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1	IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
2	OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO
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4	CHARLES TENNEY, III, etc.
5	Plaintiffs,
6	vs Case No. 448548
7	URMILA PATEL, M.D., et al.,
8	Defendants.
9	Derendantes.
10	DEPOSITION OF JILL CASTENIR, R.N.
11	MONDAY APRIL 22, 2002
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13	Deposition of JILL CASTENIR, R.N., a
14	Witness herein, called by counsel on behalf of
15	the Plaintiff for examination under the statute,
16	taken before me, Vivian L. Gordon, a Registered
17	Diplomate Reporter and Notary Public in and for
18	the State of Ohio, pursuant to agreement of
19	counsel, at the offices of Southwest General
20	Health Center, Middleburg Heights, Ohio,
21	commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on the day and
22	date above set forth.
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1	JILL CASTENIR, R.N., a witness herein,
2	called for examination, as provided by the Ohio
3	Rules of Civil Procedure, being by me first duly
4	sworn, as hereinafter certified, was deposed and
5	said as follows:
6	EXAMINATION OF JILL CASTENIR, R.N.
7	BY MR. MISHKIND:
8	Q. Would you please state your name for
9	the court reporter and for the record.
10	A. Jill Catenir.
11	Q. You are a nurse?
12	A. Yes.
13	Q. RN?
14	A. Uh-huh.
15	Q. Who is your employer?
16	A. Southwest Hospital.
17	Q. Would you mind telling me your home
18	address, please?
19	A. 6389 Terre Drive, Brook Park, 44142.
20	Q. How many years have you been working
21	here at Southwest Hospital?
22	A. Three years, eight months.
23	Q. To be exact?
24	A. Uh-huh.
25	Q. Have you ever had your deposition

Page 4 taken before? 1 2 Α. No, I have not. 3 Ο. I'm going to ask you some questions 4 briefly about your background and then I'm going 5 to talk to you about your involvement in the 6 labor of Dawn Davis. 7 Α. Okay. Then we will be done. 0. 8 9 Α. Okay. If you don't understand my question, 10 Ο. tell me you don't understand it. Don't try to 11 12 answer it unless it's clear in your mind. Also, as you are doing right now, 13 answer everything verbally. Don't nod your head 14 15 affirmatively or negatively because Vivian 16 shouldn't be faced with having to interpret 17 whether that's a yes or no. Avoid any type of a slang response, as well. 18 19 Α. Okay. 20 I will wait until you are done Ο. answering. Do the same thing for me in terms of 21 22 waiting until I am done with the question so we 23 don't have an overlap. 24 Α. Okay. 25 Are you currently full time? Ο.

Page 5 Α. 1 Half time is my status. 2 Ο. How long have you been worked half time? 3 October of 2000. 4 Α. 5 Prior to that? Ο. 6 Α. I was full time. What is half time? 7 Q. 8 Half time is 20 hours a week, 40 Α. 9 hours a pay. How did you qualify for that? 10 Q. I accepted the position of the nurse 11 Α. 12 preceptor in labor and delivery, so I went from full time night status to the preceptor role 13 which is a half time position. 14 15 Q. What are your duties as preceptor? I educate new employees to labor and 16 Α. delivery aspects; keep staff current with 17 18 education. Are you involved in clinical aspects 19 Ο. of nursing? 20 Α. Uh-huh. 21 22 That's a yes? Q. 23 Α. Yes. I'm sorry. 24 0. That sounds like you have a lot of 25 administrative responsibilities or supervisory

Page 6 responsibilities. 1 2 Α. Yes, I do. 3 Q. Are you assigned to patient care, as well? 4 5 Α. Yes. 6 Q. How do your 20 hours divide up in 7 terms of patient care versus either educating or 8 administering? 9 Α. When I have a new employee that I'm 10 educating, I am assigned to that person almost exclusively, with the exception of maybe one or 11 12 two days a month where I need to do staff education. During that time, we take patients. 13 Prior to October of 2000, what was 14 Ο. your position? 15 RN full time night shift. 16 Α. 17 Where were you employed if we went Ο. back in time before three years and eight months 18 19 aqo? 20 Ά. Fairview Hospital. 21 How long were you employed there? Q. 22 Α. Ten years. 23 What department? Q. 24 I was on labor and delivery for the Α. 25 last seven years. I was on a women's med search

