEM. I'M SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSING THE BYLAWS. THANK YOU.

7 **THE COURT:** OKAY. SO THE OBJECTION IS TO THE USE OF
8 ADDITIONAL ADMITTING PRIVILEGES THAT SHE HAS REVIEWED; IS THAT
9 WHERE IT'S NARROWED DOWN TO NOW AT THIS POINT?

10 **MR. ADEN:** YES -- YES, YOUR HONOR. WE'RE ASKING THE
11 COURT TO PRECLUDE THE WITNESS FROM MAKING REFERENCE TO ANY OF
12 THE ADDITIONAL HOSPITAL BYLAWS LISTED IN HER SUPPLEMENTAL OF
13 MARCH 13TH -- MARCH 15TH, 2015.

14 **THE COURT:** OKAY. WELL, YOU KNOW, I DON'T REMEMBER
15 WHAT I DID WITH DR. MARIER, BUT WHATEVER I DID WITH DR. MARIER
16 I'M GOING TO DO WITH THIS DOCTOR. SO I'LL TAKE IT UNDER
17 ADVISEMENT UNTIL I FIGURE THAT OUT. BUT IF YOUR
18 REPRESENTATION IS CORRECT, AND I DON'T DOUBT THAT IT IS, THEN
19 THIS WITNESS WILL BE -- NOT BE PERMITTED TO TESTIFY REGARDING
20 THESE ADDITIONAL BYLAWS.

21 **MR. ADEN:** THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

22 **THE COURT:** AND I'LL TAKE -- TO PLAY IT SAFE, IF YOU
23 WANT TO QUESTION THE WITNESS ABOUT IT, MS. JAROSLAW, WHY DON'T
24 YOU PUT IT ON PROFFER. IF IT TURNS OUT THAT I MADE SOME OTHER
25 KIND OF RULING THEN I WILL CONSIDER THESE DOCUMENTS.

1 BUT IF MR. ADEN IS CORRECT AND, AGAIN, I DON'T DOUBT
2 THAT HE IS, I WILL REMAIN CONSISTENT AND RULE THE SAME WAY
3 WITH THIS DOCTOR AS I DID WITH THE PREVIOUS DOCTOR.

4 **MS. JAROSLAW:** YOUR HONOR, I DON'T BELIEVE WE'VE RUN
5 AFOUL OF THE COURT'S RULING. IT WAS NOT OUR INTENT TO GO
6 THROUGH THOSE ITEMS, ITEM BY ITEM OR BYLAW OR BY HOSPITAL IN
7 DR. PRESSMAN'S TESTIMONY. THIS WAS JUST NOTICE OF THINGS THAT
8 SHE HAD REVIEWED AS WERE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE. I THINK IT
9 MIGHT BE CLEARER IF MR. ADEN WERE TO OBJECT TO A SPECIFIC
10 QUESTION THAT HE THINKS MIGHT VIOLATE YOUR HONOR'S RULING, BUT
11 I DON'T EXPECT TO GO INTO THE INDIVIDUAL BYLAWS THAT ARE
12 LISTED.

13 **THE COURT:** OKAY. WELL THEN THE COURT -- I'M SORRY.
14 GO AHEAD, MR. ADEN.

15 **MR. ADEN:** SORRY, YOUR HONOR. WITH DUE RESPECT TO
16 MS. JAROSLAW, THAT I RECALL THE WITNESS DID NOT -- THE WITNESS
17 TESTIFIED IN HER DEPOSITION THAT SHE HAD NOT REVIEWED AT THAT
18 TIME THE BYLAWS OF OTHER HOSPITALS, AND I STAND CORRECTED IF
19 I'M WRONG, BUT I THINK THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID IN DEPO.

20 **THE COURT:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, THE COURT'S RULING IS
21 AS I JUST STATED. AND IT APPEARS THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE
22 A PROFFER BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT GOING TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT
23 THAT. SO --

24 **MS. JAROSLAW:** CORRECT.

25 **THE COURT:** -- UNLESS THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE THEN

1 WE'RE READY TO PROCEED.

2 BY MS. JAROSLAW:

3 Q DR. PRESSMAN, ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE LOUISIANA
4 LAW THAT WOULD REQUIRE ALL PHYSICIANS WHO PROVIDE ABORTIONS TO
5 OBTAIN HOSPITAL ADMITTING PRIVILEGES?

6 A YES.

7 Q AND DO YOU HAVE AN OPINION ABOUT THE REASONABLENESS
8 OF SUCH REQUIREMENT FROM YOUR EXPERIENCE AS A PHYSICIAN AND
9 OB/GYN AND A MEMBER OF YOUR HOSPITAL'S CREDENTIALING
10 COMMITTEE?

11 A I SEE NO REASON FOR SUCH A REQUIREMENT.

12 Q AND HAVE YOU REVIEWED THE EXPERT REPORTS SUBMITTED
13 IN THIS CASE BY DR. ROBERT MARIER AND DR. DAMON CUDIHY?

14 A I HAVE.

15 Q FIRST OF ALL, IN REVIEWING THEIR REPORTS, DID EITHER
16 EXPERT ADDRESS THE NECESSITY OF ADMITTING PRIVILEGES WITH
17 RESPECT TO MEDICATION ABORTION?

18 A NO.

19 Q AND WITH REGARD TO BIRTH CONTROL, DR. CUDIHY
20 TESTIFIED AT THIS TRIAL THAT BIRTH CONTROL PILLS CAUSE CANCER.
21 IS THAT YOUR VIEW?

22 A NO.

23 MR. ADEN: OBJECTION, YOUR HONOR. MISSTATES THE
24 RECORD. I DO NOT RECALL THAT DR. CUDIHY TESTIFIED THAT BIRTH
25 CONTROL PILLS CAUSE CANCER AND I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THAT IS

1 HIS PROFESSIONAL OPINION.

2 THE COURT: MY RECOLLECTION, WHICH COULD CERTAINLY
3 BE WRONG, IS THAT HE -- HE TESTIFIED THAT BIRTH CONTROL PILLS
4 ARE A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR -- HAVE AN ASSOCIATION WITH CANCER.

5 MR. ADEN: YES, YOUR HONOR. VERY DIFFERENT THING
6 FROM CAUSATION, AS YOU KNOW.

7 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO OVERRULE THE
8 OBJECTION. BUT SUBJECT TO -- I UNDERSTAND THE ISSUE AND YOU
9 CAN ANSWER THE QUESTION AS BEST --

10 YOU MIGHT WANT TO REPHRASE THE QUESTION,
11 MS. JAROSLAW.

12 MS. JAROSLAW: YES, YOUR HONOR.

13 BY MS. JAROSLAW:

14 Q DR. PRESSMAN, WHAT IS YOUR VIEW WITH REGARD TO BIRTH
15 CONTROL AND WHETHER IT CAUSES CANCER?

16 A IN MY OPINION, AND SUPPORTED BY THE MEDICAL
17 LITERATURE, BIRTH CONTROL PILL -- THE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN
18 BIRTH CONTROL PILLS AND CANCER IS GENERALLY IN A PREVENTATIVE
19 MANNER RATHER THAN A CAUSATIVE MANNER. BIRTH CONTROL PILLS
20 HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO DECREASE THE RISKS OF OVARIAN CANCER QUITE
21 REGULARLY AND THE ASSOCIATIONS WITH INCREASES IN RISKS OF
22 BREAST AND OVARIAN CANCERS HAVE NEVER BEEN CONFIRMED IN
23 WELL-DONE STUDIES.

24 Q DURING HIS TESTIMONY DR. CUDIHY MADE A DISTINCTION
25 BETWEEN PROGESTERONE AND PROGESTIN. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE

1 BETWEEN THEM?

2 A THEY'RE TWO DIFFERENT FORMS. PROGESTERONE IS THE
3 GENERIC TERM. PROGESTIN IS ONE SYNTHETIC FORM OF A CHEMICAL
4 THAT HAS THE SAME AFFECT IN THE BODY. THEY ACT QUITE
5 SIMILARLY.

6 Q NOW, DR. CUDIHY ALSO TESTIFIED THAT CONTRACEPTION
7 OTHER THAN NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING METHODS IS HARMFUL TO
8 WOMEN'S HEALTH. IN YOUR VIEW WHAT IS THE ROLE OF
9 CONTRACEPTION IN WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE?

10 A CONTRACEPTION HAS MANY BENEFITS. BOTH IN ALLOWING
11 WOMEN TO PLAN THEIR FAMILIES AS WELL AS OTHER HEALTH BENEFITS
12 WITH MANY FORMS OF CONTRACEPTION. THERE IS NO MEDICAL
13 DOWNSIDE TO CONTRACEPTION.

14 Q AND IN YOUR VIEW IS IT A NECESSARY PART OF WOMEN'S
15 HEALTH CARE?

16 A IT IS A NECESSARY PART FOR MANY WOMEN, YES.

17 Q DR. MARIER AND DR. CUDIHY ASSERTED THAT REQUIRING
18 ABORTION PROVIDERS TO HAVE HOSPITAL ADMITTING PRIVILEGES,
19 INCLUDING SURGICAL PRIVILEGES, IS BENEFICIAL TO WOMEN BECAUSE
20 HOSPITALS PROVIDE A CREDENTIALING FUNCTION. AS A MEMBER OF
21 THE CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE AT ROCHESTER, WHAT IS YOUR
22 RESPONSE TO THAT ASSERTION?

23 A WELL, HOSPITAL CREDENTIALING COMMITTEES DO PROVIDE A
24 FUNCTION OF REVIEWING A PHYSICIAN'S PAST EXPERIENCE AND
25 TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS. IT IS NOT THE ONLY WAY TO OBTAIN

1 SUCH INFORMATION. MOST OF THAT INFORMATION IS READILY
2 AVAILABLE ON STATE WEBSITES AND OTHER AVENUES. AND IT DOES
3 NOT REALLY APPLY TO PHYSICIANS WHO HAVE NO INTENTION OF
4 PROVIDING SERVICES IN A HOSPITAL. HOSPITAL CREDENTIALING IS
5 MEANT TO THAT -- THAT -- PHYSICIANS THAT PLAN TO PRACTICE IN A
6 HOSPITAL. NOT TO PHYSICIANS THAT PRACTICE OUT IN THE
7 COMMUNITY.

8 Q NOW YOU MENTIONED THAT THERE ARE STATE WEBSITES THAT
9 CREDENTIALING COMMITTEES RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM; IS THAT
10 CORRECT?

11 A YES.

12 Q HAVE YOU SEEN THE STATE WEBSITE FOR THE LOUISIANA
13 BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS?

14 A I HAVE, YES.

15 Q AND WHAT INFORMATION APPEARS TO BE PUBLICLY
16 AVAILABLE BASED ON YOUR VIEW OF THE WEBSITE?

17 A THERE IS A SECTION ON LICENSURE AND THERE IS A
18 SECTION ON COMPLAINTS THAT IS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, AS BEST
19 I CAN TELL.

20 MR. ADEN: YOUR HONOR, I'M SORRY. I WOULD OBJECT TO
21 THIS LINE OF QUESTIONING, BECAUSE I DO NOT RECALL THAT SHE
22 ADDRESSED THE WEBSITE IN REFERENCE EITHER IN HER REPORT OR IN
23 DEPOSITION.

24 THE COURT: MS. JAROSLAW?

25 MS. JAROSLAW: YOUR HONOR, IT'S TO REBUT THE

1 TESTIMONY OF DR. MARIER AND CUDIHY. YOU SAID THAT HOSPITAL
2 ADMITTING PRIVILEGES ARE NECESSARY FOR CREDENTIALING. IT WAS
3 ALWAYS CLEAR THAT DR. PRESSMAN WOULD ADDRESS CREDENTIALING
4 FROM HER CREDENTIALING EXPERIENCE THAT WAS DISCLOSED IN HER
5 REPORT. SO SHE'S JUST ELABORATING ON HOW A CREDENTIALING
6 COMMITTEE, SUCH AS ONE THAT SHE IS SITTING ON, WOULD OBTAIN
7 INFORMATION. AND THE POINT IS THAT THIS INFORMATION IS
8 PUBLICLY AVAILABLE.

9 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. I'LL OVERRULE THE OBJECTION.

10 BY MS. JAROSLAW:

11 Q IN ADDITION DO MALPRACTICE INSURANCE CARRIERS ALSO
12 PROVIDE CREDENTIALING INFORMATION?

13 A MALPRACTICE INSURANCE CARRIERS GO THROUGH THEIR OWN
14 CREDENTIALING PROCESS, SO THAT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN MALPRACTICE
15 INSURANCE THE CARRIER WILL LOOK AT MANY OF THE SIMILAR THINGS
16 THAT A HOSPITAL CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE WOULD LOOK AT.

17 Q NOW ARE THERE FACTORS OTHER THAN CLINICAL COMPETENCY
18 THAT GO INTO THE DECISION OF WHETHER OR NOT TO GRANT ADMITTING
19 PRIVILEGES?

20 A YES. HOSPITAL ADMITTING PRIVILEGES ARE BASED
21 PRIMARILY ON THE PLAN FOR THE PHYSICIAN TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN
22 THAT HOSPITAL. IN GENERAL, HOSPITAL ADMITTING PRIVILEGES ARE
23 NOT PROVIDED TO PHYSICIANS WHO NEVER INTEND TO PROVIDE SERVICE
24 IN A HOSPITAL. IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRS WILL DECIDE
25 WHETHER THEY NEED ANOTHER PROVIDER OF A CERTAIN SPECIALTY ON

1 THEIR HOSPITAL STAFF. IF THEY HAVE ENOUGH PROVIDERS PROVIDING
2 CERTAIN SERVICES THEY TEND NOT TO GIVE ADDITIONAL HOSPITAL
3 PRIVILEGES TO PREVENT COMPETITION FOR THE PROVIDERS THAT ARE
4 ALREADY THERE.

5 Q NOW IS THERE ANY BENEFIT WHETHER TO PATIENTS, A
6 PHYSICIAN OR A HOSPITAL, IS THERE ANY BENEFIT FOR A
7 POSITION -- FOR A PHYSICIAN WHO PRACTICES EXCLUSIVELY IN A
8 CLINIC OR OFFICE SETTING TO GET ADMITTING PRIVILEGES?

9 A NO.

10 Q WHY NOT?

11 A MANY PROVIDERS, PEDIATRICIANS, INTERNISTS, FAMILY
12 PRACTICE DOCTORS, WHO HAVE NO INTENTION OF PROVIDING CARE IN A
13 HOSPITAL DO NOT GET HOSPITAL PRIVILEGES. THERE'S NO --
14 THERE'S A COST ASSOCIATED WITH IT. THERE'S A LOT OF DOCUMENTS
15 TO OBTAIN AND THERE'S NO BENEFIT TO THEM OR THEIR PATIENTS TO
16 HAVE SUCH PRIVILEGES.

17 Q NOW IN YOUR EXPERIENCE AS A MEMBER OF THE
18 CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE, DO HOSPITALS VERIFY THE ABILITY OF
19 PHYSICIANS WHO APPLIED FOR PRIVILEGES; DO THEY VERIFY THEIR
20 ABILITY TO CARE FOR PATIENTS IN THE HOSPITAL?

21 A THEY VERIFY THEIR ABILITY TO DO SURGICAL PROCEDURES
22 IF CREDENTIALING IS REQUIRED -- IS REQUESTED FOR THOSE
23 PROCEDURES. SO IF I APPLIED FOR HOSPITAL PRIVILEGES TO DO
24 C-SECTIONS, SOMEONE WILL ASK ME HOW MANY C-SECTIONS I'VE DONE,
25 WHAT MY OUTCOMES HAVE BEEN, HAVE THERE BEEN ISSUES. BUT IF I

1 DON'T APPLY TO DO C-SECTIONS IN THAT HOSPITAL NO ONE WILL ASK
2 ME THOSE QUESTIONS.

3 Q IF A PHYSICIAN WHO PERFORMS EXCLUSIVELY ENOUGH
4 PROCEDURES APPLIED FOR ACTIVE ADMITTING AND SURGICAL
5 PRIVILEGES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER MEDICAL CENTER,
6 BASED ON YOUR EXPERIENCE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN?

7 A IF THEY INTENDED TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES AT THE
8 HOSPITAL THEIR BACKGROUND WOULD BE REVIEWED AND THEY WOULD BE
9 GIVEN PRIVILEGES BASED ON WHAT THEY WERE DEEMED COMPETENT TO
10 DO. IF THEY HAD APPLIED FOR JUST ADMITTING PRIVILEGES
11 COMPETENCE IN THEIR SURGICAL TECHNIQUES WOULD NEVER BE
12 ASSESSED.

13 Q DO YOU AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER MEDICAL CENTER
14 HAVE SOMETHING CALLED REFER AND FOLLOW PRIVILEGES?

15 A WE DO.

16 Q AND WHAT IS THAT?

17 A THOSE ARE INTENDED TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN
18 REFERRING PHYSICIANS AND THE HOSPITAL AND MOSTLY TO PROVIDE
19 SUPPORT TO PATIENTS WHO ARE ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL IN THAT
20 THEIR REFERRING OUTSIDE PROVIDERS CAN FOLLOW THEIR HOSPITAL
21 COURSE AND OBTAIN CONCURRENT INFORMATION AS THE HOSPITAL {SIC}
22 REMAINS IN THE HOSPITAL. THEY'RE NOT REALLY INTENDED FOR THAT
23 PHYSICIAN TO PROVIDE ANY CARE IN THE HOSPITAL. THEY'RE REALLY
24 MEANT AS A WAY FOR THE HOSPITAL TO EASILY PROVIDE INFORMATION
25 BACK TO THAT PHYSICIAN, SO THAT WHEN THE PATIENT IS DISCHARGED

1 FROM THE HOSPITAL THE PROVIDER WILL HAVE MORE INFORMATION.

2 THEY DO PROVIDE A WAY FOR THE HOSPITAL TO GET MORE
3 CONCURRENT INFORMATION FROM THAT PROVIDER AS WELL WHEN HE OR
4 SHE COMES IN O ROUND ON THAT PATIENT.

5 Q IN YOUR EXPERIENCE ARE THE DEFINITIONS OF ACTIVE
6 ADMITTING PRIVILEGES, SURGICAL PRIVILEGES, CONSULTING
7 PRIVILEGES, COURTESY PRIVILEGES AND REFER AND FOLLOW
8 PRIVILEGES, ARE THOSE CATEGORIES DIFFERENT AMONG DIFFERENT
9 HOSPITALS?