Page 7 GYN floor three years prior to that. 1 2 Why did you leave Fairview? Ο. Α. Staffing conflicts. Southwest is 3 much closer to my home. 4 You left voluntarily? 5 Q. 6 Α. Uh-huh. 7 Ο. That's a yes? 8 Α. Yes. 9 Did you come directly here to Q. Southwest Hospital? 10 11 Α. Yes, I did. 12 Prior to Fairview General, were you Q. working as a nurse? 13 14 Α. No, I was not. 15 Q. Were you in school? Yes, I was in school. 16 A 17 Where did you go to school? Q. Fairview Hospital. 18 Α. Did you obtain an associates degree? 19 Q. 20 Α. Diploma. Have you advanced your education 21 Q. 22 after obtaining your diploma? No, not to any formal level. 23 Α. And you were licensed as an RN what 24 Q. 25 year?

Page 8 Α. 1 1988. 2 Ο. I take it your license has never been drawn into question in terms of being suspended 3 or revoked or limited in any way? 4 5 Α. No, sir. 6 Since you have never had your Ο. deposition taken before, I take it you have 7 8 never been a party to any type of litigation as a defendant? 9 10 No, sir. Α. 11 Q. Ever been a party to litigation to someone filing a claim against someone? 12 13 Α. No. 14 Ο. Do you have any family members that are in the medical profession, immediate family 15 members? 16 No. sir. 17 Ά. Let me ask you, before I start 18 Q. talking about the specifics of Dawn Davis, to 19 20 just sort of get a framework for my questioning. 21 I understand that you were involved in the 11:00 22 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. labor management of Dawn. 23 Α. Yes. 24 Q. Am I correct? 25 Α. Yes.

Page 9 Ο. Any involvement with Dawn when she 1 2 was seen in the hospital the end of August of 2000 or at any time prior to 11:00 p.m. the 3 4 night before the delivery? 5 Α. I have no recall of contacting her at 6 any other time except for that night. 7 After 7:00 a.m., and if you will, Ο. 8 after you gave report, did you have any further 9 involvement in any aspect of Dawn's care that 10 day or any day thereafter? 11 Α. No. 12 Any contact with Dawn -- and I'll Q. just refer to mom as Dawn -- or any family 13 14 members after you left at 7:00 a.m. on the 13th? Α. 15 No. 16 Q. You relieved Susan Krieger? Correct. 17 Α. Then you were relieved by Lisa 18 Ο. Piscola; is that correct? 19 20 Α. According to the documents, yes. 21 Q. You were not involved in the actual 22 delivery; true? 23 Α. No, I was not. 24 Q. Have you talked with Sue or talked 25 with Jill since September of 2000 about this

Page 10 delivery? 1 2 Α. I am Jill. I am sorry. Have you talked to Sue 3 Ο. or have you talked to Lisa? 4 5 Α. No, I have not. 6 You were listening to my question. Ο. 7 That's a good sign. The first point of being 8 able to understand it is listening. I didn't do 9 that intentionally. Every once in a while I have a brain cloud. I apologize for that. 10 It's 11 early on a Monday morning. 12 You have not talked to either of them? 13 14 Α. NO. 15 Do you know where Lisa is currently Ο. employed? 16 17 Α. No, I do not. 18 Q. Do you know when she left Southwest Hospital? 19 20Ά. An exact time, no. It was before I assumed the role of preceptor. 21 So it would have been sometime Ο. 22 shortly after Charlie Tenney was delivered, if 23 you assumed the role of preceptor in October of 24 25 2000?

Page 11 Α. 1 Yes. 2 Ο. Do you know why she left? No, I do not. 3 Α. 4 I understand that you were not Q. involved between 7:00 a.m. and the time of the 5 6 delivery, but there is one thing that I wanted 7 to try to get clarified, and perhaps you can do that for me and then we will concentrate on your 8 9 involvement. 10 Α. Okay. 11 Ο. There was a period of time where the 12 computer was shut down the morning of delivery, and I would tell you that it occurred at or 13 14 around 9:48 a.m. the computer printout reflects documentation continued on paper flowsheet due 15 to scheduled shut down of QS system. 16 17 First, in reviewing the records, did you note that, as well? 18 No, it didn't happen on my shift. 19 Α. Ι had no reason to note that. 20 21 Q. So you just looked at the records for your shift? 22 23 Α. Uh-huh. 24 Q. That's a yes? 25 Α. Yes.

Page 12 You didn't, in preparing yourself, 1 Q. look to see what the notes reflected during the 2 3 previous shift? 4 Α. When I took care of this patient? 5 Ο. No, in preparing yourself for today's 6 deposition. I looked at just my part. 7 Α. 8 Ο. And in preparing yourself for the 9 deposition today, did you look at any of the entries after 7:00 a.m. up to the time of the 10 11 delivery? 12 I have glanced at them. I haven't Α. looked at them in any detail. 13 14 Ο. Aside from concentrating on your shift and glancing at the notes after your 15 16 shift, have you reviewed any other portions of 17 the hospital record for Dawn Davis? 18 No, I have not. Α. 19 You have in front of you, it looks Ο. like, Dawn's chart and it looks like you may 20 have the baby's chart, as well? 21 22 Α. Uh-huh. 23 That's a yes? Ο. 24 Α. Yes. 25 And were those copies that were Q.

Page 13 provided to you for your review? 1 2 Α. Yes. Have you looked at Charlie's, the 3 Q. 4 baby's records? 5 Α. No, I haven't. 6 Ο. So even though they were provided to 7 you, you have decided for whatever reason just 8 to look at your notes relative to your shift and 9 to glance at the notes immediately after your 10 shift? 11 Α. Correct. 12 Is there a reason that you didn't Q. 13 look to see what the outcome of the labor and 14 delivery was in terms of Charlie's, the baby's condition? 15 16 Α. In looking at the outcome of the labor -- like I said, I glanced through the next 17 shift's notes and the delivery summary. 18 As far as not looking through the baby's chart, 19 20 whatever the baby does in the nursery, I would have no knowledge or any reason to follow. 21 22 Ο. Now, going back to the question I started asking you about in terms of the 23 24 computer being shut down, is that something that 25 happens from time to time at the hospital?

Page 14 1 Α. Yes. 2 Is that something that happens on a Q. scheduled basis? 3 4 Α. That, I'm not sure of. 5 Q. Explain to me the circumstances under 6 which there is a shutdown of the system. Why 7 would it happen and under what circumstances? 8 Not being the computer expert, it Α. 9 shut down if there is a malfunction of the 10 system. It's my understanding that shut down 11 routinely for an update or a maintenance of it, 12 but that's my knowledge only. 13 Ο. In glancing at the records after your shift, did you see that entry? 14 15 Α. Yes, I did. 16 Ο. Do you know in this case, based upon 17 what you can derive from looking at the records, 18 why there was a shutdown of the QS system? 19 Α. NO. 20 What does QS stand for? Ο. 21 I think Ouantitative Sentinel and Α. 22 that's the name of the computer system. 23 Q. Have you had a situation where during 24 your shift the QS system has shut down? 25 Α. Not for me it has not.

Page 15 1 Ο. Have any nurses or doctors explained to you why the system shut down at the time that 2 it did in Dawn Davis' delivery? 3 4 Α. No. 5 Q. Dawn was in, was it, a birthing room? 6 Α. Yes. 7 Was it a private room? 0. 8 Α. All of our birthing rooms are private 9 rooms, yes. 10 What room was she in? Q. 11 Α. I don't recall. 12 Q. Can you tell from looking at the 13 record? 14 Α. Not from my notes, I couldn't tell, 15 no. 16 Q. You have the actual chart there, 17 though, in addition to your computer notes. So could you quickly glance at the chart and tell 18 me what room she was assigned to? 19 20 Α. Unless it was documented, I would 21 have no way of knowing. No, I couldn't tell 22 you. 23 Q. Is it normally noted in the chart somewhere, the room number? 24 25 Α. On the triage sheets we use

Page 16 1 currently, yes, it's documented on the top of 2 our triage sheet. I don't believe we had the triage sheet in place during this. 3 4 Ο. Where is labor and delivery in the 5 hospital? 6 Α. Third floor. How many birthing rooms are there? 7 Ο. Six. 8 Α. 9 Are they all essentially the same in Q. terms of size and equipment or are there any 10 11 specific differences to any of the birthing 12 rooms? 13 Α. They are all the same. 14 Q. Would Dawn have been assigned to a 15 particular room just based upon availability 16 when she came to labor and delivery? 17 Α. Yes. 18 Now, the notes that you have are Q. computer generated; true? 19 20 Α. True. Do you have any handwritten notes 21 Ο. 22 other than perhaps where you noted a physician's 23 order or is there anything that you have in any 24 progress notes or handwritten notes? 25 No, nothing of mine. Α.