10 A THEY CAN BE, YES.

11 Q ARE THEY DEFINED IN EACH HOSPITAL'S BYLAWS?

12 A THEY ARE.

13 Q DO YOU AGREE WITH DRS. MARIER AND CUDIHY THAT BY
14 REQUIRING PHYSICIANS WHO PERFORM ABORTION IN AN OFFICE OR
15 CLINIC SETTING TO HAVE PRIVILEGES THAT THAT WILL ENSURE
16 CONTINUITY OF CARE FOR THEIR PATIENTS?

17 A IT ACTUALLY DOESN'T ENSURE CONTINUITY OF CARE.
18 CONTINUITY OF CARE IS THE GOAL FOR ALL PROVIDERS REFERRING
19 PATIENTS TO THE HOSPITAL IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCE, WHETHER THEY
20 HAVE PRIVILEGES OR NOT.

21 Q AND CAN PHYSICIANS WHO DO IN-OFFICE OR IN-CLINIC
22 SURGERIES PROVIDE CONTINUITY OF CARE WITHOUT ADMITTING
23 PRIVILEGES?

24 A YES.

25 Q CAN YOU EXPLAIN THAT?

1 A IF A PATIENT WHO IS FOLLOWED IN AN OUTPATIENT
2 SETTING NEEDS TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL FOR ANY REASON THE
3 PHYSICIAN CAN PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION ABOUT THE CARE THAT WAS
4 RENDERED IN THE OFFICE SETTING EITHER BY PHONE OR BY PAPER
5 RECORDS THAT FOLLOW THE PATIENT OR BY FAX OR BY ELECTRONIC
6 MEANS. I OFTEN REFER PATIENTS TO HOSPITALS WHERE I DON'T HAVE
7 PRIVILEGE AND SIMPLY PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION IN WHATEVER WAY
8 IS MOST CONVENIENT FOR THE PROVIDER THAT'S RECEIVING THE
9 PATIENT.

10 Q AND HAVE YOU DONE THAT WITH REGARD TO HOSPITALS EVEN
11 OUTSIDE NEW YORK STATE?

12 A YES. I OFTEN HAVE MY PREGNANT PATIENTS WHO ARE
13 TRAVELING AROUND THE COUNTRY OR EVEN AROUND THE WORLD CALL
14 WITH THE NEED TO GO TO A HOSPITAL. AND I WILL CONTACT THE
15 EMERGENCY ROOM OR THE OBSTETRICS SERVICE AT THE HOSPITAL WHERE
16 THEY ARE RECEIVING CARE TO GIVE THE INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE
17 HELPFUL.

18 Q AND EVEN THOUGH YOU DON'T HAVE ANY KIND OF
19 PRIVILEGES, INDEED YOU'RE NOT EVEN KNOWN AT THESE HOSPITALS,
20 THEY'LL TAKE YOUR CALL?

21 A OF COURSE.

22 Q HOW DO YOU CONTACT THE HOSPITAL IF YOU HAVE NO
23 CONNECTION TO IT?

24 A I -- IF THE PATIENT HAS A NUMBER I'LL USE THAT. IF
25 NOT, I'LL LOOK UP THE HOSPITAL ON THE WEBSITE AND GET

1 CONNECTED TO WHOEVER I NEED TO BE CONNECTED.

2 Q AND GENERALLY SPEAKING WHO DO YOU GET CONNECTED TO;
3 IN WHAT ROLE?

4 A SO, OFTEN I'LL LOOK TO SPEAK TO THE PROVIDERS THAT
5 ARE CARING FOR THE PATIENT OR IF IT'S AN EMERGENCY ROOM TO THE
6 TRIAGE AREA WHERE THE PATIENT WILL FIRST BE SEEN.

7 Q AND DO YOU FIND THAT YOU CAN EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE
8 THE NECESSARY PATIENT INFORMATION TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM THAT
9 IS OUT OF TOWN OR PERHAPS EVEN OUT OF THE COUNTRY?

10 A YES.

11 Q DO YOU AGREE WITH DR. CUDIHY THAT IF A PATIENT WERE
12 TO PRESENT IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM AND HER DOCTOR DIDN'T HAVE
13 PRIVILEGES THAT SHE WOULD SUFFER CONSIDERABLE DELAY IN
14 RECEIVING CARE?

15 A NO.

16 Q ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE TERM, "TRANSFER
17 AGREEMENTS"?

18 A YES.

19 Q WHAT ARE TRANSFER AGREEMENTS AND WHEN ARE THEY
20 APPROPRIATE?

21 A SO ANY MEDICAL SETTING NEEDS TO HAVE A PLAN FOR WHAT
22 WOULD HAPPEN IF A PATIENT WITH AN EMERGENCY WERE TO -- IF AN
23 EMERGENCY WERE TO HAPPEN IN THEIR SETTING. SO THIS IS TRUE
24 FOR EMERGENCIES RELATED TO PROCEDURES, BUT IT'S ALSO TRUE FOR
25 EMERGENCIES THAT MIGHT JUST HAPPEN BECAUSE THERE ARE SICK

1 PATIENTS THAT COME TO YOUR OFFICE. AND SO A TRANSFER
2 AGREEMENT IS A PLAN FOR GETTING A PATIENT WHO HAS AN EMERGENT
3 NEED TO THE BEST SETTING TO TAKE CARE OF THAT EMERGENCY.

4 Q AND IN YOUR OPINION IS HAVING A TRANSFER AGREEMENT
5 SUFFICIENT TO ENSURE CONTINUITY OF CARE FOR PATIENTS IN AN
6 EMERGENCY?

7 A YES.

8 Q IN YOUR OPINION DOES IT CONSTITUTE PATIENT
9 ABANDONMENT FOR A PHYSICIAN WITHOUT ADMITTING PRIVILEGES TO
10 TRANSFER THE CARE OF HIS OR HER PATIENT TO A HOSPITAL?

11 A NO.

12 Q WHAT IS PATIENT ABANDONMENT?

13 A ABANDONMENT IS THE REFUSAL TO CONTINUE TO FOLLOW OR
14 TREAT A PATIENT. IT REALLY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE
15 TRANSFER OF CARE. THE TRANSFER OF CARE IN MEDICINE HAPPENS ON
16 A DAILY BASIS. THERE ARE MANY THINGS THAT ARE BETTER HANDLED
17 BY SOMEONE WITH DIFFERENT EXPERTISE THAN THE ORIGINAL
18 PHYSICIAN AND TRANSFERRING THE PATIENT TO THAT PHYSICIAN IS
19 CONTINUITY OF CARE, NOT ABANDONMENT OF CARE.

20 Q HOW DO THE RISKS OF COMPLICATION FROM ABORTION
21 COMPARE WITH THE RISKS OF SUCTION D&CS THAT ARE PERFORMED
22 SUBSEQUENT TO A MISCARRIAGE?

23 A OFTEN SUCTION D&CS SUBSEQUENT TO A MISCARRIAGE ARE
24 RISKIER THAN ELECTIVE ABORTION.

25 Q AND WHY IS THAT?

1 A BECAUSE THERE'S AN INCREASED RISK OF INFECTION, THE
2 CERVIX AND UTERUS TEND TO BE SOFTER WHICH LEADS TO INCREASED
3 RISK OF LACERATIONS AND UTERINE PERFORATION.

4 Q WHAT IS THE RISK OF ABORTION RELATIVE TO THE RISK OF
5 CHILD BIRTH?

6 A IT'S MUCH LOWER.

7 Q HOW DO THE RISKS OF ABORTION COMPARE WITH THE RISKS
8 OF OTHER GYNECOLOGICAL PROCEDURES?

9 A IT'S ONE OF THE SAFEST PROCEDURES WE DO. IT'S A
10 VERY LOW RISK PROCEDURE.

11 Q WOULD YOU CHARACTERIZE ABORTION AS AN INVASIVE
12 PROCEDURE LIKE DR. CUDIHY HAS?

13 A IT IS PUTTING INSTRUMENTS INTO A CAVITY THAT IS NOT
14 USUALLY INSTRUMENTED. SO IT IS INVASIVE IN THAT SENSE. IT
15 ACTUALLY DOESN'T INVOLVE ANY CUTTING, SO IT'S NOT SURGERY IN
16 THE TRUE SENSE OF THE WORD.

17 Q SO IN TYPICAL FIRST TRIMESTER ABORTIONS THAT ARE
18 PERFORMED WITH A SUCTION D&C THERE ARE NO INCISIONS MADE ON
19 THE BODY?

20 A THAT'S CORRECT.

21 Q WHAT SURGICAL PROCEDURES ARE SIMILAR IN INVASIVENESS
22 AND POTENTIAL COMPLICATIONS TO ABORTION?

23 A THERE ARE OTHER OUTPATIENT PROCEDURES THAT ARE
24 ALSO -- INVOLVE EITHER SMALL INCISIONS OR NO INCISIONS; THINGS
25 LIKE COLONOSCOPY OR LIPOSUCTION OR TOOTH EXTRACTIONS.

1 Q AND IN YOUR VIEW DOES COLONOSCOPY HAVE A HIGHER RISK
2 THAN FIRST TRIMESTER ABORTION?

3 A IT'S OF SIMILAR RISK AT LEAST.

4 Q AND WHAT ABOUT WITH REGARD TO LIPOSUCTION?

5 A LIPOSUCTION HAS A SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER RISK.

6 Q AND WHY IS THAT?

7 A THERE ARE MANY BLOOD VESSELS IN THE ADIPOSE TISSUE
8 BELOW THE SKIN THAT IS REMOVED DURING LIPOSUCTION, SO
9 SIGNIFICANT BLEEDING CAN OCCUR AND IT'S ACTUALLY QUITE
10 DIFFICULT TO CONTROL THAT BLEEDING, UNLIKE BLEEDING THAT
11 FOLLOWS TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY WHERE WE CAN USE MEDICATIONS
12 TO HELP THE UTERUS CONTRACT AND STOP THE BLEEDING.

13 Q WHAT ABOUT DENTAL SURGERY?

14 A DENTAL SURGERY IS ASSOCIATED WITH RISKS OF BLEEDING
15 AND INFECTION OF SIMILAR RISK TO TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY.

16 Q ARE MOST ABORTIONS PERFORMED IN OFFICE OR CLINIC
17 SETTING OR AS AN IN-PATIENT IN THE HOSPITAL?

18 A THE VAST MAJORITY OF ABORTIONS ARE PERFORMED IN AN
19 OFFICE OR CLINIC SETTING.

20 Q WHY?

21 A IT IS MORE ACCESSIBLE, MORE CONVENIENT FOR PATIENTS,
22 MUCH LESS COSTLY AND THERE'S ACTUALLY A LOWER RISK OF
23 COMPLICATIONS IN MOST OF THE STUDIES THAT I'VE LOOKED AT.

24 Q WHEN A PATIENT RECEIVES GENERAL ANESTHESIA, WOULD
25 THAT BE IN A HOSPITAL SETTING?

1 A YES.

2 Q WHAT ARE THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH GENERAL
3 ANESTHESIA DURING AN ABORTION?

4 A THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT CARDIOVASCULAR AND RESPIRATORY
5 RISKS TO GENERAL ANESTHESIA AND -- BUT GENERAL ANESTHESIA IS
6 ACTUALLY SIGNIFICANTLY MORE RISKY THAN THE ABORTION PROCEDURE.

7 Q WITH REGARD TO RECOVERY TIME, HOW DOES THE RECOVERY
8 TIME COMPARE IN THE CLINIC OR OFFICE SETTING VERSUS THE
9 HOSPITAL SETTING?

10 A GENERALLY OUTPATIENT PROCEDURES HAVE A MUCH SHORTER
11 RECOVERY TIME. MOST OF THAT IS RELATED TO THE USE OF GENERAL
12 ANESTHESIA IN THE IN-PATIENT SETTING.

13 Q NOW WITH RESPECT TO ABORTIONS PERFORMED IN OFFICES
14 OR CLINICS, WHAT LEVEL OF ANESTHESIA IS GENERALLY USED?

15 A GENERALLY ORAL MEDICATIONS SUCH AS IBUPROFEN AND
16 VALIUM AS WELL AS LOCAL ANESTHESIA IN THE CERVIX.

17 Q AND WHAT LOCAL ANESTHESIA WOULD NUMB THE CERVIX?

18 A TYPICALLY IT'S LIDOCAINE, WHICH IS THE SAME THING
19 THAT DENTISTS USE.

20 Q AND DR. CUDIHY ASSERTED THAT IT IS BETTER TO USE
21 GENERAL ANESTHESIA IN A D&C PROCEDURE BECAUSE THE QUOTE,
22 "UTERINE RELAXATION," UNQUOTE THAT OCCURS DURING GENERAL
23 ANESTHESIA IS AN ADVANTAGE. DO YOU AGREE WITH DR. CUDIHY?

24 A I DISAGREE. UTERINE RELAXATION IS ACTUALLY A RISK.
25 IT INCREASES THE RISK OF UTERINE PERFORATION AND INCREASES THE

1 RISK OF BLEEDING FOLLOWING A PROCEDURE. YOU WANT THE UTERUS
2 TO BE ABLE TO CONTRACT TO STOP THE BLEEDING.

3 Q DR. CUDIHY TESTIFIED THAT THE USE OF GENERAL
4 ANESTHESIA FOR A D&C WOULD BE PREFERABLE BECAUSE IT KEEPS THE
5 PATIENT COMPLETELY STILL MAKING ABORTIONS SAFER. DO YOU AGREE
6 WITH HIM?

7 A NO. I'VE DONE HUNDREDS OF ABORTIONS AND I'VE NEVER
8 HAD A PROBLEM WITH A PATIENT NOT BEING ABLE TO KEEP STILL.

9 Q NOW HAVE YOU HAD SOME PATIENTS REQUEST TO HAVE THE
10 PROCEDURE UNDER GENERAL ANESTHESIA?

11 A YES. THERE ARE CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE GENERAL
12 ANESTHESIA MIGHT BE ADVISED. PATIENTS WHO HAVE HAD PREVIOUS
13 SEXUAL ASSAULT WHO MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO TOLERATE PELVIC EXAMS
14 IN GENERAL MIGHT BENEFIT FROM NOT BEING AWAKE AT ALL DURING
15 THE PROCEDURE. THERE ARE SOME UNDERLYING MEDICAL CONDITIONS
16 WHERE THE CONTROL OF GENERAL ANESTHESIA TO PROTECT THE AIRWAY
17 MIGHT BE BENEFICIAL.

18 Q DR. CUDIHY ASSERTED THAT A D&C FOR MISCARRIAGE IS
19 SAFER THAN INDUCED ABORT -- INDUCED ABORTION; DO YOU AGREE?

20 A I DISAGREE.

21 Q AND WHY IS INFECTION MORE COMMON IN A MISCARRIAGE?

22 A IN A MISCARRIAGE THE BODY HAS ALREADY TRIED TO EXPEL
23 THE PREGNANCY TISSUE, SO SOME OF THE TISSUE MAY HAVE COME OUT,
24 SOME OF IT MAY STILL BE IN, THE UTERUS MIGHT BE -- THE CERVIX
25 MIGHT BE SLIGHTLY OPEN. ALL OF THAT ALLOWS THE NORMAL

1 BACTERIA THAT ARE PRESENT IN THE VAGINA TO ENTER THE UTERINE
2 CAVITY AND CREATE ADENITIS FOR INFECTION.

3 Q WITH INDUCED ABORTION DO PATIENTS TYPICALLY RECEIVE
4 PROPHYLACTIC ANTIBIOTICS BEFORE THEY LEAVE THE OFFICE OR
5 CLINIC?

6 A TYPICALLY, YES. THAT WOULD ALSO DECREASE THE RISK
7 OF INFECTION.

8 Q DR. CUDIHY STATED THAT A PROBLEM IN INDUCED ABORTION
9 IS THAT DILATION IS AN AGGRESSIVE PROCESS BECAUSE THE CERVIX
10 IS FIRMLY CLOSED. DO YOU AGREE WITH THAT?

11 A DILATION IS NOT AN AGGRESSIVE PROCESS. IT IS DONE
12 OFTEN WITH PREMEDICATION WITH EITHER -- WITH EITHER PILLS LIKE
13 MISOPROSTOL OR WITH LAMINARIA, WHICH ARE OSMOTIC DILATORS,
14 THAT ARE PUT INTO THE CERVIX PRIOR TO THE PROCEDURE AND THE
15 DILATION ITSELF THAT'S DONE IN -- DURING THE PROCEDURE IS DONE
16 IN A VERY SLOW AND GRADUAL WAY TO AVOID ANY TRAUMA TO THE
17 CERVIX.

18 Q NOW DR. CUDIHY ASSERTED IN HIS REPORT THAT THE USE
19 OF A TENACULUM IN AN INDUCED ABORTION IS RISE FOR RISK OF
20 TEARING THE CERVIX WHICH WOULD REQUIRE SUTURING IN A HOSPITAL.
21 DO YOU AGREE WITH THAT ASSESSMENT?

22 A I DO NOT. WE DO USE TENACULUMS IN ABORTIONS AS WELL
23 AS MANY OTHER GYNECOLOGIC PROCEDURES TO HOLD THE CERVIX STILL
24 WHILE WE TRY TO PASS SOMETHING THROUGH IT. WE DO IT FOR
25 PLACEMENT OF IUDS, FOR ENDOMETRIAL BIOPSIES, FOR SOMETIMES

1 CERVICAL BIOPSIES IF YOU'RE TRYING TO GET TO A PART OF THE
2 CERVIX THAT'S DIFFICULT TO SEE WITHOUT MANIPULATING THE CERVIX
3 IN SOME WAY. WHILE THE TENACULUM DOES PUT TWO SMALL HOLES IN
4 THE CERVICAL TISSUE, THOSE HOLES GENERALLY DO NOT CAUSE
5 EXCESSIVE BLEEDING AND TEARING IS REALLY QUITE UNUSUAL. IF A
6 TEAR OR BLEEDING OCCURS AND THE BLEEDING CAN'T BE STOPPED WITH
7 SIMPLE PRESSURE ON THE CERVIX PUTTING A STITCH IN THE CERVIX
8 DOES NOT REQUIRE A HOSPITAL -- HOSPITALIZATION.

9 Q DR. CUDIHY, CLAIMS THAT ANOTHER REASON HE BELIEVES
10 IT'S BETTER TO DO A D&C IN A HOSPITAL OPERATING ROOM IS THAT
11 THE O.R. IS A STERILE ENVIRONMENT AND THE UTERUS IS A STERILE
12 CAVITY AND, THEREFORE, THE PROCEDURE MUST BE DONE IN A STERILE
13 ENVIRONMENT OF THE OPERATING ROOM. DO YOU AGREE WITH THAT?

14 A I DO NOT. I THINK A CLEAN MEDICAL FACILITY IS
15 NECESSARY. I THINK STERILE INSTRUMENTS ARE NECESSARY. AND
16 WHILE THE UTERUS IS A STERILE ENVIRONMENT, THE VAGINA WHICH
17 YOU GO THROUGH IS NOT. SO WE CONSIDER PROCEDURES THROUGH THE
18 VAGINA CLEANED CONTAMINATED CASES ACTUALLY NOT STERILE CASES
19 BECAUSE THE VAGINA CAN'T REALLY BE STERILIZED.

20 Q IS IT COMMONPLACE FOR PATIENTS TO PRESENT TO THE
21 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER MEDICAL
22 CENTER HAVING NOT BEEN UNDER THE CARE OF ANY PHYSICIAN, LET
23 ALONE ONE WITH ADMITTING PRIVILEGES?

24 A YES, IT'S QUITE COMMON.

25 Q AND WAS THAT YOUR EXPERIENCE AT JOHNS HOPKINS AS

1 WELL?

2 A YES.

3 Q DOES SUCH A PATIENT RECEIVE A LESSER QUALITY OF CARE
4 THAN A SIMILARLY SITUATED PATIENT WHO HAS A DOCTOR WHO DOES
5 HAVE ADMITTING PRIVILEGES?

6 A NO.

7 Q AND IS IT COMMONPLACE IN YOUR EXPERIENCE FOR THE
8 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT TO ENCOUNTER PATIENTS WHO PRESENT AFTER A
9 MISCARRIAGE?

10 A YES.

11 Q AND ARE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PHYSICIANS CAPABLE OF
12 EVALUATING AND TREATING PATIENTS EXPERIENCING COMPLICATIONS OF
13 MISCARRIAGE?

14 A YES.

15 Q ARE THEY CAPABLE OF EVALUATING AND TREATING PATIENTS
16 EXPERIENCING COMPLICATIONS OF ABORTION?

17 A YES.

18 Q AND HAVE YOU AS THE ON-CALL OB/GYN AT THE UNIVERSITY
19 OF ROCHESTER MEDICAL CENTER BEEN ASKED TO EXAMINE PATIENTS WHO
20 PRESENTED TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM AFTER HAVING HAD AN ABORTION?

21 A YES.

22 Q WHAT ARE THE MOST COMMON COMPLAINTS THAT YOU
23 ENCOUNTER AND HOW DO YOU TREAT THEM?

24 A MOST COMMONLY WE SEE PATIENTS FOR CRAMPING OR
25 BLEEDING. MOST OF THE TIME IT'S ACTUALLY NORMAL SEQUELAE AND

1 THEY JUST NEED REASSURANCE. SOME OF THE TIME THEY MIGHT NEED
2 TREATMENT FOR -- TO DECREASE THE BLEEDING, TO TREAT INFECTION
3 IF ONE IS PRESENT. VERY RARELY WOULD THEY NEED SURGICAL
4 INTERVENTION.

5 Q ARE MOST PATIENTS WHO PRESENT AFTER AN ABORTION
6 TREATED IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT OR ADMITTED TO THE
7 HOSPITAL?

8 A TREATED IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT.

9 Q AND THEN RELEASED?

10 A YES.

11 Q IN YOUR EXPERIENCE ARE PATIENTS WHO'VE RECENTLY HAD
12 AN ABORTION COME TO THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT ANY LESS CAPABLE
13 OF PROVIDING THEIR MEDICAL HISTORY THAN ANY OTHER PATIENT IN
14 THE EMERGENCY ROOM?

15 A NO.

16 Q NOW PUTTING ASIDE ABORTION, ARE PATIENTS REFERRED TO
17 THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT FOR MANAGEMENT OF COMPLICATIONS FROM
18 OTHER OUTPATIENT OB/GYN PROCEDURES?

19 A YES.

20 Q AND CAN YOU GIVE SOME EXAMPLES?

21 A SO, PATIENTS MIGHT HAVE COMPLICATIONS AFTER LABOR
22 AND DELIVERY, THEY MIGHT HAVE COMPLICATIONS AFTER A
23 HYSTERECTOMY OR A LAPAROSCOPY. WE SEE PATIENTS WITH
24 COMPLICATIONS AFTER MANY SURGICAL PROCEDURES.

25 Q AND ARE EMERGENCY ROOM PHYSICIANS EQUIPPED TO

1 DIAGNOSE AND TREAT SUCH PATIENTS AND BRING IN THE NECESSARY
2 SPECIALISTS?

3 A YES.

4 Q IF AN OB/GYN WERE TO INJURE A PATIENT'S BLADDER OR
5 BOWEL DURING GYNECOLOGIC SURGERY, WOULD THAT OB/GYN BE THE
6 APPROPRIATE PHYSICIAN TO REPAIR THE INJURY?

7 A GENERALLY, NO. GENERALLY YOU'D WANT A UROLOGIST TO
8 REPAIR THE BOWEL OR A GENERAL SURGEON -- EXCUSE ME, A
9 UROLOGIST TO REPAIR THE BLADDER OR A GENERAL SURGEON TO REPAIR
10 THE BOWEL.

11 Q IF A PHYSICIAN PERFORMING SURGERY IN A MEDICAL
12 OFFICE OR CLINIC HAS A TRANSFER AGREEMENT, THAT IS A PROTOCOL
13 TO TRANSFER PATIENTS TO A LOCAL HOSPITAL IN THE EVENT OF A
14 MEDICAL EMERGENCY, IS THAT SUFFICIENT TO ENSURE CONTINUITY OF
15 CARE FOR THE PATIENT?

16 A YES. AS --

17 Q I'M SORRY?

18 A AS LONG AS THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROCEDURE GOES
19 WITH THE PATIENT AT THE SAME TIME.

20 Q ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE MEDICAL LITERATURE SHOWING
21 THAT THE RISKS OF ANY COMPLICATION OF ABORTION MAJOR AND MINOR
22 IS LESS THAN ONE PERCENT?

23 A YES.

24 Q NOW IN REFERENCE TO THAT STATISTIC DR. MARIER CITED
25 A RECENT CALIFORNIA RESEARCH STUDY THAT CAME OUT THIS YEAR IN

1 OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY TO SUPPORT HIS CLAIM THAT ABORTION
2 COMPLICATIONS ARE UNDER-REPORTED; ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THAT
3 ARTICLE?

4 A YES.

5 Q I'D LIKE TO SHOW YOU NOW PLAINTIFFS' EXHIBIT 195
6 WHICH IS IN EVIDENCE BY STIPULATION. WE'LL BRING IT UP ON THE
7 SCREEN. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE A PAPER COPY AS WELL?

8 A I THINK I'M OKAY.

9 Q OKAY. IS THAT THE ARTICLE THAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO?

10 A YES.

11 Q WHAT IS IT ENTITLED?

12 A *INCIDENCE OF EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS AND*
13 *COMPLICATIONS AFTER ABORTION.*

14 Q AND WHO IS THE LEAD AUTHOR? AND FEEL FREE TO SPELL
15 IT.

16 A I WILL SPELL IT. IT'S DR. U-P-A-D-H-Y-A-Y.

17 Q IF WE COULD SCROLL DOWN TO THE BOTTOM OF THE FIRST
18 PAGE, DOES IT INDICATE WHAT PUBLICATION THIS -- THIS ARTICLE
19 WAS PUBLISHED IN?

20 A IT WAS PUBLISHED IN ACTUALLY OBSTETRICS AND
21 GYNECOLOGY I THINK ELECTRONICALLY IN 2014 AND THEN PAPER
22 VERSION IN 2015.

23 Q AND HAVE YOU SEEN BOTH VERSIONS?

24 A YES.

25 Q ARE THEY THE SAME?

1 A YES.

2 Q WHAT IS THE PUBLICATION, *OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY*?

3 A IT IS A WELL REGARDED PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL THAT
4 DEALS WITH OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY.

5 Q NOW THIS ARTICLE EXAMINES PATIENTS WHO WERE COVERED
6 BY MEDI-CAL; CORRECT?

7 A YES.

8 Q WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHY THIS STUDY USED
9 MEDI-CAL PATIENTS IN TRACKING COMPLICATIONS FROM ABORTION?

10 A THE USE OF MEDI-CAL, WHICH IS THE CALIFORNIA VERSION
11 OF MEDICAID, ALLOWED DATA TO BE COLLECTED NOT ONLY FROM THE
12 PROCEDURES WHICH ARE COVERED BY THIS INSURANCE PLAN, BUT ALSO
13 BY THE EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS THAT WERE ALSO COVERED BY THIS
14 INSURANCE PLAN. IT ALLOWED FAIRLY COMPLETE DATA FOR PATIENTS
15 WHO MIGHT PRESENT TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM AFTER A TERMINATION
16 PROCEDURE.

17 Q AND JUST TO BE CLEAR, MEDI-CAL IN CALIFORNIA COVERS
18 ELECTIVE INDUCED ABORTION?

19 A YES.

20 Q AND IN TERMS OF THE FOLLOW-UP, MEDI-CAL COVERS THAT
21 AS WELL; CORRECT?

22 A YES.

23 Q SO IF AN INDIGENT PATIENT PRESENTS THEIR MEDI-CAL
24 CARD FOR THE PROCEDURE AND FOR THE FOLLOW-UP, THOSE RECORDS
25 WILL BE KEPT UNDER THE SAME MEDI-CAL NUMBER; CORRECT?

1 A YES.

2 Q AND, THEREFORE, THERE'S LESS LOSS TO FOLLOW-UP;
3 CORRECT?

4 A THE DATA WOULD BE QUITE COMPLETE, YES.

5 Q HOW MANY ABORTIONS WERE IN THIS SAMPLE SIZE; DO YOU
6 RECALL?

7 A ALMOST 55,000.

8 Q AND WHAT PROPORTION OF THOSE ABORTIONS WERE
9 PERFORMED IN AN OFFICE OR CLINIC AS OPPOSED IT A HOSPITAL?

10 A I BELIEVE IT WAS 97 PERCENT.

11 Q SO 97 PERCENT IN AN OFFICE OR CLINIC AND 3 PERCENT
12 IN A HOSPITAL?

13 A YES.

14 Q WHICH HAD THE HIGHER COMPLICATION RATE?

15 A THE HOSPITAL COMPLICATION RATE WAS I THINK AROUND
16 4 PERCENT -- WHILE THE OFFICE AND CLINIC SETTING WAS
17 SIGNIFICANTLY LESS. PART OF THAT MIGHT BE DUE TO HIGHER RISK
18 PATIENTS BEING CARED FOR IN THE HOSPITAL.

19 Q AND WHAT WERE THE FINDINGS OF THAT STUDY WITH REGARD
20 TO THE INCIDENCE OF POST ABORTION COMPLICATIONS GENERALLY?

21 A SO WHILE ABOUT 6 PERCENT OF PATIENTS PRESENTED TO
22 THE EMERGENCY ROOM WITHIN SIX WEEKS OF AN ABORTION, THE VAST
23 MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENTATIONS WERE NOT ABORTION
24 COMPLICATIONS. LESS THAN 1 PERCENT WERE FOUND TO BE ACTUAL
25 ABORTION COMPLICATIONS. AND MOST OF THOSE COMPLICATIONS WERE

1 ACTUALLY INCOMPLETE ABORTION FOLLOWING MEDICATION ABORTION,
2 WHICH IS A KNOWN -- AN EXPECTED OUTCOME WITH MEDICATION
3 ABORTION THAT A CERTAIN PERCENT OF PATIENTS WILL NOT HAVE A
4 COMPLETE ABORTION FOLLOWING MEDICATION ABORTION.

5 Q SO OF THE 6 PERCENT OF ABORTION PATIENTS WHO HAVE
6 MEDI-CAL IN CALIFORNIA, 6 PERCENT PRESENTED TO THE EMERGENCY
7 ROOM; CORRECT?

8 A YES.

9 Q BUT TO BE CLEAR, THE STUDY SAYS THAT ONLY 1 PERCENT
10 GOT A -- OR LESS THAN 1 PERCENT GOT A DIAGNOSIS RELATED TO THE
11 ABORTION PROCEDURE?

12 A GOT A DIAGNOSIS OF A COMPLICATION OF THE ABORTION
13 PROCEDURE. THE OTHERS WERE UNRELATED REASONS TO GO TO THE
14 EMERGENCY ROOM, WITHIN SIX WEEKS THEY WERE HIT BY A CAR OR HAD
15 SOME OTHER INJURY. OR THEY WERE NORMAL SEQUELAE OF AN
16 ABORTION, THE NORMAL BLEEDING AND CRAMPING THAT MIGHT FOLLOW
17 AN ABORTION PROCEDURE, NEEDING JUST REASSURANCE AND NOT
18 TREATMENT OF ANY SORT.

19 Q IN YOUR EXPERIENCE IS THAT FAIRLY COMMON?

20 A YES.

21 Q AND FINALLY, THERE HAS BEEN TESTIMONY FROM DRS.
22 MARIER AND CUDIHY THAT THE ADMITTING PRIVILEGES REQUIREMENT IN
23 LOUISIANA FOR PHYSICIANS WHO PERFORM ABORTIONS ADVANCES THE
24 INTEREST OF WOMEN'S HEALTH. IS THAT YOUR VIEW AND WHY?

25 A NO. I THINK IT ACTUALLY ONLY WILL RESTRICT CARE AND

1 NOT ADVANCE WOMEN'S HEALTH AT ALL.

2 MS. JAROSLAW: I HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS, YOUR
3 HONOR?

4 THE COURT: CROSS-EXAMINATION?

5 MR. ADEN: YES, YOUR HONOR. MAY I PROCEED, YOUR
6 HONOR?

7 THE COURT: YES, YOU MAY.

8 CROSS-EXAMINATION

9 BY MR. ADEN:

10 Q GOOD MORNING, DR. PRESSMAN. HOW ARE YOU?

11 A VERY WELL, THANK YOU.

12 Q THANK YOU FOR COMING ALL THE WAY DOWN FROM NEW YORK
13 FOR THIS. I'M STEVE ADEN. I'M ONE OF THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE
14 DEFENDANT IN THIS CASE, SECRETARY KLIEBERT AND I'LL HAVE --
15 HOPEFULLY, I'LL BE ABLE TO BE AS BRIEF AS MS. JAROSLAW WAS.
16 BEGINNING WITH A FEW PRELIMINARY QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR
17 EXPERIENCE WITH ELECTIVE INDUCED ABORTION AND YOUR OB PRACTICE
18 IF YOU DON'T MIND, ABORTION IS NOT CURRENTLY A REGULAR PART OF
19 YOUR PRACTICE; RIGHT?

20 A THAT IS CORRECT.

21 Q AND IT HASN'T BEEN ESSENTIALLY SINCE YOUR DAYS AT
22 JOHNS HOPKINS; CORRECT?

23 A IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PART OF MY PRACTICE, BUT IT'S
24 NOT THE MAJOR PART OF MY PRACTICE.

25 Q YES, MA'AM. THANK YOU. AND YOU -- WHEN YOU WERE

1 DOING IT REGULARLY YOU PRACTICED IT IN BOTH THE IN-PATIENT AND
2 THE OUTPATIENT SETTING; CORRECT?

3 A YES.

4 Q DID YOU DO ANY IN A PHYSICIAN OFFICE?

5 A YES.

6 Q YOUR SCHOLARLY FOCUS, AS MS. JAROSLAW DISCUSSED,
7 WOULD YOU AGREE THAT IT IS IN HIGH RISK OBSTETRICS?

8 A YES.

9 Q AND WITH REGARD ALSO TO PREGNANCY COMPLICATIONS?

10 A YES.

11 Q YOU'VE HAD, ACCORDING TO MY COUNT, ONE PUBLICATION
12 ON THE DECISION WHETHER TO HAVE AN ABORTION; RIGHT?

13 A THERE ARE --

14 Q THAT WAS THE -- I'M SORRY. IT MAY HELP IF I'M MORE
15 SPECIFIC. THAT WAS ALONG WITH RESPECT I THINK TO DOWN
16 SYNDROME?

17 A YES. THAT IS NOT THE ONLY PUBLICATION ON ABORTION
18 PROCEDURES.

19 Q THAT'S RIGHT. THEN THERE WAS ONE PUBLICATION ON
20 SECOND TRIMESTER MEDICATION ABORTION; RIGHT?

21 A I'M NOT SURE THAT I WOULD PHRASE IT THE SAME WAY.
22 PERHAPS YOU CAN TELL ME MORE SPECIFIC.

23 Q I'M SORRY. AGAIN, THAT WAS A PUBLICATION ON
24 *INDUCTION OF SECOND TRIMESTER ABORTION VIA MEDICATION* IF I
25 RECALL.

1 A YES.

2 Q HAVE YOU EVER PUBLISHED ON THE RATE OF ABORTION
3 COMPLICATIONS?

4 A NO.

5 Q HAVE YOU EVER PUBLISHED ON THE REPORTING OF ABORTION
6 COMPLICATIONS BY PROVIDERS?

7 A NO.

8 Q AND YOU'VE NEVER PUBLISHED ON STATE REGULATION OF
9 ABORTION; RIGHT?

10 A NO.

11 Q HAVE YOU ENGAGED IN ANY SCHOLARSHIP REGARDING
12 ADMITTING PRIVILEGES OR -- I'M SORRY. ADMITTING PRIVILEGES,
13 POLICIES OR BYLAWS?

14 A NO.

15 Q NOW, DR. PRESSMAN, YOU TESTIFIED THAT YOU REVIEWED
16 THE EXPERT REPORT OF DEFENDANT'S EXPERT DR. DAMON CUDIHY; DO
17 YOU RECALL THAT?

18 A YES.

19 Q AND YOU ALSO, ACCORDING TO YOUR REPORT I BELIEVE,
20 REVIEWED THE EXPERT REPORT OF THE PLAINTIFFS' EXPERT
21 DR. CHRISTOPHER ESTES; DID YOU NOT?