Page 17 Ο. How do you go about generating notes 1 2 as you are caring for a patient that's in labor? The notes are done on the computer 3 Α. 4 during the course of the labor, during the 5 shift. At the end of the shift, we print up 6 those notes specific to our shift. 7 Q. Do you walk around with a laptop in your hands or is it a stationary type of 8 9 computer? 10 We have a computer in the patient's Α. room at the bedside. We also have one at the 11 12 labor desk. Are you able to tell by looking at 13 Ο. 14 your notes where the entries for any particular 15 time period were entered? A. 16 No. 17 Ο. On the computer notes, there are dates and times, and then entries below each 18 Can you tell me how the time is, I quess, 19 time. 20 recorded? The OB and notation sheets read from 21 Α. left to right. And the notes are written 22 23 concurrently underneath it. The time that the 24 computer was noting is in the gray blocks. The time the entry was made will be after the 25

Page 18 1 annotations. 2 Ο. So if we look at your very first note, just to get a reference point, it appears 3 4 that the first computer generated note is at 5 11:30 or 2330 military time? Correct. 6 Α. And then right below your computer 7 Ο. 8 entered name or typed in name, whatever you want 9 to refer to it as, is a time of 2337 or 11:37; 10 true? 11 Α. Right. 12 Can you explain to me then, even Ο. though it may be obvious, just so I'm clear, the 13 14 difference between the 11:30 computer generated note and then the 11:37 note at the end of that 15 block of time? 16 17 Α. Certainly. I would have deduced from the notes I received a report from the 11:00 to 18 19 7:00 shift between 11:27 and 11:30, going in to 20 check on the patient, to talk to the patient, to review the notes and the orders or to review the 21 22 orders. By the time I got into the room to make 23 the note or I made the note at the desk, it was 24 11:37. 25 Q. So now, you said the desk. Why do

Page 19 1 you say you made this note at the desk as 2 opposed to in the room? 3 Α. We have a computer at the desk we can 4 also chart from if the patient is ambulating in 5 the halls. I may have been making the notes at the desk. 6 7 Ο. Do you know for this particular note whether it was made in the room or at the desk? 8 9 Α. No. 10 Do you have reason to believe, just Q. based upon your practice, that this initial note 11 12 that you made at 11:37 would have been made at 13 the desk? 14 Α. I have no reason to believe it would 15 have or would not have been. Fair enough. Am I accurate in 16 Q. concluding that your -- strike that. 17 18 Did you actually assess the patient between 11:30 and 11:37? 19 20 Α. I don't recall. The previous RN is 21 noted that she is walking, and at 11:56 I have 22 noted that I palpated the contractions. So at 23 some time, yes, I did feel her contractions. 24 Q. But between 11:30 and 11:37, did you 25 do any type of an assessment?

Page 20 Α. The notes don't reflect that, no. 1 I'm going to ask you some specific 2 Q. 3 questions about various entries in the notes, 4 and then we will move through that process. But 5 before I do that, let me just back up for a 6 moment and ask you a couple of additional 7 preliminary questions. Α. 8 Okay. 9 You have a copy of the fetal Q. 10 monitoring strips, as well? Yes, I do. 11 Α. 12 Did you review them for purposes of Q. 13 the deposition? Yes, I did. 14 Α. 15 And during the course of your Q. 16 involvement from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., were 17 there any concerning or nonreassuring signs that you saw when you assessed contraction pattern 18 and the baby's heart rate? 19 20 Α. No. 21 Ο. Did you just look at the strips for your time period? 22 23 Α. I looked at the strips in detail for my time period and I glanced at them for the 24 25 following shift.