22 A YES.

23 Q IN PREPARING YOUR REPORT DID YOU HAVE ANY
24 INFORMATION ABOUT THE NUMBER OF ABORTION CLINICS IN LOUISIANA?

25 A I DON'T THINK I HAD SPECIFIC INFORMATION, NO.

1 Q I'M SORRY?

2 A I DID NOT HAVE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF
3 ABORTION CLINICS IN LOUISIANA.

4 Q AND YOU DID NOT KNOW HOW MANY ABORTION PROVIDERS
5 THERE WERE IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, DID YOU?

6 A NO.

7 Q DID YOU REVIEW ANY LAWS OF THE STATE LOUISIANA
8 BESIDES ACT 620?

9 A NO.

10 Q DID YOU REVIEW ANY STATISTICS OR OTHER DATA
11 CONCERNING ABORTION COMPLICATION RATES IN LOUISIANA?

12 A SPECIFIC TO LOUISIANA?

13 Q YES, MA'AM.

14 A NO.

15 Q DID YOU REVIEW ANY REPORTS FROM LOUISIANA CONCERNING
16 THE SAFETY RECORDS OF PARTICULAR ABORTION PROVIDERS?

17 A NO. I MEAN I THINK WHEN I LOOKED AT THE WEBSITE FOR
18 COMPLAINTS I LOOKED FOR THE PROVIDERS THAT I KNEW AND DID NOT
19 FIND THEM.

20 Q NOW YOU AGREE THAT NON-MEDICATION ABORTION IS A FORM
21 OF SURGERY; RIGHT, OTHER THAN MEDICATION ABORTION? THAT WAS A
22 POORLY PHRASED QUESTION AND I WITHDRAW IT. LET ME TRY AGAIN.
23 YOU AGREE THAT ELECTIVE INDUCED ABORTION, OTHER THAN BY
24 MEDICATION, IS A FORM OF SURGERY; RIGHT?

25 A I WOULD CALL IT A PROCEDURE RATHER THAN SURGERY.

1 IT'S A TECHNICAL DIFFERENCE, BUT SURGERY INVOLVES CUTTING AND
2 THIS DOES NOT INVOLVE -- FIRST TRIMESTER ABORTION DOES NOT
3 INVOLVE CUTTING.

4 Q AND I THINK IT'S YOUR BELIEF THAT IT'S SAFE TO
5 PERFORM A SECOND TRIMESTER ABORTION IN AN OFFICE SETTING?

6 A IT CAN BE, YES.

7 Q YOU TESTIFIED EARLIER THAT THE, I THINK YOU SAID THE
8 VAST MAJORITY OR WORDS TO THAT EFFECT, OF ABORTIONS ARE
9 PERFORMED IN AN OFFICE OR A CLINICAL SETTING; DO I RECALL THAT
10 CORRECTLY?

11 A YES.

12 Q DO YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW WHAT THE BREAKDOWN ON THOSE
13 FIGURES IS BETWEEN OFFICE-BASED SETTINGS AND CLINICAL
14 SETTINGS?

15 A I KNOW FOR CALIFORNIA BECAUSE IT'S IN THAT JOURNAL
16 ARTICLE IT WAS 97 PERCENT. I DON'T KNOW FOR LOUISIANA.

17 Q 97 PERCENT ARE PERFORMED IN OFFICES OR CLINICAL
18 SETTINGS; RIGHT?

19 A YES.

20 Q AND THEN THE OTHER 3 PERCENT WOULD BE IN HOSPITALS;
21 CORRECT?

22 A YES.

23 Q WOULD YOU AGREE WITH ME THAT OF THAT 97 PERCENT THE
24 VAST MAJORITY OF THOSE ARE PERFORMED IN A CLINICAL SETTING AND
25 NOT IN AN OFFICE?

1 A I'D HAVE TO LOOK AT THE ARTICLE, BUT IT WASN'T
2 FAIRLY WELL BALANCED. IF YOU COULD PUT UP THE ARTICLE I CAN
3 TELL YOU SPECIFICALLY.

4 Q ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH *TE LINDE'S OPERATIVE*
5 *GYNECOLOGY 10TH EDITION*?

6 A YOU DON'T WANT TO PUT UP THE ARTICLE?

7 Q I'M SORRY?

8 A CAN YOU PUT UP THE ARTICLE SO I CAN TELL YOU
9 SPECIFICALLY?

10 Q SURE. THIS IS PLAINTIFFS' EXHIBIT 184 AND
11 SPECIFICALLY ALLOW ME TO DIRECT YOU TO PAGE 783 OF PLAINTIFFS'
12 EXHIBIT 184.

13 MR. ADEN: YOUR HONOR, THIS HAS BEEN ADMITTED INTO
14 EVIDENCE.

15 A MY SCREEN IS BLANK.

16 THE COURT: I HAVE NOTHING ON MINE YET EITHER.

17 MR. ADEN: OH, YOU KNOW WHAT, I CAN DO THAT ON THE
18 ELMO.

19 MS. JAROSLAW: YOUR HONOR, I BELIEVE THE WITNESS
20 ASKED TO SEE THE ARTICLE ON THE MEDI-CAL STUDY TO GET THE
21 BREAKDOWN BETWEEN CLINICS AND OFFICE SETTINGS AND THAT IS NOT
22 BEFORE THE WITNESS NOW.

23 MR. ADEN: YOU KNOW WHAT, SHE DID, YOUR HONOR. AND
24 I'M SORRY BUT I DID -- I'D PREFER TO ASK HER ABOUT A STATISTIC
25 THAT'S IN *TE LINDE'S*, SO IF I MAY PROCEED I WILL GO AHEAD AND

1 DO THAT?

2 THE COURT: OKAY. I'M GOING TO ALLOW YOU TO GO
3 FORWARD.

4 AND I'LL LET YOU TAKE THAT UP, MS. JAROSLAW, ON
5 REDIRECT IF YOU WOULD LIKE.

6 MS. JAROSLAW: THANK YOU.

7 MR. ADEN: AGAIN, I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S A WAY THAT
8 I CAN ZOOM IN ON THIS?

9 THE COURT: YOU CAN ZOOM IN ON IT AND ZOOM OUT.

10 MR. ADEN: THERE IT IS. ALL RIGHT.

11 BY MR. ADEN:

12 Q I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO -- FIRST OF ALL, BEFORE I
13 ASK YOU TO DO THIS, DO YOU CONSIDER *TE LINDE'S OPERATIVE*
14 *GYNECOLOGY 10TH EDITION* TO BE AN AUTHORITATIVE TREATISE IN THE
15 FIELD OF GYNECOLOGICAL SURGERY SUCH AS YOU PRACTICE?

16 A NO INDIVIDUAL TEXT IS AN AUTHORITATIVE TREATISE.

17 Q I'M SORRY, DOCTOR. WITH RESPECT TO AUTHORITATIVE
18 TREATISE?

19 A NO INDIVIDUAL TEXT IS AN AUTHORITATIVE TREATISE.

20 Q ALL RIGHT. I RESPECT THAT. DO YOU CONSIDER IT
21 GENERALLY AUTHORITATIVE IN THE FIELD IN WHICH YOU PRACTICE?

22 A NO. IT'S A WELL RESPECTED TEXTBOOK, BUT THAT'S ALL
23 IT IS.

24 Q OKAY. DO YOU KNOW WHO DAVID GRIMES IS -- DR. DAVID
25 GRIMES?

1 A I KNOW OF HIM, YES.

2 Q ARE YOU AWARE THAT THIS CHAPTER WAS ORIGINALLY
3 AUTHORED BY DR. GRIMES?

4 A I WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT THE EDITION TO KNOW THAT FOR
5 A FACT BUT IF THAT'S WHAT YOU SAY I WOULD BELIEVE THAT.

6 Q ALLOW ME TO START THEN BY REFERRING YOU TO PAGE 776
7 WHICH IS ON THE OVERHEAD. DO YOU SEE THE FOOTNOTE ON THE
8 BOTTOM LEFT WHERE IT SAYS -- DO YOU SEE THAT, WHERE IT SAYS,
9 UPDATED --

10 A YES.

11 Q -- FROM A CHAPTER BY DAVID A. GRIMES?

12 A YES.

13 Q DO YOU CONSIDER DR. GRIMES AN AUTHORITY IN THE FIELD
14 OF ABORTION PRACTICE?

15 A HE'S AN EXPERT IN THE FIELD.

16 Q NOW, DOCTOR, TAKING YOU TO PAGE 783 ONCE AGAIN --
17 AND I HOPE THAT YOU CAN READ THAT BECAUSE --

18 A I CAN. THANK YOU.

19 Q WOULD YOU READ THE HIGHLIGHTED SENTENCE FOR US? AND
20 I WILL SCROLL BACK UP TO THE TOP OF THE NEXT COLUMN FOR YOU AS
21 YOU GO.

22 A MAY I START AT THE SENTENCE BEFORE?

23 Q I WOULD PREFER THAT YOU START AT THE HIGHLIGHTED
24 SENTENCE, IF YOU DON'T MIND. AND YOUR COUNSEL MAY TAKE YOU TO
25 THE SENTENCE BEFORE THAT ON REDIRECT IF SHE'D LIKE.

1 A THAT'S FINE. "MOST ABORTIONS TAKE PLACE SAFELY IN
2 FREE-STANDING CLINICS, 93 PERCENT, AND PHYSICIAN'S OFFICES
3 2 PERCENT."

4 Q THANK YOU, DOCTOR. DO YOU HAVE ANY REASON TO
5 DISAGREE WITH THOSE FIGURES, DR. PRESSMAN?

6 A THEY'RE QUITE OUTDATED.

7 Q ARE YOU AWARE OF MORE CURRENT RESEARCH REGARDING THE
8 SITE OF THE PROVISION OF ELECTIVE INDUCED ABORTION?

9 A I WOULD REFER TO THE CALIFORNIA ARTICLE THAT WE
10 SPOKE ABOUT EARLIER.

11 Q DOCTOR, APART FROM THE FIVE OUTPATIENT CLINICS THAT
12 OFFER ELECTIVE INDUCED ABORTION IN LOUISIANA ARE YOU AWARE OF
13 ANY PROVIDER WHO PERFORMS IN AN OFFICE-BASED SETTING IN THE
14 STATE?

15 A I'M NOT AWARE OF SUCH A PROVIDER.

16 Q WOULD YOU AGREE WITH ME THEN THAT WHEN WE'RE TALKING
17 ABOUT ELECTIVE INDUCED ABORTION IN LOUISIANA, FOR THE MOST
18 PART WE'RE REALLY TALKING ABOUT AN OUTPATIENT CLINICAL
19 PRACTICE?

20 A I HAVE NOT --

21 **MS. JAROSLAW:** OBJECTION.

22 **THE COURT:** I'M SORRY, WAS THAT AN OBJECTION?

23 **MS. JAROSLAW:** YES, YOUR HONOR. THERE'S NO
24 FOUNDATION. THE WITNESS HAS SAID SHE'S NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE
25 PRACTICE OF ABORTION SPECIFIC TO THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.

1 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

2 YOU WANT TO REPHRASE THE QUESTION?

3 MR. ADEN: I WILL, YOUR HONOR.

4 BY MR. ADEN:

5 Q BASED ON YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND THE RESEARCH THAT YOU'VE
6 REVIEWED ABOUT THE NUMBER -- THE RELATIVE NUMBER OF ABORTIONS
7 THAT ARE PERFORMED IN AN OFFICE-BASED SETTING VERSUS A
8 CLINICAL SETTING, WOULD YOU AGREE WITH ME THAT WHEN WE'RE
9 TALKING ABOUT ABORTION, WE'LL START WITH LOUISIANA IF YOU
10 KNOW, WE'RE REALLY GENERALLY TALKING ABOUT AN OUTPATIENT
11 CLINICAL PRACTICE RATHER THAN AN OFFICE-BASED PRACTICE?

12 A I HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF SPECIFICS TO LOUISIANA. I DO
13 HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF SPECIFICS TO CALIFORNIA IF I COULD LOOK AT
14 THAT ARTICLE.

15 Q AND, AGAIN, MS. JAROSLAW CAN TALK TO YOU ABOUT THAT
16 ON REDIRECT. AND WOULD YOU AGREE WITH ME, DOCTOR, THAT
17 SURGICAL ABORTION DOES PRESENT RISKS OF COMPLICATIONS THAT
18 SHOULD BE TREATED IN THE HOSPITAL?

19 A RARELY, YES.

20 Q AND THAT THOSE COMPLICATIONS MAY INCLUDE SEVERE
21 HEMORRHAGE? GO AHEAD.

22 A I WAS WAITING FOR THE END OF THE QUESTION.

23 Q THOSE COMPLICATIONS THAT SHOULD BE TREATED IN A
24 HOSPITAL MAY INCLUDE SEVERE HEMORRHAGE?

25 A SEVERE HEMORRHAGE MAY REQUIRE HOSPITAL TREATMENT,

1 YES.

2 Q AND THEY MAY INCLUDE DAMAGE TO INTERNAL ORGANS
3 CAUSED BY UTERINE PERFORATION?

4 A YES.

5 Q LIKewise, WOULD YOU AGREE WITH ME THAT INCOMPLETE
6 ABORTION ACCOMPANIED BY SEVERE HEMORRHAGE OR SEVERE INFECTION
7 SHOULD ALSO BE TREATED IN A HOSPITAL SETTING?

8 A IF THE INFECTION OR HEMORRHAGE WERE SEVERE THEN
9 HOSPITAL TREATMENT MIGHT BE REQUIRED.

10 Q SURE. DOCTOR, ARE ALL ER PHYSICIANS COMPETENT TO
11 PERFORM A D&C PROCEDURE IF NEEDED TO EVACUATE RETAINED FETAL
12 PARTS?

13 A NO.

14 Q SO IN THAT EVENT THE ER DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE TO
15 RELY ON THE ON-CALL OB/GYN; RIGHT?

16 A YES. OR FAMILY MEDICINE PROVIDERS. SOME FAMILY
17 MEDICINE PROVIDERS ARE --

18 Q AND WOULDN'T THAT RESULT IN A DELAY IN TREATMENT FOR
19 THE PATIENT IN THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES?

20 A NO, THAT'S THE STANDARD TREATMENT.

21 Q I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IN THAT REGARD. BUT
22 WOULDN'T YOU AGREE WITH ME THAT THERE IS A DELAY IN TREATMENT
23 IF THE ER HAS TO CALL THE ON-CALL OB OR THE ON-CALL FAMILY
24 DOCTOR WHO HAS COMPETENCY TO PERFORM THE D&C?

25 A NO, THAT'S THE STANDARD TREATMENT. THE PATIENT

1 PRESENTS TO THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT, SHE'S EVALUATED BY THE
2 ER PHYSICIAN AND ANYTHING THAT THE ER PHYSICIAN CAN'T HANDLE
3 THEMSELVES THEY CALL THE ON-CALL PHYSICIAN, THAT'S THE
4 STANDARD OF CARE.

5 Q NOT TO BE PEJORATIVE BUT THE OB DOESN'T SHOW UP
6 INSTANTANEOUSLY IN THE ER; RIGHT?

7 A IT WOULD DEPEND ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES. BUT, NO,
8 THERE WOULD BE SOME TIME BETWEEN THE PHONE CALL AND THE
9 ARRIVAL, YES.

10 Q AND IF THE PHONE CALL IS MADE SOMETIMES THEY'RE NOT
11 AVAILABLE; RIGHT?

12 A NO, THAT IS NOT TRUE.

13 Q YOU'VE NEVER HAD AN ON-CALL OB -- STRIKE THAT.
14 THERE IS SOME TIME THOUGH BETWEEN THE CALL MADE TO THE ON-CALL
15 PHYSICIAN, WHETHER IT'S AN OB OR --

16 A YEAH, AS THERE WOULD BE IN A HEART ATTACK OR A
17 STROKE OR ANY OTHER EMERGENCY CONDITION, YES.

18 Q DOCTOR, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ASK YOU, I'M AFRAID, TO
19 ANSWER YES OR NO TO A YES OR NO QUESTION.

20 MS. JAROSLAW: OBJECTION, YOUR HONOR.

21 THE COURT: I THINK SHE ANSWERED IT. I UNDERSTAND
22 THE ANSWER.

23 MR. ADEN: I'M SORRY, WHAT WAS YOUR RULING?

24 THE COURT: I UNDERSTAND THE ANSWER THAT SHE GAVE.

25 MR. ADEN: YOUR HONOR --

1 THE COURT: GO AHEAD AND ASK IT AGAIN.

2 MR. ADEN: I WOULD PREFER THAT THE WITNESS ANSWER
3 YES OR NO TO YES OR NO QUESTIONS, BUT THAT'S THE COURT'S
4 DISCRETION.

5 THE COURT: WELL, HERE'S THE DEAL, DOCTOR, IF YOU
6 CAN ANSWER WITH A YES OR NO. YOU CAN ANSWER WITH A YES OR NO,
7 BUT YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO GIVE AN EXPLANATION TO YOUR ANSWER.
8 SO I'M GOING TO LET MR. ADEN ASK THE QUESTION AGAIN. IF IT
9 CAN BE ANSWERED WITH A YES OR NO ANSWER IT WITH A YES OR NO
10 AND IF YOU FEEL THE NEED TO GIVE FURTHER EXPLANATION YOU HAVE
11 A RIGHT TO DO THAT.

12 THE WITNESS: THANK YOU.

13 MR. ADEN: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

14 BY MR. ADEN:

15 Q DOCTOR, ARE ALL ER PHYSICIANS COMPETENT TO PERFORM
16 REPAIR OF A PERFORATED UTERUS?

17 A NO.

18 Q ONCE AGAIN, IF THE ER PHYSICIAN WERE NOT COMPETENT
19 TO PERFORM THAT PROCEDURE THAT WOULD ALSO RESULT IN THE SAME
20 TIME DELAY THAT WE TALKED ABOUT A COUPLE OF MINUTES AGO WITH
21 RESPECT TO A D&C, RIGHT; TO CALL THE ON-CALL OB TO DO THAT
22 PROCEDURE?

23 A I CAN'T ANSWER THAT WITH A YES OR NO.

24 Q WELL, THEN GO AHEAD AND ANSWER.

25 A IT'S NOT A DELAY TO CALL THE APPROPRIATE PROVIDER TO

1 CARE FOR A PATIENT. IT IS THE STANDARD OF CARE IN THE
2 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT TO CALL THE PROVIDER THAT WOULD BEST CARE
3 FOR THE PATIENT.

4 Q I UNDERSTAND. AND I DID NOT MEAN DELAY TO CONNOTE
5 THAT IT WAS PREJUDICIAL TO THE PATIENT, SO FORGIVE ME IF
6 THAT'S HOW THE WORD CAME OFF. LET ME USE THE TERM, "PASSAGE
7 OF TIME." THERE IS SOME PASSAGE OF TIME, RIGHT, IN ORDER TO
8 CALL THE OB AND TO GET THE OB INTO THE ER WARD?

9 A YES. CAN I EXPLAIN FURTHER?

10 Q HUH?

11 A MAY I EXPLAIN FURTHER?

12 THE COURT: YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXPLAIN FURTHER,
13 MA'AM.

14 THE WITNESS: THAT SAME PASSAGE OF TIME OCCURS WITH
15 EVERY REFERRING SERVICE TO THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT. SUCH AS
16 WHEN A PATIENT PRESENTS WITH A CARDIOLOGIST -- WITH A HEART
17 ATTACK THERE IS NOT A CARDIOLOGIST SITTING IN THE EMERGENCY
18 DEPARTMENT WAITING FOR THAT PATIENT.

19 BY MR. ADEN:

20 Q BUT IF THE PATIENT'S OUTPATIENT SURGICAL PROVIDER
21 HAD ADMITTING PRIVILEGES AT THE HOSPITAL THAT PATIENT WOULD
22 BYPASS THE ER, WOULD SHE NOT?

23 A RARELY.

24 Q WOULD SHE NOT BE ADMITTED TO A BED -- TO A ROOM IN
25 THE HOSPITAL AND THEREBY BYPASS THE ER ORDINARILY?

1 A IF SHE HAS A RUPTURED -- A UTERINE PERFORATION YOU
2 WOULD NOT WANT HER TO GO TO A BED ON A HOSPITAL FLOOR. YOU
3 WOULD WANT HER TO GO THROUGH THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT INTO THE
4 OPERATING ROOM WHEN THE OPERATING ROOM TEAM WAS ASSEMBLED.

5 Q WHAT IF SHE HAD SEVERE BLEEDING?

6 A THE EMERGENCY ROOM WOULD STILL BE THE BEST PLACE TO
7 CARE FOR THAT PATIENT.

8 Q NOW, DOCTOR, I'D LIKE TO TURN TO THE SUBJECT OF
9 COMPLICATIONS IF I MAY. DO YOU AGREE WITH THE PLAINTIFFS'
10 EXPERT, DR. ESTES, THAT WHERE HE SAYS, QUOTE, "FIRST TRIMESTER
11 SURGICAL ABORTIONS ARE TECHNICALLY NEARLY IDENTICAL TO
12 DIAGNOSTIC OR THERAPEUTIC DILATION AND CURETTAGE, D&C, ON A
13 NON-PREGNANT WOMAN AND SURGICAL COMPLETION OF A SPONTANEOUS
14 MISCARRIAGE"?

15 A IF YOU'RE ASKING ABOUT THE TECHNICAL PROCEDURE THE
16 ANSWER IS YES.

17 Q YOU --

18 A IF YOU'RE ASKING ABOUT THE COMPLICATIONS THE ANSWER
19 WOULD BE NO.

20 Q I UNDERSTAND. AND I RECALL TESTIMONY ABOUT THAT
21 EARLIER. YOU SAID THERE WERE SOME DIFFERENCES WITH RESPECT TO
22 THE COMPLICATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO THAT YOU FELT WERE THERE;
23 RIGHT?

24 A YES.

25 Q AND FURTHER DO YOU AGREE WITH DR. ESTES WHEN HE

1 SAYS, QUOTE, "SURGICAL ABORTION IS SIMILAR TO OTHER
2 GYNECOLOGICAL PROCEDURES THAT HE PROVIDES TO HIS PATIENTS IN
3 TERMS OF RISKS, INVASIVENESS, INSTRUMENTATION AND DURATION."
4 LET ME STOP THERE AND SAY, YOU DON'T AGREE WITH HIM WITH
5 RESPECT TO RISKS, RIGHT, AS YOU'VE JUST TESTIFIED?

6 MS. JAROSLAW: OBJECTION TO THE FORM.

7 BY MR. ADEN:

8 Q DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION?

9 A I THINK SO.

10 Q OKAY. GO AHEAD.

11 A I WOULD HAVE TO KNOW WHICH SPECIFIC PROCEDURES YOU
12 WERE REFERRING TO.

13 Q FAIR ENOUGH. I'LL WITHDRAW THAT. DO YOU AGREE WITH
14 ME THAT FOR WOMEN WHOSE EMERGENT SYMPTOMS OCCUR OUTSIDE OF
15 REGULAR CLINIC OR OFFICE OPERATING HOURS WHEREVER THE ABORTION
16 TOOK PLACE, THAT THOSE WOMEN CAN'T BE SAFELY TREATED IN THAT
17 OFFICE OR CLINIC SETTING WHERE THEY OBTAINED THEIR INITIAL
18 ABORTION PROCEDURE?

19 A PATIENTS CANNOT BE TREATED IN A CLINIC THAT IS
20 CLOSED, THAT IS TRUE.

21 Q AND IF THERE IS NO -- EVEN IF THE CLINIC IS OPEN OR
22 THE OFFICE IS OPEN, BUT THERE IS NO PHYSICIAN WITH SURGICAL
23 PRIVILEGES THERE OR PRIVILEGES COMPETENT TO MANAGE THE
24 COMPLICATIONS, LIKEWISE, SHE CAN'T BE TREATED FOR THOSE
25 COMPLICATIONS IN THAT SETTING, CAN SHE?

1 A MOST COMPLICATIONS OF ABORTION DO NOT REQUIRE
2 SURGICAL TREATMENT, SO PERHAPS DEPENDING ON WHAT THE
3 COMPLICATIONS WERE SHE COULD BE TREATED.

4 Q BUT YOU HEARD IN MY QUESTION THE PREDICATE THAT
5 THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE A PHYSICIAN IN THE CLINIC WHO IS
6 COMPETENT TO MANAGE THOSE COMPLICATIONS? AND I'M SAYING IF
7 THERE -- IF THE CLINIC IS OPEN BUT THE PHYSICIAN IS NOT THERE
8 THEN SHE CAN'T BE TREATED THERE; CORRECT?

9 A IT DEPENDS WHAT THE TREATMENT IS. MANY NURSE
10 PRACTITIONERS OR NURSES CAN ADMINISTER TREATMENT THAT WOULD BE
11 EFFECTIVE FOR MANY COMPLICATIONS.

12 Q NOW WOULD YOU AGREE THAT WHEN SEVERE HEMORRHAGE
13 OCCURS SOMETIMES THE APPROPRIATE TREATMENT MAY INCLUDE BLOOD
14 PRODUCTS; RIGHT?

15 A YES.

16 Q AND WOULD YOU AGREE THAT OUTPATIENT SURGICAL CENTERS
17 ARE NOT GENERALLY EQUIPPED TO INTERVENE IN THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES
18 WITH BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS BECAUSE THEY LACK BLOOD PRODUCTS ON
19 HAND; RIGHT?

20 A THAT IS TRUE.

21 Q NOW --

22 A THE MAIN STATE OF TREATMENT FOR BLEEDING FROM THE
23 UTERUS IS TO GET THE UTERUS TO CONTRACT. BLOOD PRODUCTS MIGHT
24 STILL BE NECESSARY BUT IF YOU CAN STOP THE BLEEDING YOU CAN
25 OFTEN AVOID THE NEED FOR BLOOD PRODUCTS.

1 Q RIGHT. BUT NOT ALWAYS?

2 A NOT ALWAYS.

3 Q I'M GOING TO USE A TERM THAT I DO NOT UNDERSTAND,
4 AND YOU FORGIVE FOR ME THAT, BUT YOU DO I THINK. IN SUCH
5 CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD APPROPRIATE TREATMENT INCLUDE POSSIBLY
6 UTERINE ARTERY EMBOLIZATION?

7 A WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO DESCRIBE WHAT THAT IS?

8 Q IF I HAD MY TABER'S WITH ME I COULD, BUT I DON'T I'M
9 AFRAID, SO I'LL PASS TO THE NEXT QUESTION. DO YOU KNOW WHAT
10 THAT TERM MEANS?

11 A I DO. I COULD EXPLAIN IT TO YOU IF YOU'D LIKE.

12 Q I'D LOVE THAT. THANK YOU.

13 A SO UTERINE ARTERY EMBOLIZATION IS AN INTERVENTIONAL
14 RADIOLOGY TECHNIQUE WHERE CATHETERS ARE PLACED INTO THE
15 FEMORAL ARTERIES AND THREADED UP TO THE UTERINE ARTERIES AND
16 THEN COILS OR GEL OR OTHER OBJECTS TO OBSTRUCT THE BLOOD FLOW
17 IN THE UTERINE ARTERIES ARE PLACED SO THAT THE BLOOD FLOW TO
18 THE UTERUS IS DECREASED AND THEREFORE THE BLEEDING FROM THE
19 UTERUS IS DECREASED.

20 Q THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND THAT PROCEDURE IS
21 TYPICALLY PERFORMED BY AN OPERATIVE RADIOLOGIST?

22 A INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGIST.

23 Q THANK YOU. GENERALLY SPEAKING, EMERGENCY ROOM
24 PHYSICIANS ARE NOT COMPETENT TO PERFORM THAT PROCEDURE ON A
25 PATIENT; RIGHT?

1 A NO. JUST AN INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGIST. THAT COULD
2 BE PERFORMED IN EITHER AN IN-PATIENT OR AN OUTPATIENT SETTING.

3 Q NOW, DOCTOR, YOU SAID IN YOUR REBUTTAL REPORT, THIS
4 IS PARAGRAPH 31, THAT DR. CUDIHY, QUOTE, "EXAGGERATES THE
5 RISKS OF D&CS," CLOSED QUOTE. IS THAT YOUR OPINION?

6 A IF I MIGHT -- I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE REPORT,
7 PLEASE.

8 Q I'D BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE THAT FOR YOU.

9 A AND THEN PERHAPS THE PART OF DR. CUDIHY'S REPORT
10 THAT I WAS REFERRING TO.

11 MR. ADEN: MS. DECKER THAT IS PLAINTIFFS'
12 EXHIBIT 131, I BELIEVE, WHICH IS IN EVIDENCE. IF YOU'RE
13 HAVING TROUBLE LOCATING THAT I CAN USE THE ELMO.

14 THE COURT: WAIT, HANG ON. ARE WE HAVING SOME
15 TECHNICAL ISSUES? WHAT'S THE --

16 MS. DECKER: YEAH, I THOUGHT I HAD THEM SOLVED, BUT
17 I'M SORRY. THE SCREEN IS NOT COMING ON.

18 THE COURT: IS IT POSSIBLY ON OUR END? MS. CAUSEY
19 IS SAYING NO. IT'S GOT TO BE ON YOUR END.

20 MS. DECKER: I BELIEVE THAT'S ENTIRELY LIKELY.
21 OKAY. THERE WE GO.

22 THE COURT: SOMETHING JUST POPPED UP.

23 BY MR. ADEN:

24 Q THANK YOU. NOW WE'RE GOING TO PARAGRAPH 31.

25 A COULD I SEE DR. CUDIHY PARAGRAPH 36 AS WELL, PLEASE?

1 Q I WASN'T PLANNING --

2 A MAYBE IT'S --

3 Q I WASN'T PLANNING TO GO THERE, BUT --

4 A MAYBE -- I WOULD JUST --

5 Q IF IT'S REQUIRED TO REFRESH YOUR MEMORY ABOUT THE
6 RISKS THAT DR. CUDIHY DISCUSSED I'D BE HAPPY TO DO THAT?

7 A I'D LIKE TO REFRESH MY MEMORY ABOUT WHAT DR. CUDIHY
8 WAS DISCUSSING. IT MIGHT NOT BE PARAGRAPH 36, I THINK THAT
9 REFERS TO SOMETHING BELOW, SO PROBABLY SOMETHING BELOW
10 PARAGRAPH 36.

11 Q IT LOOKED LIKE IT WAS PARAGRAPH 36 OF DR. CUDIHY'S
12 REPORT IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN.

13 A LET'S GO ONE PARAGRAPH UP, PLEASE.

14 Q ONE PARAGRAPH WHICH WAY, MA'AM?

15 A UP, 35.

16 Q THIRTY-FIVE.

17 A MAYBE BEFORE THAT.

18 Q DOES THAT HELP REFRESH YOUR RECOLLECTION ABOUT YOUR
19 TESTIMONY WITH REGARD TO DR. CUDIHY'S TESTIMONY ON THE RISKS
20 OF D&CS?

21 A NOT SPECIFICALLY, BUT GENERALLY, YES.

22 Q OKAY. NOW DR. CHRISTOPHER ESTES STATED IN HIS
23 REPORT THAT, QUOTE, "ABORTION IS A VERY SAFE PROCEDURE, THE
24 OVERALL HOSPITALIZATION RATE IS APPROXIMATELY POINT 3 PERCENT
25 CITING HENSHAW AND FINER." DO YOU RECALL THAT?

1 A I DO RECALL SOMETHING TO THAT EFFECT, NOT THAT
2 SPECIFIC STATEMENT.

3 Q DO YOU HAVE ANY REASON TO QUESTION THAT FIGURE, THE
4 POINT 3 PERCENT?

5 A I THINK THAT'S SIMILAR TO THE FIGURE THAT WAS IN THE
6 CALIFORNIA STUDY, SO NO.

7 Q WOULD YOU AGREE WITH ME THAT THAT FIGURE SUGGESTS
8 THAT THE HOSPITAL RATE -- HOSPITALIZATION RATE FOR ELECTIVE
9 ABORTION SUCH AS PLAINTIFFS' PRACTICE WOULD BE LESS THAN ONE
10 PATIENT OUT OF 100?

11 A IT IS LESS THAN ONE PATIENT OUT OF 100. IT'S
12 PROBABLY LESS THAN ONE PATIENT OUT OF 1,000.

13 Q I WANT TO MAKE SURE I UNDERSTAND THIS. POINT
14 3 PERCENT IS ONE-THIRD OF 1 PERCENT; CORRECT?

15 A YES.

16 Q SO 1 PERCENT WOULD BE ONE PATIENT OUT OF 100 WOULD
17 IT NOT?

18 A YES.

19 Q AND POINT 3 PERCENT WOULD BE ROUGHLY ONE PATIENT OUT
20 OF 300; RIGHT?

21 A THREE PATIENTS OUT OF 1,000, YES.

22 Q OKAY. DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY ABORTIONS OCCUR ANNUALLY
23 IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA?

24 A I DO NOT.

25 Q IF I WERE TO PRESENT TO YOU THAT STATE DEPARTMENT --

1 STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT STATISTICS FOR 2013 SAY THE FIGURE WAS
2 9,976 WOULD YOU HAVE ANY REASON TO DOUBT THAT FIGURE?

3 A NO.

4 Q WOULD YOU AGREE WITH ME THEN THAT THE
5 HOSPITALIZATION RATE OF POINT 3 PERCENT WOULD ANTICIPATE THE
6 HOSPITALIZATION OF ABOUT 30 PATIENTS A YEAR?

7 MS. JAROSLAW: OBJECTION, YOUR HONOR. COUNSEL IS
8 MISCHARACTERIZING WHAT THE POINT 3 PERCENT REPRESENTS.

9 THE COURT: YEAH, THINK Y'ALL --

10 MR. ADEN: SHE CAN DO THE MATH, YOUR HONOR.

11 THE COURT: WELL, I KNOW. THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO DO
12 BECAUSE I HEARD HER SAY THREE OUT OF 1,000 AND I HEARD YOU SAY
13 ONE -- THREE OUT OF -- ONE IN 300. SO --

14 MR. ADEN: YES, SIR. THAT'S WHY I ASKED HER
15 ABOUT -- AND, AGAIN, A LOT OF US WENT TO LAW SCHOOL BECAUSE OF
16 MATH.

17 THE COURT: WE'LL STIPULATE TO THAT. ABSOLUTELY.

18 BY MR. ADEN:

19 Q LET ME TRY AGAIN, DOCTOR. POINT 3 PERCENT IS
20 ROUGHLY -- IS JUST SHORT OF ONE-THIRD OF ONE PERCENT; RIGHT?

21 A IT'S THREE OUT OF 1,000. FOR 9,000 ABORTIONS IT
22 WOULD BE 27 PATIENTS. I ACTUALLY MAJORED IN MATH.

23 Q OKAY. GREAT.

24 THE COURT: ONE OF US.

25 BY MR. ADEN:

1 Q I SO RESPECT THAT. 27, I'LL TAKE THAT. THANK YOU.

2 A BUT I DON'T KNOW IF THAT POINT 3 PERCENT REFERS
3 SPECIFICALLY TO LOUISIANA, SO IT MAY NOT APPLY.

4 Q UNDERSTOOD. NOW AS A DOCTOR YOU BELIEVE THAT
5 ABORTION SHOULD NOT BE REGULATED UNDER LAW ANYMORE THAN ANY
6 OTHER MEDICAL PROCEDURE; RIGHT?

7 A I THINK THE LAWS THAT REGULATE THE SAFETY OF MEDICAL
8 CARE SHOULD APPLY TO ALL PATIENTS FOR ALL PROCEDURES.

9 Q EQUALLY?

10 A EQUALLY.

11 Q SO IT SHOULDN'T BE REGULATED BY LAW ANY LESS THAN
12 ANY SIMILAR MEDICAL PROCEDURE; RIGHT?

13 A EQUALLY. SO --

14 Q I'LL TAKE THAT. ARE YOU AWARE THAT LOUISIANA LAW
15 REQUIRES PHYSICIANS WHO PERFORM SURGERIES IN AMBULATORY
16 SURGICAL CENTERS TO HAVE ADMITTING -- TO HAVE SURGICAL
17 ADMITTING PRIVILEGES IN A HOSPITAL IN THEIR COMMUNITY?

18 MS. JAROSLAW: OBJECTION, YOUR HONOR.

19 THE COURT: WHAT'S THE OBJECTION?

20 MS. JAROSLAW: THIS WITNESS HAS NO EXPERTISE IN
21 LOUISIANA ASTCS OR WHAT PROCEDURES ARE REQUIRED IN ASTCS.

22 THE COURT: WHAT'S YOUR RESPONSE?

23 MR. ADEN: I'M TESTING HER OPINION THAT ABORTION
24 SHOULD BE REGULATED THE SAME AS OTHER PROCEDURES.

25 THE COURT: OKAY. I OVERRULE THE OBJECTION.

1 BY MR. ADEN:

2 Q DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION, DOCTOR?

3 A PLEASE REPEAT?

4 Q ARE YOU AWARE THAT LOUISIANA LAW REQUIRES DOCTORS
5 WHO PERFORM SURGERIES IN AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTERS TO HAVE
6 SURGICAL ADMITTING PRIVILEGES IN A HOSPITAL IN THEIR
7 COMMUNITY?