Page 21 1 Ο. Are you able to say for the following 2 shift that you have reviewed them sufficiently 3 enough to say whether or not there were any 4 nonreassuring patterns demonstrated? 5 Ά. At this time, I would have to go back 6 and look at them again, but I don't recall 7 anything standing out or striking me as particularly nonreassuring. 8 9 Q. Is it fair to say, though, that you 10 really didn't review them? 11 Α. Not in great, great detail. Not for following my shift. 12 13 Q. Fair enough. Have you reviewed 14 anything else other than strips, your notes, glancing at the notes for Lisa's shift? 15 16 Anything else concerning this case? 17 I glanced very quickly at the orders Α. 18 and the doctor's progress notes, but there was nothing else that I would have paid attention 19 20 to. 21 Q. When is the last time you saw Dr. Patel? 22 23 MR. SWITZER: You mean just in 24 general? 25 MR. MISHKIND: Yes.

Page 22 1 Α. Two weeks ago, possibly. 2 Ο. How frequently in your capacity now 3 as a preceptor do you have occasion to interact with Dr. Patel? 4 Α. 5 It's varies on the patients she has 6 on the floor. No more frequently now as I did 7 as an RN on the night shift. 8 How would you describe your working Q. 9 relationship with Dr. Patel? 10 Professional. Α. Have you ever had any problems 11 Q. 12 professionally with Dr. Patel that have caused 13 you to bring any information to a nursing 14 supervisor or anyone else at the hospital? 15 MS. HARRIS: Objection. Α. 16 No. 17 Ο. Have you had occasion to talk to Dr. Patel about the Dawn Davis case? 18 No. I have not. 19 Α. 20 When is the last time you saw Q. Dr. McKnight? 21 Last week. 22 Α. 23 Did he tell you that he had had his Ο. 24 deposition taken in this case? No, he did not. 25 Α.

Page 23 1 Q. Were you aware that his deposition, 2 other than conversations you had with 3 Mr. Switzer, that his deposition had been taken? No, I was not. 4 Α. 5 Q. Have you seen any depositions in this 6 case? 7 No, I have not. Α. Have you had occasion to talk with 8 Q. 9 any of the other nurses that were involved 10 before you or after you, both including the 11 delivery and the postpartum management of Dawn, 12 in any respect about this delivery? 13 Α. Just regarding the times that we were 14 scheduled to meet for the conversations and the depositions. 15 No. 16 Did you maintain any type of private Q. 17 notes, either at the time that you were caring 18 for Dawn or in the hours or days after this delivery occurred? 19 20 Α. No. 21 Ο. Would you mark something down on a 22 paper towel or a sheet of paper and then go back 23 and enter it on to the computer? That's generally not my practice, no. 24 Α. 25 Q. So you store it in your head and get

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Page 24 to the computer as quickly as possible? 1 2 Α. Yes. 3 Q. How many patients did you have that you were responsible for on the evening of 4 September 12th going into the early morning 5 6 hours of the 13th? I don't recall. With her being an 7 Α. active labor patient, she would be the only 8 9 patient I would be assigned to. 10 So it would be one-on-one? Ο. 11 Α. Yes. 12 Do you know how many other patients Q. were on the floor, either in active labor or in 13 14 any of the birthing rooms? No, I do not. 15 Α. Does the record reflect who else was 16 Ο. 17 working on the floor between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.? 18 No, it doesn't. 19 Α. 20 Do you have a recollection of who was Ο. working? 21 22 No, I don't. Α. 23 Do you remember Dawn? Q. 24 Α. No, I don't. 25 All of your memory then is neatly set Ο.

Page 25 1 forth on computer generated sheets? 2 Α. Yes, it is. I take it then, although correct me 3 Ο. 4 if I am wrong, you have no memory of meeting the 5 father of the baby, Charles Tenney, Junior, or 6 the parents of Dawn Davis? 7 Α. No, I don't. 8 Other than conversations that you may Ο. 9 have had with Mr. Switzer, tell me whether 10 anyone has ever advised you why the baby 11 suffered bilateral pneumothoraces after or around the time that he was delivered? 12 13 MR. SWITZER: Objection. MS. HARRIS: Objection, as well. 14THE WITNESS: Do I answer? 15 16 MR. SWITZER: Yes, you can. 17 Α. All information I have gotten from this case has been from Mr. Switzer. 18 19 Q. Has it been good information? MS. HARRIS: Objection. 20 21 Α. Just the facts. 22 Charlie, the baby, suffered a Q. 23 brachial plexus injury. I will represent that 24 to you, whether you know it or not, secondary to 25 a shoulder dystocia that was encountered at the