8 A I'M AWARE OF IT FOR OTHER STATES. I DON'T KNOW THAT
9 I'M AWARE OF IT SPECIFICALLY FOR LOUISIANA, BUT I AM AWARE OF
10 THAT PROVISION.

11 Q OKAY. AND YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IN AMBULATORY
12 SURGICAL CENTERS NOT ONLY COMPLEX SURGERIES LIKE CARDIAC OR
13 PULMONARY SURGERIES ARE PERFORMED BUT ALSO SURGERIES THAT ARE
14 LESS COMPLEX AND LESS RISKY?

15 A THERE IS A RANGE OF PROCEDURES THAT ARE PERFORMED IN
16 AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTERS.

17 Q SUCH AS COLONOSCOPIES; RIGHT?

18 A NOT COLONOSCOPIES.

19 Q IN AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER SETTINGS?

20 A USUALLY THOSE ARE IN DOCTOR'S OFFICES.

21 Q DOCTOR, I'D LIKE TO TURN YOU NOW TO YOUR TESTIMONY
22 REGARDING ADMITTING PRIVILEGES, IF I MAY. YOU HAVE ADMITTING
23 PRIVILEGES AT TWO HOSPITALS IN ROCHESTER NEW YORK; RIGHT?

24 A YES.

25 Q WHEN WERE THOSE APPOINTMENTS OBTAINED?

1 A STRONG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN 1999. I CAN'T REMEMBER
2 WHICH YEAR FOR HIGHLAND HOSPITAL.

3 Q THAT'S ALL RIGHT. DID YOU ENCOUNTER ANY RESISTANCE
4 IN YOUR APPLICATION FOR STAFF ADMISSION AND CREDENTIALING AT
5 THOSE TWO HOSPITALS BASED UPON YOUR PRIOR PERFORMANCE OF
6 ELECTIVE INDUCED ABORTION?

7 A NOT SPECIFICALLY, NO.

8 Q DO YOU RECALL ANYONE STATING IN WRITING OR VERBALLY
9 THAT YOU OUGHT NOT TO BE GRANTED THOSE PRIVILEGES BECAUSE OF
10 YOUR PERFORMANCE OF THOSE -- THAT PROCEDURE?

11 A ARE YOU ASKING IF I MET RESISTANCE TO OBTAIN
12 PRIVILEGES TO SPECIFICALLY PERFORM THOSE PROCEDURES OR
13 ADMITTING PRIVILEGES IN GENERAL?

14 Q IN GENERAL.

15 A NO.

16 Q AND YOU'RE CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE CREDENTIALING
17 COMMITTEE OF TWO HOSPITALS; RIGHT?

18 A YES.

19 Q SO YOU'RE IN A POSITION TO REVIEW AND RECOMMEND THE
20 GRANTING OF PRIVILEGES YOURSELF; CORRECT?

21 A CORRECT.

22 Q AND, AGAIN, DID YOU EXPERIENCE ANY OPPOSITION TO
23 YOUR APPOINTMENT TO THOSE COMMITTEES BASED ON YOUR PERFORMANCE
24 OF ELECTED INDUCED ABORTION?

25 A NO.

1 Q I THINK YOU TESTIFIED A LITTLE EARLIER THAT YOU
2 DON'T KNOW -- MAYBE IT WASN'T EXACTLY ASKED THIS WAY SO I WILL
3 ASK IT. DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY PHYSICIANS AT PRESENT ARE
4 PROVIDING ABORTIONS IN LOUISIANA?

5 A NO.

6 Q AND SO YOU WOULDN'T KNOW HOW MANY OF THEM HAVE
7 ADMITTING PRIVILEGES I PRESUME?

8 A I KNOW THAT THERE ARE TWO PHYSICIANS THAT HAVE
9 ADMITTING PRIVILEGES THAT CAME UP IN DISCUSSIONS WITH MY LEGAL
10 COUNSEL.

11 Q WELL, DON'T TELL US ABOUT WHAT YOUR COUNSEL TOLD YOU
12 IF THAT'S ALL RIGHT. FAIR ENOUGH. AND YOU DON'T -- DO YOU
13 KNOW WHETHER THE REMAINING PHYSICIANS HAVE APPLIED FOR
14 ADMITTING PRIVILEGES?

15 A MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THEY HAVE QUITE SOME TIME
16 AGO, BUT HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN A RULING.

17 Q NOW, DOCTOR, YOUR REPORT RESPONDED IN PART TO THE
18 EXPERT REPORT BY DR. ROBERT MARIER; RIGHT?

19 A YES.

20 Q AND SPECIFICALLY YOU RESPONDED TO PARAGRAPH 7 OF HIS
21 REPORT IN WHICH HE SUMMARIZES HIS OPINION THAT ACT 630 {SIC}
22 INSURES QUALITY OF CARE FOR FOUR REASONS; DO YOU REMEMBER
23 THAT?

24 A I DO.

25 Q LET'S PULL UP DEFENDANT'S EXHIBIT 146, PLEASE.

1 THAT'S THE DR. MARIER'S REPORT AND I BELIEVE THIS IS IN
2 EVIDENCE. LET'S GO TO PARAGRAPH 22. AND FOR CONTEXT IF YOU
3 DON'T MIND, DOCTOR, I'LL START WITH THE THIRD LINE DOWN.

4 A YOU'LL START, MEANING YOU'LL READ IT OR YOU WANT ME
5 TO READ IT?

6 Q I'M SORRY. THIS IS -- I'M REFERRING TO THE ADMITTED
7 REBUTTAL EXPERT REPORT WHICH DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE THE SAME
8 REPORT. THAT'S THE DECLARATION. THIS IS THE REBUTTAL REPORT
9 DATED JANUARY 21ST, 2015. THANK YOU. PARAGRAPH 22.

10 THE COURT: WHAT'S THE EXHIBIT NUMBER? I'M SORRY?

11 MS. DECKER: I'M SORRY, YOUR HONOR. DEFENDANT'S
12 150.

13 THE COURT: OKAY. THANK YOU.

14 MR. ADEN: THANK YOU.

15 BY MR. ADEN:

16 Q ALL RIGHT. BEGINNING THE THIRD LINE DOWN, DOCTOR.
17 IF YOU'LL READ WITH ME JUST TO SET THE CONTEXT OF WHAT DR.
18 MARIER IS SAYING ABOUT ADMITTING PRIVILEGES. "AS I STATED IN
19 MY DECLARATION DATED DECEMBER 1ST, 2014, THE REQUIREMENT OF
20 ADMITTING PRIVILEGES FOR ABORTION PROVIDERS SERVES TO ENSURE
21 QUALITY OF CARE BECAUSE IT, A, PROVIDES AN EVALUATION
22 MECHANISM FOR PHYSICIAN COMPETENCY, B, SERVES TO ENABLE
23 CONTINUITY OF CARE, C, SERVES TO ENHANCE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN
24 PHYSICIANS AND TO OPTIMIZE THE TRANSFER OF PATIENT INFORMATION
25 IN SERVICE OF COMPLICATION MANAGEMENT AND D, SERVES TO SUPPORT

1 THE ETHICAL DUTY OF CARE FOR THE OPERATING PHYSICIAN TO
2 PREVENT PATIENT ABANDONMENT." DID I READ THAT CORRECTLY?

3 A YES.

4 Q AND THAT'S WHAT -- IN PART, THAT WAS WHAT YOU WERE
5 RESPONDING TO THE OPINION OF DR. MARIER; RIGHT?

6 A YES.

7 Q NOW, I BELIEVE YOU AGREE WITH DR. MARIER AS TO HIS
8 FIRST POINT THAT ADMITTING PRIVILEGES CAN SERVE THE FUNCTION
9 OF PROVIDING AN EVALUATION MECHANISM FOR PHYSICIAN COMPETENCY
10 GENERALLY?

11 A THEY ARE ONE WAY TO DO SO, YES.

12 Q AND YOU AGREE WITH DR. MARIER ON THIS POINT IN PART
13 BECAUSE THE PROCESS OF EVALUATION FOR ADMITTING PRIVILEGES
14 USUALLY INVOLVES REVIEW OF A PRACTITIONER'S PAST, THEIR
15 TRAINING AND THEIR PRACTICE PRIOR TO THAT POINT IN TIME;
16 RIGHT?

17 A YES. USUALLY SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO WHAT THEY PLAN
18 TO DO IN THE HOSPITAL.

19 Q AND IN THAT REVIEW YOU MIGHT UNCOVER THINGS THAT
20 WOULD REVEAL COMPETENCE OR INCOMPETENCE; CORRECT?

21 A YES.

22 Q IN FACT, IN YOUR OWN REVIEW OF CREDENTIALING
23 APPLICATIONS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER'S SYSTEM, YOU
24 WERE LOOKING FOR THINGS LIKE MALPRACTICE CLAIMS, PATIENT
25 COMPLAINTS, COMPLAINTS TO STATE OR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS,

1 PEER REVIEWS AND REVIEWS BY PRIOR SUPERVISORS; CORRECT?

2 A YES. MANY OF THOSE THINGS WE GET FROM THE STATE
3 SPECIFICALLY.

4 Q THANK YOU. BUT WHEN IT COMES TO OUTPATIENT
5 ABORTION -- THANK YOU VERY MUCH, YOU JUST DON'T THINK THAT
6 HAVING ADMITTING PRIVILEGES IS RELATED TO COMPETENCE IN THAT
7 CASE; RIGHT?

8 A NOT NECESSARILY. IF THE PROVIDER IS NOT APPLYING
9 FOR PRIVILEGES TO DO ABORTIONS IN THE HOSPITAL THAT ASPECT OF
10 THE CARE HE OR SHE HAS DELIVERED IN THE PAST MIGHT NOT BE
11 REVIEWED.

12 Q WHAT IF THEY'RE APPLYING FOR PRIVILEGES TO MANAGE
13 THE COMPLICATIONS OF ELECTIVE ABORTION IN THE HOSPITAL?

14 A THAT'S NOT A SPECIFIC PRIVILEGE SO THEY WOULDN'T --
15 THEY WOULD BE APPLYING FOR ADMITTING PRIVILEGES OR SURGICAL
16 PRIVILEGES. SO THERE'S NOT A CHECKBOX ON THE FORM THAT SAYS
17 COMPLICATIONS OF ABORTIONS.

18 Q THAT'S TRUE. BUT THERE MAY BE A CHECKBOX ON THE
19 FORM THAT SAYS DILATION AND CURETTAGE; RIGHT?

20 A YES. IF THE PHYSICIAN PLANS TO DO THOSE IN THE
21 HOSPITAL.

22 Q AND THAT'S ONE WAY OF MANAGING THE COMPLICATIONS OF
23 OUTPATIENT SURGICAL ABORTION; RIGHT?

24 A IT'S NOT ACTUALLY WHAT THE LOUISIANA LAW ASKS ABOUT
25 THOUGH --

1 Q DOCTOR --

2 A -- IT JUST ASKS ABOUT ADMITTING PRIVILEGES.

3 Q I'M SORRY, DOCTOR, THAT'S A YES OR NO QUESTION AND
4 I'M AFRAID YOU'RE NOT RESPONDING TO MY QUESTION.

5 MS. JAROSLAW: OBJECT, YOUR HONOR. THE WITNESS IS
6 RESPONDING THE BEST SHE CAN.

7 THE COURT: OKAY. LET'S JUST ASK THE QUESTION
8 AGAIN.

9 MR. ADEN: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

10 BY MR. ADEN:

11 Q DOES AN OUTPATIENT PROVIDER OF SURGICAL PROCEDURES
12 EVER INTEND TO USE -- WHO HAS ADMITTING PRIVILEGES, EVER
13 INTEND TO USE THOSE PRIVILEGES IN THE HOSPITAL?

14 MS. JAROSLAW: OBJECTION TO THE FORM.

15 BY MR. ADEN:

16 Q DO YOU UNDERSTAND MY QUESTION?

17 THE COURT: OVERRULED.

18 YOU MAY ANSWER IT IF YOU UNDERSTAND IT.

19 A SO, MANY OUTPATIENT PROVIDERS OF SURGICAL PROCEDURES
20 ALSO HAVE AN IN-PATIENT PRACTICE OF THOSE PROCEDURES. SO
21 THOSE PROVIDERS WOULD INTEND TO USE THOSE PRIVILEGES IN THE
22 HOSPITAL.

23 BY MR. ADEN:

24 Q BUT SOME DO NOT; RIGHT?

25 A GENERALLY THERE AREN'T PROVIDERS WITH SURGICAL

1 PROCEDURES IN A HOSPITAL THAT NEVER INTEND TO USE THEM, NO.
2 WHY WOULD YOU BOTHER TO GET THEM?

3 Q BUT IT'S DIFFERENT FOR ELECTIVE ABORTION PROVIDERS;
4 RIGHT?

5 A NO.

6 Q OKAY. I'M ASKING THIS QUESTION BECAUSE I THINK THAT
7 BOTH YOU AND DR. ESTES USED THE PHRASE, "INTEND TO EMPLOY THE
8 ADMITTING PRIVILEGES." I BELIEVE YOU STATED IN YOUR REPORT
9 THAT ADMITTING PRIVILEGES ARE NOT USEFUL FOR AN OUTPATIENT
10 DOCTOR WHO DOES NOT INTEND TO EMPLOY THEM IN THE HOSPITAL; IS
11 THAT CORRECT?

12 A YES.

13 Q MY QUESTION --

14 A PROVIDERS GET ADMITTING PRIVILEGES WHEN THEY PLAN TO
15 ADMIT PATIENTS.

16 Q SHOULDN'T AN OUTPATIENT PROVIDER OF SURGICAL
17 PROCEDURES WHO KNOWS THAT THERE IS A 0.3 PERCENT RISK OF
18 COMPLICATIONS REQUIRING HOSPITALIZATION EXPECT TO SOMETIMES
19 HAVE TO PROVIDE MANAGEMENT CARE IN THE HOSPITAL SETTING FOR
20 THAT PROCEDURE?

21 A NO.

22 Q WHY NOT?

23 A BECAUSE THERE NEEDS TO BE A PROCESS FOR THOSE
24 PATIENTS THAT NEED TO BE ADMITTED TO BE ADMITTED. IT DOESN'T
25 NECESSARILY NEED TO INVOLVE THE ABORTION PROVIDER. THE SAME

1 AS WITH A PERSON WHO DOES COLONOSCOPIES DOESN'T ADMIT THE
2 PATIENT WHO HAS A PERFORATED BOWEL. THOSE PATIENTS GET
3 ADMITTED TO ANOTHER PHYSICIAN'S SERVICE. MOST PATIENTS --
4 MOST PHYSICIANS WHO PROVIDE COLONOSCOPY IN AN OUTPATIENT
5 SETTING DON'T HAVE ADMITTING PRIVILEGES.

6 Q LET'S TALK ABOUT COLONOSCOPY BRIEFLY. AS I
7 UNDERSTAND IT, THE COLONOSCOPY PROCEDURE CARRIES A RISK OF
8 PERFORATION OF THE BOWEL; RIGHT?

9 A YES.

10 Q AND THAT PERFORATION WOULD HAVE TO BE RESECTED OR
11 REPAIRED BY A GENERAL SURGEON OR A SPECIALIST SURGEON; RIGHT?

12 A MANY TIMES. IF IT'S A SMALL BOWEL PERFORATION THEN
13 THOSE CAN BE MANAGED EXPECTANTLY.

14 Q THAT'S NOT WITHIN THE COMPETENCY TYPICALLY OF A
15 GASTROENTEROLOGIST, IS IT?

16 A NOT TYPICALLY, NO. BUT -- YES.

17 Q WHEN A PROVIDER OF SURGICAL ELECTIVE ABORTION HAS A
18 PATIENT EXPERIENCE A COMPLICATION SUCH AS RETAINED PRODUCTS OF
19 CONCEPTION, IS THE SURGICAL MANAGEMENT OF THAT COMPLICATION
20 WITHIN THE ABORTION PROVIDER'S COMPETENCE?

21 A YES, BUT IT CAN USUALLY BE HANDLED WITHIN THE
22 CLINIC.

23 Q SO THERE'S NO REASON IF IT'S WITHIN HIS COMPETENCE
24 THAT HE COULDN'T MANAGE THE COMPLICATION IN THE HOSPITAL
25 SETTING EMPLOYING ADMITTING PRIVILEGES; RIGHT?

1 A EXCEPT IT'S MUCH MORE EXPENSIVE FOR THE PATIENT IN
2 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM TO DO SO.

3 Q ARE YOU AWARE THAT THERE HAS BEEN TESTIMONY IN THIS
4 CASE THAT ONE OF THE DOE DOCTORS INADVERTENTLY PERFORATED A
5 PATIENT'S UTERUS AND THAT THAT COMPLICATION WAS MANAGED BY
6 ANOTHER DOE DOCTOR WHO EMPLOYED THAT DOCTOR'S ADMITTING
7 PRIVILEGES TO ADMIT THE PATIENT TO THE HOSPITAL?

8 A NOT SPECIFICALLY, NO.

9 Q NOW, LET'S TALK ABOUT DR. MARIER'S SECOND PURPOSE;
10 THE "B" OF HIS A THROUGH D. YOU AGREE WITH DR. MARIER THAT
11 ADMITTING PRIVILEGES CAN SERVE THE FUNCTION OF PROMOTING
12 CONTINUITY OF CARE, DON'T YOU?

13 A YES. SO IF I ADMIT A PATIENT TO MYSELF I ALREADY
14 KNOW EVERYTHING THAT I KNOW. BUT IF I ADMIT A PATIENT -- IF I
15 SEND A PATIENT TO BE ADMITTED BY SOMEONE ELSE, THEN THE FACT
16 THAT I HAVE ADMITTING PRIVILEGES DOESN'T NECESSARILY ENHANCE
17 THAT COMMUNICATION.

18 Q AND CONTINUITY OF CARE MEANS, AMONG OTHER THINGS,
19 THE TRANSFER OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE PATIENT FROM ONE DOCTOR
20 TO ANOTHER; RIGHT?

21 A YES. BUT ADMITTING PRIVILEGES ARE NOT REQUIRED AS
22 WE DISCUSSED EARLIER.

23 Q IT WOULD REALLY MOVE THINGS ALONG A LITTLE FASTER IF
24 YOU WOULD ANSWER YES OR NO TO MY YES OR NO QUESTIONS, BUT --

25 **MS. JAROSLAW:** OBJECTION, YOUR HONOR.

1 **THE COURT:** SHE HAS THE RIGHT, I'VE TOLD HER
2 SPECIFICALLY, THE LAW ALLOWS HER TO GIVE AN EXPLANATION IF SHE
3 CHOOSES.

4 **MR. ADEN:** THANK YOU.

5 **BY MR. ADEN:**

6 **Q** AND THIS INFORMATION COULD INCLUDE THEIR MEDICAL
7 HISTORY AND THE NATURE OF THE COMPLICATION; RIGHT?

8 **A** I'M AFRAID YOU STARTED THAT QUESTION IN THE MIDDLE.
9 I'M NOT QUITE SURE WHERE THE START OF THE QUESTION IS.

10 **Q** I ASKED YOU A MOMENT AGO IF CONTINUITY OF CARE CAN
11 MEAN TRANSFER OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE PATIENT FROM ONE DOCTOR
12 TO ANOTHER; RIGHT?

13 **A** YES.

14 **Q** NOW I'M ASKING YOU IF THAT INFORMATION WHICH NEEDS
15 TO BE TRANSFERRED MAY INCLUDE, FOR EXAMPLE, THEIR MEDICAL
16 HISTORY AND THE NATURE OF THE COMPLICATION; RIGHT?

17 **A** YES.

18 **Q** AND THAT'S IMPORTANT, AT LEAST IN PART, BECAUSE IT
19 ALLOWS APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT OF THE PATIENT,
20 DOES IT NOT?

21 **A** ACCURATE MEDICAL HISTORY IS IMPORTANT FOR MAKING AN
22 ACCURATE DIAGNOSIS, YES.

23 **Q** AS WELL AS THE NATURE OF THE COMPLICATION; RIGHT?

24 **A** IF THE PROVIDER KNOWS THE NATURE OF THE
25 COMPLICATION.

1 Q SURE. WHEN ANOTHER DOCTOR HAS TO TAKE OVER CARE OF
2 A PATIENT, IT'S OFTEN IMPORTANT THAT THE DOCTOR BE ABLE TO
3 COMPLICATE WITH THE REFERRING PHYSICIAN; RIGHT?

4 A THAT COMMUNICATION IS USUALLY TERMED, "A HANDOFF"
5 AND IT CAN HAPPEN IN MANY WAYS AND IT HAPPENS MANY TIMES A DAY
6 IN EVERY MEDICAL FACILITY.

7 Q AND THAT'S TO PROVIDE THE HISTORY OF THE PATIENT;
8 RIGHT?

9 A IT'S TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AS TO WHAT HAS HAPPENED
10 TO THE PATIENT SO FAR AND WHAT THE EXPECTED PLANS FOR THE
11 PATIENT GOING FORWARD ARE.

12 Q SURE. AND THAT ALLOWS THE PHYSICIAN TAKING OVER THE
13 CARE TO MAKE THE MOST APPROPRIATE DECISIONS REGARDING HER
14 CARE; RIGHT?

15 A YES.

16 Q AND THAT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE PATIENT'S
17 ORIGINAL DOCTOR AND THE TREATING DOCTOR IN THE HOSPITAL IS
18 IMPORTANT TO ENSURING THE BEST CARE POSSIBLE FOR HER; IS IT
19 NOT?

20 A COMMUNICATION IS IMPORTANT, YES.

21 Q IN FACT, I THINK YOU WOULD AGREE WITH ME THAT
22 MISCOMMUNICATION BETWEEN THOSE TWO DOCTORS CAN BE A SOURCE OF
23 ERROR THAT MAY RESULT IN PATIENT HARM; RIGHT?

24 A YES.

25 Q FOR EXAMPLE, DANGEROUS MEDICATION ERRORS WOULD BE AN

1 EXAMPLE; CORRECT?

2 A AN EXAMPLE OF AN ERROR OR AN EXAMPLE OF A
3 MISCOMMUNICATION?

4 Q AN EXAMPLE OF AN ERROR THAT CAN RESULT IN PATIENT
5 HARM.

6 A YES.

7 Q AND AREN'T INFORMATION GAPS LIKE THOSE BETWEEN
8 OUTPATIENT DOCTORS AND ER PHYSICIANS A RECOGNIZED PROBLEM IN
9 HEALTHCARE?

10 A INCOMPLETE INFORMATION IS A RECOGNIZED PROBLEM IN
11 HEALTHCARE, YES. NOT SPECIFIC TO THOSE TWO PROVIDERS.

12 Q NOW, AS I UNDERSTAND IT THERE ARE THREE FACTORS THAT
13 CONTRIBUTE TO BETTER COMMUNICATION IN THAT KIND OF TRANSFER
14 SETTING. VERBAL AGREEMENT -- I'M SORRY, VERBAL COMMUNICATION
15 BETWEEN THE DOCTORS, WRITTEN COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THEM AND
16 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION FROM THE REFERRING PROVIDER TO THE
17 ER; WOULD YOU AGREE WITH THAT GENERALLY?

18 A THOSE AREN'T FACTORS. THOSE ARE METHODS OF
19 COMMUNICATION.

20 Q SURE. THANK YOU. BUT EVEN WHEN AN OUTPATIENT
21 PHYSICIAN HAS ADMITTING PRIVILEGES, THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY
22 MEAN THAT HE OR SHE EMPLOYS THE SAME ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORD
23 SYSTEM AS THE HOSPITAL; RIGHT?

24 A YES.

25 Q SO THE ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS IN THE OUTPATIENT

1 OR OFFICE FACILITY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO THE ER; RIGHT?

2 A YES.

3 Q REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE PHYSICIAN HAS ADMITTING
4 PRIVILEGES?

5 A YES.

6 Q SO WOULD YOU AGREE THAT IN MOST CIRCUMSTANCES THE
7 COMMUNICATION WE'RE SPEAKING OF WOULD BE VERBAL OR WRITTEN
8 BETWEEN THE DOCTORS?

9 A ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION BETWEEN DIFFERENT MEDICAL
10 RECORDS IS GETTING BETTER AND BETTER. SO MOST IS PROBABLY
11 VERBAL OR WRITTEN BUT ELECTRONIC IS GAINING MARKET SHARE.

12 Q FAIR ENOUGH. IF A PATIENT GOES FROM A DOCTOR WHO
13 DOESN'T HAVE ADMITTING PRIVILEGES AT A HOSPITAL TO THE CARE OF
14 ONE IN THE HOSPITAL LIKE AN ER DOCTOR, THE CONTACT INFORMATION
15 FOR THE OUTPATIENT DOCTOR SHOULD ACCOMPANY THE PATIENT IN THE
16 FORM OF HER RECORDS; RIGHT?

17 A IT CAN BE OBTAINED BY THE ER PHYSICIANS IN SEVERAL
18 WAYS. IT CAN BE GIVEN TO THE ER PHYSICIANS BY THE PATIENT.
19 IT CAN BE GIVEN TO THE ER PHYSICIANS IN THE FORM OF WRITTEN
20 DOCUMENTS WITH THAT SAME CONTACT INFORMATION, OR IT CAN BE
21 OBTAINED BY LOOKING UP THAT PROVIDER ON THE INTERNET OR IN THE
22 PHONE BOOK OR WHATEVER MEANS YOU HAVE AVAILABLE TO YOU.

23 Q I'M SURE THAT'S ALL TRUE. BUT DO YOU RECALL
24 TESTIFYING IN DEPOSITION THAT IF A PATIENT GOES FROM A DOCTOR
25 WHO DOESN'T HAVE ADMITTING PRIVILEGES AT A HOSPITAL TO THE

1 CARE OF ONE IN THE HOSPITAL, SUCH AS AN ER DOCTOR, THE CONTACT
2 INFORMATION SHOULD ACCOMPANY THE PATIENT IN THE FORM OF HER
3 RECORDS?

4 A I THINK I WOULD EMPHASIZE THE RECORDS SHOULD
5 ACCOMPANY THE PATIENT. THE RECORDS WOULD ALSO CONTAIN THE
6 CONTACT INFORMATION.

7 Q THANK YOU FOR THAT. DOES THAT HAPPEN OFTEN?

8 A YES.

9 Q BUT IF IT IS THE CASE THAT THE OUTPATIENT PHYSICIAN
10 HAS PRIVILEGES AT THE HOSPITAL THE HOSPITAL WILL ALREADY HAVE
11 HIS OR HER CONTACT INFORMATION ON FILE; RIGHT?

12 A YES.

13 Q SO IN SUCH CASES --

14 A THE HOSPITAL MAY ALSO HAVE INFORMATION ON REGULAR
15 REFERRING PROVIDERS WHO DON'T HAVE PRIVILEGES AS WELL.

16 Q SO IN A CASE LIKE THAT, WOULD YOU AGREE THAT
17 HOSPITAL ADMITTING PRIVILEGES MANDATE THE STANDARDS OF
18 ACCESSIBILITY AND AVAILABILITY OF THE OUTPATIENT DOCTOR?

19 A YES. THEY DON'T NECESSARILY IMPROVE THEM, BUT THEY
20 DO MANDATE THEM.

21 Q ARE YOU AWARE THAT DR. CUDIHY TESTIFIED LAST WEEK IN
22 COURT THAT OF THE 20 OR MORE PATIENTS HE HAS SEEN IN THE ER IN
23 THE COURSE OF HIS CAREER WHO HAD COMPLICATIONS FROM AN
24 OUTPATIENT ELECTIVE ABORTION NONE HAVE COME IN WITH THEIR
25 RECORDS?

1 A NOT SPECIFICALLY, BUT I WOULD BELIEVE THAT THAT
2 WOULD BE TRUE IF HE SAID IT.

3 Q LIKEWISE, WOULD IT SURPRISE YOU TO KNOW THAT
4 DR. CUDIHY TESTIFIED LAST WEEK THAT OF THOSE 20 OR MORE
5 INDUCED ABORTION PATIENTS THAT HE'S SEEN IN THE ER, THE
6 PROVIDER OF THE ABORTION HAS NEVER TELEPHONED HIM TO DISCUSS
7 THE PATIENT?

8 A DID HE TELEPHONE THE PROVIDER?

9 Q I DON'T REMEMBER ASKING HIM THAT QUESTION, BUT I
10 IMAGINE HE DID. I DON'T KNOW. ISN'T IT THE STANDARD OF CARE
11 FOR A PHYSICIAN PROVIDING OUTPATIENT ELECTIVE ABORTION
12 PROCEDURES TO BE REASONABLY AVAILABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE
13 ER ABOUT THE PATIENT'S CONDITION WHEN SHE'S REFERRED THERE BY
14 THE DOCTOR?

15 A IT IS THE STANDARD OF CARE OF ALL MEDICAL
16 PRACTITIONERS TO BE REASONABLY AVAILABLE.

17 Q SO IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT DR. CUDIHY TESTIFIED
18 ABOUT WHERE SHE DIDN'T COME IN WITH HER MEDICAL RECORDS AND HE
19 DIDN'T GET A PHONE CALL FROM THE ABORTION PROVIDER, WOULD YOU
20 AGREE THAT THE STANDARD OF CARE WAS NOT UPHELD?

21 A NO. IF DR. CUDIHY CALLED THE PROVIDER AND THEY WERE
22 NOT AVAILABLE THEN THE STANDARD OF CARE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN
23 UPHELD. IF HE DIDN'T, THEN NOT NECESSARILY SO.

24 Q IS IT APPROPRIATE FOR AN OUTPATIENT ABORTION
25 PROVIDER TO WAIT FOR A PHONE CALL FROM THE ER TO DISCUSS THE

1 PATIENT'S CONDITION AND HISTORY?

2 A IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE ER TO CONTACT A PROVIDER
3 WHO HAS MORE INFORMATION ABOUT A PATIENT.

4 Q IT CERTAINLY IS, BUT I'LL RESTATE -- I'LL REPEAT MY
5 QUESTION. IS IT APPROPRIATE FOR THE ABORTION PROVIDER TO WAIT
6 FOR THAT PHONE CALL OR SHOULD THEY TAKE PROACTIVE STEPS TO
7 COMMUNICATE WITH THE ER?

8 A IT WOULD DEPEND ON THE CIRCUMSTANCE. IF THE PATIENT
9 WENT DIRECTLY FROM THE ABORTION PROVIDER'S --

10 Q YES.

11 A -- OFFICE TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM, THEN INFORMATION
12 SHOULD ACCOMPANY THAT PATIENT.

13 Q I APOLOGIZE. I WAS TALKING ABOUT DIRECT PATIENT
14 TRANSFER AND I SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE SPECIFIC ABOUT THAT.

15 A BUT COMMUNICATION IS A TWO-WAY BEHAVIOR. IT
16 REQUIRES EFFORTS ON BOTH PARTS.

17 Q NOW, NOT ALL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS ALWAYS HAVE AN
18 OB/GYN SPECIALIST ON CALL; RIGHT?

19 A THAT'S TRUE. WHICH IS WHY THE TRANSFER AGREEMENT IS
20 SO IMPORTANT, BECAUSE YOU WOULD WANT TO SEND YOUR PATIENTS TO
21 THE HOSPITAL WHERE THEY COULD GET THE CARE THEY NEEDED.

22 Q SURE. BECAUSE IF THE ER DOESN'T HAVE AN OB ON CALL,
23 THE PATIENT WOULD HAVE TO BE TRANSFERRED SOMEWHERE ELSE;
24 RIGHT?

25 A POTENTIALLY, YES.

1 Q AND IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WOULD RESULT IN A
2 DELAY IN THE PATIENT GETTING THE PROPER SPECIALIST CARE SHE
3 NEEDS; RIGHT?

4 A POTENTIALLY.

5 Q NOW, IN PATIENT TRANSFER FROM AN OUTPATIENT SETTING
6 TO A HOSPITAL SETTING SUCH AS AN EMERGENCY ROOM, IF THE
7 OUTPATIENT PHYSICIAN WERE TO FOLLOW THE PATIENT INTO THE
8 HOSPITAL SETTING BY EMPLOYING HIS OR HER ADMITTING PRIVILEGES
9 IN THAT CASE ADMITTING PRIVILEGES WOULD PROMOTE CONTINUITY OF
10 CARE FOR THE PATIENT, WOULD THEY NOT?

11 A SO A PROVIDER CAN ALWAYS FOLLOW A PATIENT INTO THE
12 EMERGENCY ROOM JUST LIKE ANY OTHER PERSON CAN FOLLOW A PATIENT
13 INTO THE EMERGENCY ROOM. I'M NOT SURE WHAT YOU'RE ASKING.

14 Q I'LL REPHRASE. IN PATIENT TRANSFER FROM AN
15 OUTPATIENT SETTING TO A HOSPITAL SETTING LIKE AN EMERGENCY
16 ROOM, IF THE OUTPATIENT PHYSICIAN WERE TO ADMIT THE PATIENT
17 INTO THE HOSPITAL SETTING BY EMPLOYING HIS OR HER ADMITTING
18 PRIVILEGES, IN THAT CASE THE ADMITTING PRIVILEGES WOULD
19 PROMOTE CONTINUITY OF CARE FOR THE PATIENT, WOULD THEY NOT?

20 A YES. AS I SAID, IF I REFER A PATIENT TO MYSELF THE
21 CONTINUITY OF CARE IS EXCELLENT.

22 MR. ADEN: YOUR HONOR, I NEED TO ASK ABOUT THE
23 CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF A CERTAIN EXHIBIT. I BELIEVE IT IS
24 DEFENDANT'S EXHIBIT 108. IS THAT ONE ON THE CONFIDENTIAL
25 LIST? I THINK IT IS. THAT IS A DEFICIENCY REPORT.

1 THE COURT: DO Y'ALL HAVE A LIST? I MEAN I CAN FIND
2 IT UP HERE. WHAT IS THE NUMBER?

3 MR. ADEN: 108; DEFENDANT'S 108.

4 MS. JAROSLAW: YOUR HONOR, IT IS CONFIDENTIAL AND
5 I'LL NOTE THAT IT'S A DOCUMENT THAT THIS WITNESS HAS NOT SEEN
6 BEFORE.

7 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. LET'S SEE.

8 THAT'S DEFENSE 108? IS THERE A JOINT EXHIBIT OR
9 ONLY A DEFENSE EXHIBIT NUMBER? WHAT IS IT?

10 MR. ADEN: IT'S A DEFICIENCY REPORT, YOUR HONOR.

11 THE COURT: OH, I SEE. OKAY.

12 MR. ADEN: YOUR HONOR, IN VIEW OF THAT I THINK I
13 WILL HANDLE IT WITH A HYPOTHETICAL, IF THAT'S ALL RIGHT?

14 THE COURT: SURE.

15 MR. ADEN: THANK YOU.

16 BY MR. ADEN:

17 Q DOCTOR, IF AN OUTPATIENT ABORTION CLINIC HAS A
18 TRANSFER AGREEMENT TO TRANSFER A PATIENT TO THE HOSPITAL IN
19 EMERGENT CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THAT AGREEMENT BE IN WRITING?

20 A USUALLY, YES.

21 Q IF IT IS ONLY VERBAL BETWEEN TWO PHYSICIANS, IS THAT
22 WITHIN THE STANDARD OF PRACTICE?

23 A I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE STANDARD IS EVERYWHERE.

24 Q ARE THERE CONCERNS WITH A VERBAL TRANSFER AGREEMENT
25 THAT THE TERMS OF THAT TRANSFER AGREEMENT MAY NOT BE PROPERLY

1 UNDERSTOOD?

2 A YES.

3 Q THEY MAY BE FORGOTTEN; RIGHT?

4 A YES.

5 Q IS A VERBAL TRANSFER AGREEMENT IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL
6 OPINION SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE CONTINUITY OF CARE?

7 A NO.

8 Q SO IF AN OUTPATIENT ABORTION PROVIDER LACKED A
9 WRITTEN TRANSFER AGREEMENT THAT WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO
10 PROVIDE CONTINUITY OF CARE, WOULD IT?