Page 26 1 time of delivery. 2 Has anyone, any of the nurses, or 3 Dr. Patel, ever discussed with you the 4 management of the shoulder dystocia at the time 5 that it was encountered? 6 MS. HARRIS: Objection. 7 Α. No. 8 Q. Do you have any knowledge as to 9 whether the shoulder dystocia was managed in an 10 appropriate or inappropriate manner at the time that it was encountered? 11 12 Α. No. 13 The next line of questioning is going Q. 14 to be concentrating on the sheet, so you can both read and focus in on that and then 15 hopefully we will be moving toward a conclusion. 16 17 Specific entries that I have some questions on, first, at 12:44 a.m. or 0044, on 18 September 13, it appears that you recorded this 19 20 entry -- what time did you record the entry? 21 Α. It says 1:37 a.m. You made two entries at 1:37 a.m.? 22 Q. 23 Α. Yes. 24 Now, why does the computer show 12:44 Q. 25 a.m. at the beginning of this block?

Page 27 1 Α. Because we have the ability to scroll 2 back through computer screens to the appropriate time that we want to make a note at and enter it 3 in. 4 5 So you scrolled back to 12:44 and Q. 6 chose that time for what reason? 7 To make a documentation on the Α. contractions of the fetal heart status. 8 9 Ο. And your choice at 12:44 as opposed to 12:33 or 12:45 was because that's when this 10 11 information was becoming known to you? I don't recall why I picked 12:44 as 12 Ά. 13 opposed to 12:33 or 12:45. 14 Q. So you have the ability to scroll 15 through? Yes. 16 Α. 17 Q. Looking at the note at 12:45, under annotations, it says UA ref. What does that 18 stand for? 19 20 Α. I believe the computer itself automatically references itself periodically 21 22 while the monitor is on and that's why the UA 23 ref is monitored. That is nothing nurse 24 generated. 25 UA standing for? Q.

Page 28 1 Α. I don't know. 2 Ο. Computers just talking to itself? 3 Α. Yes, it's computer talk. 4 ο. Okay. As it was computer talk at 5 12:37 and actually going all the way back to, it 6 looks like, the last time you had made a note would have been at 12:17? 7 8 Α. Correct. 9 Q. And again, just so that I can get a 10 better grasp on these notes, at 12:17 Dawn was up to the bathroom and you made that entry on 11 12 the computer at 12:17; correct? Α. 13 Correct. 14 Q. Now, did you scroll to 12:17 to 15 reflect the fact that you were making that 16 entry? 17 Ά. That entry was made at 12:17 so I wouldn't have needed to scroll back to it. 18 So you were right in front of the 19 Ο. 20 computer at the point in time when she was up to the bathroom? 21 22 Yes. Α. 23 Would you likely have been in her Ο. room at that time? 24 25 Α. Yes.

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1	Q. Why didn't you make the note from
2	12:44 any earlier than 1:37 a.m.?
3	A. I don't recall why I would not have
4	done it. It may have been the patient was
5	walking or I was off the floor. I don't recall.
6	Q. Explain to me, please, what you meant
7	by dysfunctional contraction pattern with
8	coupling of contractions.
9	A. Dysfunctional contraction pattern is
10	a term I learned from my previous years in
11	Fairview to describe a pattern that doesn't have
12	consistent contractions. Coupling of
13	contractions would indicate that she would get
14	two contractions close together followed by a
15	space and then possibly another two
16	contractions.
17	Q. Is a coupling contraction pattern of
18	any potential concern to you as a labor and
19	delivery nurse?
20	A. It may indicate that the baby is
21	posterior, but no, it's not a concern.
22	Q. If it continues, are there certain
23	concerns that you need to take into account?
24	A. Concerns, no.
25	Q. Are there certain steps or actions

Page 30 that you need to take in the event that there is 1 2 a continuation of this pattern? If this pattern continued, I would 3 Α. ask the patient about pain in her back that 4 5 would be consistent with a posterior positioning 6 baby and suggest alternate pain relief measures or positions. 7 8 Ο. What can a dysfunctional contraction 9 pattern designate, or represent, I should say? 10 Α. In my experience it usually represents a baby that's positioned posteriorly. 11 12 Are there any other conditions that Q. can cause inactive labor or otherwise a 13 14 dysfunctional contraction pattern? 15 Α. Not that I'm aware of, no. Would you look back at the notes 16 Ο. throughout your shift. 17 Α. 18 Yes. Does anything pop into your mind 19 Q. about this patient? 20 21 Α. No, it does not. Any memories of any interactions at 22 Q. 23 all with Dawn at all? Α. 24 No. 25 Q. Even just a vague recollection of