11 A IT MIGHT NOT BE.

12 Q NOW, I BELIEVE, DOCTOR, THAT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY
13 SPECIFIC FAMILIARITY WITH THE HEALTH SYSTEMS IN LOUISIANA;
14 RIGHT?

15 A THAT'S CORRECT.

16 Q AND I THINK YOU ALSO TESTIFIED WHEN MS. JAROSLAW WAS
17 ASKING YOU THE QUESTIONS, THAT YOU RECOGNIZE THAT ADMITTING
18 PRIVILEGES VARY FROM HOSPITAL TO HOSPITAL IN GENERAL, DO THEY
19 NOT?

20 A THEY CAN, YES.

21 Q AND THE DELINEATION OF PRIVILEGES DEPENDS UPON THE
22 DOCTOR WHO HAS THE PRIVILEGES AND THEIR COMPETENCY; RIGHT?

23 A OR THEIR DESIRES.

24 Q THANK YOU. ARE YOU AWARE WHO HAS THE ULTIMATE
25 AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE WHETHER A PARTICULAR ABORTION

1 PROVIDER'S HOSPITAL PRIVILEGES COMPLY WITH ACT 620?

2 A I AM NOT.

3 MS. JAROSLAW: OBJECTION.

4 THE COURT: WHAT'S THE OBJECTION?

5 MS. JAROSLAW: IT'S A LEGAL CONCLUSION, YOUR HONOR.

6 HOW WOULD SHE KNOW IN LOUISIANA HOW THESE THINGS ARE GOVERNED?

7 THE COURT: I UNDERSTAND. SHE SAID NO, SO -- I

8 THINK SHE ANSWERED THE QUESTION.

9 MR. ADEN: I'M NOT GOING TO FOLLOW-UP, YOUR HONOR.

10 BY MR. ADEN:

11 Q NOW, DR. PRESSMAN, BEFORE YOU DRAFTED YOUR INITIAL
12 EXPERT REPORT THAT WAS DATED DECEMBER 15TH OF 2014, I BELIEVE
13 YOU HAD NOT REVIEWED ANY OF THE ADMITTING PRIVILEGE POLICIES
14 OF LOUISIANA HOSPITALS; RIGHT?

15 A I BELIEVE THAT'S CORRECT.

16 Q AND SUBSEQUENT TO THAT YOU REVIEWED SOME; CORRECT?

17 A YES, THOUGH, I THOUGHT WE WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO TALK
18 ABOUT THAT.

19 Q WAS YOUR TESTIMONY EARLIER THIS MORNING BASED IN
20 PART UPON YOUR REVIEW OF THOSE HOSPITALS' BYLAWS?

21 A I THOUGHT I WASN'T SUPPOSED TO TALK ABOUT THAT.

22 THE COURT: AND I'M CONFUSED AS TO THE "THAT."

23 MR. ADEN: LET ME EXPLAIN, YOUR HONOR. YOU GRANTED
24 MY OBJECTION, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, AND YOU INVITED MS. JAROSLAW
25 TO GIVE A PROFFER WHICH I DID NOT HEAR, BUT THE WITNESS ALSO

1 TESTIFIED GENERALLY ABOUT HER KNOWLEDGE WITH RESPECT TO
2 ADMITTING PRIVILEGES AND I AM SIMPLY ASKING HER IF HER EARLIER
3 TESTIMONY ACTUALLY DID RELY UPON THOSE OTHER HOSPITALS' BYLAWS
4 THAT SHE REVIEWED SUBSEQUENT TO HER REPORT OR NOT SO THAT
5 WE'LL KNOW.

6 THE COURT: WHEN YOU SAY, "EARLY TESTIMONY" HER
7 EARLY TESTIMONY LASTED AN HOUR. I'M NOT SURE WHAT, "EARLY
8 TESTIMONY" YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. THAT'S MY CONCERN. IF YOU
9 COULD NARROW IT --

10 MR. ADEN: SURE.

11 THE COURT: -- THEN MAYBE I'LL UNDERSTAND WHAT THE
12 QUESTION IS AND I'LL UNDERSTAND WHAT HER ANSWER IS.

13 MR. ADEN: OKAY. THANK YOU.

14 IF I MAY HAVE JUST A MOMENT TO REVIEW MY NOTES I MAY
15 BE ABLE TO NARROW IT DOWN A LITTLE BIT MORE.

16 YOUR HONOR, MAY I HAVE JUST ONE MOMENT TO CONSULT
17 WITH CO-COUNSEL?

18 THE COURT: SURE. NO PROBLEM.

19 MR. ADEN: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

20 THE COURT: YOU BET.

21 MR. ADEN: I THINK THAT WILL EXPEDITE MATTERS
22 SOMEWHAT SUBSTANTIALLY.

23 BY MR. ADEN:

24 Q NOW, DOCTOR, YOUR HOSPITAL HAS SOMETHING CALLED
25 REFER AND FOLLOW-UP PRIVILEGES; DOES IT NOT?

1 A YES.

2 Q CAN A PHYSICIAN WHO ENJOYS REFER AND FOLLOW-UP
3 PRIVILEGES ADMIT PATIENTS TO THE HOSPITAL?

4 A NO.

5 Q THEN WOULD YOU AGREE WITH ME THAT REFER AND
6 FOLLOW-UP IS NOT REALLY A FORM OF ADMITTING PRIVILEGES;
7 CORRECT?

8 A CORRECT.

9 Q AND YOU DON'T HAPPEN TO KNOW WHETHER REFER AND
10 FOLLOW-UP PRIVILEGES ARE OFFERED GENERALLY BY OTHER
11 INSTITUTIONS?

12 A SOME. I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY.

13 Q YOU'LL BE HAPPY TO KNOW THOSE ARE ALL OF THE
14 QUESTIONS I HAVE FOR YOU. THANK YOU, FOR YOUR TIME.

15 A THANK YOU.

16 THE COURT: REDIRECT?

17 MS. JAROSLAW: YES, YOUR HONOR.

18 REDIRECT

19 BY MS. JAROSLAW:

20 Q DR. PRESSMAN, DO YOU RECALL ON CROSS-EXAMINATION
21 BEING ASKED ABOUT A TRANSFER AGREEMENT?

22 A YES.

23 Q IF AN OUTPATIENT ABORTION PROVIDER REDUCED AN ORAL
24 TRANSFER AGREEMENT TO WRITING WOULD THAT SOLVE ANY CONCERNS
25 ABOUT THE TRANSFER AGREEMENT?

1 A YES. IT WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR REFERENCE.

2 Q NOW, WAS YOUR TESTIMONY ON DIRECT EXAMINATION BASED
3 ON YOUR EXPERIENCE AT JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER
4 MEDICAL CENTER AND YOUR EXPERIENCE ON THE CREDENTIALS
5 COMMITTEE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER MEDICAL CENTER?

6 A YES. ALL OF MY PREVIOUS EXPERIENCES FACTORS INTO MY
7 TESTIMONY.

8 Q NOW, ARE YOU AWARE THAT SOME HOSPITAL PRIVILEGE
9 APPLICATIONS ASK PHYSICIANS HOW MANY PATIENTS DO YOU EXPECT TO
10 ADMIT TO THE HOSPITAL IN THE NEXT YEAR; CORRECT?

11 A I DON'T KNOW IF IT SPECIFICALLY ASKS HOW MANY BUT
12 THERE IS THE QUESTION ABOUT WILL YOU ADMIT PATIENTS TO THE
13 HOSPITAL, YES.

14 Q AND IF AN ABORTION PROVIDER DOES NOT TYPICALLY HAVE
15 PATIENTS ADMITTED TO A HOSPITAL IN A GIVEN YEAR, WOULD YOUR
16 CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE SEE A NEED TO GRANT THEM ADMITTING
17 PRIVILEGES?

18 A NO. THE CREDENTIALING CYCLE IS USUALLY TWO OR THREE
19 YEARS, BUT OVER THAT PERIOD OF TIME IF THERE HAVE BEEN NO
20 ADMISSIONS TO THE HOSPITAL THERE WOULD BE THE SUGGESTION THAT
21 ADMITTING PRIVILEGES WERE NO LONGER REQUIRED.

22 Q WOULD YOU AGREE THAT IN THE CREDENTIALING DECISIONS
23 REGARDING DOCTORS' PRIVILEGES THAT THERE IS SOME SUBJECTIVE
24 COMPONENT TO THE DECISION?

25 A YES.

1 Q NOW, DO YOU RECALL YOU WERE ASKED A SERIES OF
2 QUESTIONS AS TO WHETHER YOU HAD ANY DIFFICULTY OBTAINING
3 SURGICAL AND ADMITTING PRIVILEGES BECAUSE, AMONG OTHER THINGS,
4 YOU PROVIDE ABORTIONS; REMEMBER BEING ASKED THAT?

5 A I DO.

6 Q IN YOUR VIEW, IS IT EASIER FOR PHYSICIANS -- LET ME
7 WITHDRAW THAT. IN YOUR VIEW, DO PHYSICIANS PRACTICE IN A MORE
8 FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT, FRIENDLY TO ABORTION, IN NEW YORK STATE
9 THAN IN LOUISIANA?

10 A YES.

11 Q AND WHAT ARE SOME OF THE DIFFERENCES?

12 A ABORTION IS PART OF GENERAL MEDICAL CARE IN NEW YORK
13 STATE. THE ABORTION LAWS ALLOW ABORTION UP UNTIL 24 WEEKS.
14 THE MEDICAID INSURANCE COVERS ABORTION. ALMOST ALL INSURANCE
15 COVERS ABORTION.

16 Q AND DID THE LEGISLATURE MAKE LAWS THAT APPLY
17 SPECIFICALLY TO ABORTION PROVIDERS BUT NOT OTHER PHYSICIANS?

18 A I'M NOT SURE WHAT THAT --

19 MR. ADEN: OBJECTION, YOUR HONOR.

20 MS. JAROSLAW: I'LL WITHDRAW THAT.

21 BY MS. JAROSLAW:

22 Q IS IT FAIR TO SAY THAT THE ENVIRONMENT FOR DOCTORS
23 TO HAVE AN ABORTION PRACTICE IN NEW YORK IS LESS HOSTILE THAN
24 IT IS IN LOUISIANA?

25 MR. ADEN: YOUR HONOR, I BELIEVE I HAVE AN OBJECTION

1 TO THIS LINE OF QUESTIONING. THE WITNESS HAS ALREADY STATED
2 THAT SHE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE PROVISION ON OUTPATIENT
3 ABORTION IN LOUISIANA.

4 THE COURT: I HEARD THAT TESTIMONY. I'LL LET HER
5 ANSWER THE QUESTION, THOUGH.

6 A COULD YOU REPEAT THAT?

7 BY MS. JAROSLAW:

8 Q SURE. YOU'VE BEEN PRACTICING IN NEW YORK STATE FOR
9 A NUMBER OF YEARS; CORRECT?

10 A SIXTEEN YEARS.

11 Q OKAY. IN YOUR EXPERIENCE IS IT -- IS THERE A GREAT
12 DEAL OF EXPERI- -- I'M SORRY. IS THERE A GREAT DEAL OF
13 HOSTILITY OR DIFFICULTY DIRECTED -- I'M SORRY. LET ME
14 WITHDRAW THAT. IN YOUR EXPERIENCE DO ABORTION PROVIDERS IN
15 NEW YORK STATE FACE DAILY HARASSMENT AND THREATS?

16 A NO.

17 Q IF A HOSPITAL DID NOT ACT ON AN APPLICATION FOR
18 PRIVILEGES, THAT IS NEITHER APPROVED THE APPLICATION OR DENIED
19 IT, WOULD THAT BE DE-FACTO DENYING THE PHYSICIANS PRIVILEGES?

20 A IN THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER IF AN APPLICATION IS
21 NOT ACTED ON WITHIN 90 DAYS IT IS CONSIDERED WITHDRAWN.

22 Q NOW, MOST OB/GYNS CANNOT PERFORM UTERINE ARTERY
23 EMBOLIZATION EVEN IF THEY HAVE FULL SURGICAL AND ADMITTING
24 PRIVILEGES; CORRECT?

25 A THAT'S CORRECT. IT'S A RADIOLOGY PROCEDURE.

1 Q AND DO YOU RECALL BEING ASKED A SERIES OF QUESTIONS
2 REGARDING DELAY OR PASSAGE OF TIME BETWEEN THE TIME AN
3 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PHYSICIAN CONTACTS A SPECIALIST AND THE
4 TIME A SPECIALIST ARRIVES?

5 A YES.

6 Q NOW, IF A TREATING PHYSICIAN HAS ADMITTING
7 PRIVILEGES, BUT THAT PHYSICIAN ISN'T PRESENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL
8 WOULD THERE ALSO BE A PASSAGE OF TIME BETWEEN THE EMERGENCY
9 DEPARTMENT CALLING THAT PHYSICIAN AND THAT PHYSICIAN ARRIVING
10 AT THE HOSPITAL?

11 A YES.

12 Q I'D LIKE TO TURN NOW TO PLAINTIFFS' EXHIBIT 195.
13 THAT'S THE MEDI-CAL ARTICLE THAT YOU LOOKED AT PREVIOUSLY.
14 NOW, DO YOU RECALL BEING ASKED ON CROSS-EXAMINATION WHAT THE
15 BREAKDOWN IS IN PERCENTAGE BETWEEN ABORTIONS PROVIDED IN THE
16 HOSPITAL VERSUS THE CLINIC?

17 A YES.

18 Q AND DO YOU RECALL SAYING THAT IF YOU SAW THIS STUDY
19 YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION?

20 A YES. AT LEAST FOR THE 55,000 PATIENTS IN THE STUDY.
21 IF YOU COULD SCROLL DOWN, PLEASE. ONE MORE PAGE, PLEASE. SO
22 IN THIS STUDY, LOOKING AT THE PART OF THE TABLE THAT SAYS,
23 "SITE OF PROCEDURE," IT SAYS, "THAT 56 PERCENT OF THE
24 ABORTIONS WERE PERFORMED IN OUTPATIENT CLINICS AND 41 PERCENT
25 ESSENTIALLY WERE PERFORMED IN PHYSICIAN'S OFFICES OR GROUPS."

1 SO SLIGHTLY MORE IN CLINICS, BUT NOT THE SAME AS REPORTED IN
2 THE TEXTBOOK THAT RELIED ON 1999 DATA.

3 Q NOW, DO YOU RECALL IN REFERENCE TO THAT TEXTBOOK YOU
4 WERE ASKED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT A STATISTIC OF 0.3 PERCENT FOR
5 COMPLICATIONS?

6 A YES.

7 Q I'D LIKE TO SHOW YOU NOW SOMETHING ON PAGE 7 OF THE
8 MEDI-CAL STUDY AND THIS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS;
9 CORRECT?

10 A YES. NOW, IN THIS -- DOES THIS STUDY HAVE A 0.3
11 PERCENT RATE OF COMPLICATIONS OR IS IT SOME OTHER NUMBER?

12 MS. JAROSLAW: WE NEED TO SCROLL DOWN.

13 A LOOKING AT THE VERY BOTTOM OF THE PAGE, THE RATE OF
14 MAJOR COMPLICATIONS AMONGST ALL 45 -- 54,911 ABORTIONS WAS
15 .23 PERCENT.

16 Q AND THAT'S EVEN LOWER THAN THE TREATISE YOU WERE
17 SHOWN ON CROSS-EXAMINATION; CORRECT?

18 A YES.

19 Q IF A PHYSICIAN TOLD THE CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE AT
20 ROCHESTER THAT HE OR SHE WAS APPLYING FOR ADMITTING AND
21 SURGICAL PRIVILEGES AT THE ROCHESTER MEDICAL CENTER, BUT THAT
22 PHYSICIAN HAD NO INTENTION TO ADMIT PATIENTS OR ACTUALLY
23 PERFORM SURGERY THERE, WOULD THE CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE GRANT
24 SURGICAL PRIVILEGES TO THAT DOCTOR?

25 A NO, THEY WOULD RECOMMEND REFER AND FOLLOW-UP

1 PRIVILEGES.

2 Q WHY WOULDN'T SURGICAL PRIVILEGES BE APPROPRIATE IN
3 THAT CASE?

4 A BECAUSE SURGICAL PRIVILEGES ARE MEANT FOR PROVIDERS
5 WHO PLAN TO PERFORM SURGERIES AT THAT HOSPITAL.

6 Q AND FOR PROVIDERS WHO EXCLUSIVE PERFORM SURGERIES IN
7 THE OFFICE OR IN A CLINIC SETTING THERE'S NO NEED; IS THAT
8 CORRECT?

9 A THAT IS CORRECT.

10 MS. JAROSLAW: JUST ONE MOMENT, YOUR HONOR, PLEASE.
11 I HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.

12 THE COURT: THANK YOU, MA'AM. YOU MAY STAND DOWN.
13 ANY OTHER EVIDENCE ON REBUTTAL?

14 MS. JAROSLAW: THE PLAINTIFFS REST, YOUR HONOR.

15 THE COURT: ANY OTHER BUSINESS BY EITHER SIDE?

16 MS. JAROSLAW: NOT BY THE PLAINTIFFS, YOUR HONOR.

17 MR. DUNCAN: I DON'T THINK SO, YOUR HONOR. NO.

18 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. WELL, JUST A POINT OF
19 PERSONAL PRIVILEGE I VERY, VERY MUCH ENJOYED, AND I HATE TO
20 SAY IT, I MEAN OBVIOUSLY THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT, A VERY
21 DIFFICULT ISSUE, BUT WHEN I SAY "ENJOYED," I ENJOYED WATCHING
22 VERY FINE TRIAL LAWYERS WORK. AND THIS WAS AN EXTREMELY WELL
23 BRIEFED -- HAS BEEN AN EXTREMELY WELL BRIEFED, EXTREMELY WELL
24 TRIED CASE ON BOTH SIDES. SO THE COURT APPRECIATES IT AND
25 THANKS YOU FOR THAT.

1 SO IF THERE'S ANYTHING -- IF THERE IS NOTHING
2 FURTHER, THEN WE WILL ADJOURN AND WE'LL AWAIT THE POST-TRIAL
3 BRIEFING.

4 MS. JAROSLAW: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

5 MR. DUNCAN: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

6 REPORTER'S NOTE: (WHEREUPON COURT WAS ADJOURNED.)

7 C E R T I F I C A T E

8 I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A CORRECT TRANSCRIPT
9 FROM THE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IN THE ABOVE-ENTITLED
10 NUMBERED MATTER.

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