Page 31 her? 1 2 Α. No. I have no recollection of this patient. 3 4 The 1:05 time period --Ο. 5 Α. Okay. 6 -- it appears that the computer did Ο. one of those UA ref's again; correct? 7 8 Α. Correct. 9 And then there appears to be an Ο. additional annotation referencing Dr. Klein? 10 11 Α. Yes. 12 And was Dr. Klein in at 1:05 and you Ο. made your note at 1:06? 13 14 Α. Correct. 15 Q. Is it likely that you were in the room when you made that note? 16 Yes, I would have been in the room. 17 Α. This may be an unfair question, but 18 Q. from a birthing room out to the nurses' station 19 20 and being able to record something on the 21 computer, what's your quickest time period in terms of observing something and then being able 22 to record it at the nurses' station? 23 24 It would depend on what the activity Α. 25 was. A couple minutes.

Page 32 1 Q. Is it fair to say that when you are 2 recording something on the computer in the room, 3 that those notes are usually closer in time to the events that have transpired? 4 5 Α. Usually, yes. 6 Q. The relationship of the computer to 7 the birthing bed and any other equipment that 8 may be in the room, can you sort of paint a 9 verbal picture for me in terms of what I would 10 be seeing in any one of the six birthing rooms? 11 Ά. Sure. The bed is positioned 12 perpendicular to the doorway, midway into the 13 The computer station is directly to room. either the left or the right side of the bedside 14 15 at the head of the bed. 16 And do you know in Dawn's case Ο. whether the computer was to the left or the 17 18 right of the bed? 19 Not knowing which room she was in, Α. 20 no, I don't know. 21 MR. SWITZER: I know the room. It's 22 316. 23 Α. If the computer would have been 24 facing the bed it would have been on the right side. 25

Page 33 Q. 1 So with the patient laying down --2 Α. The computer would be to her left. 3 Ο. Got it. 4 You say that the bed is perpendicular 5 to what? 6 To the door. Α. 7 Is the computer on a stand or is it Ο. 8 fixed to the wall? 9 It's on a cart that's mobile. Α. 10 Q. Is there any other equipment on that 11 cart with the computer? 12 We have the computer hard drive, the Α. 13 key board, the monitor screen and also our Corometrics monitoring system all on the same 14 cart. 15 16 Ο. What is that? 17 Corometrics is the brand of monitor Α. 18 we use to monitor fetal heart and contractions. 19 Ο. Do your notes at any time during your 20 shift reflect any interaction with family members? 21 22 Α. No, they do not. 23 Is that to suggest that there weren't Q. 24 family members present during your shift? 25 Α. It wouldn't suggest that at all. It

Page 34 1 may be that I had no reason to document any 2 interaction with them. 3 Ο. If there was more than one family 4 member in during the 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. 5 shift, would your notes routinely reflect that 6 during the course of the shift? 7 Α. Routinely I would just write family at bedside and it would not indicate whether it 8 9 was one or multiple family members. 10 The fact that you don't necessarily Ο. 11 have -- and maybe you do, but let's assume that 12 you don't have an entry for family at bedside during your shift, does that mean that the 13 14 family was not at bedside? No, it does not. 15 Α. 16 In terms of the significance of what Ο. you are recording, whether the family is there 17 or the number of family members that are 18 present, isn't a significant event? 19 20 Α. True. 21 Q. Unless somehow the family is interfering with what you are doing? 22 23 Α. Correct. 24Q. And that would be recorded? Yes, I would record that. 25 Α.

Page 35 And there is no such reflection in 1 0. your notes; correct? 2 3 Α. There is no such note. 4 Ο. I want to move to the 5:00 a.m. note. 5 Α. Okay. 6 Ο. I can read what you have in terms of 7 the entry. It looks like you made two notes, 8 both at 5:34 a.m.? 9 Α. Correct. 10 Ο. Again, the selection of the time of 11 5:00 a.m., what was that based on? 12 Α. If a patient is in active labor with 13 an epidural, we chart on them every 15 minutes 14 and that 5:00 a.m. note would reflect that assessment of the patient. 15 16 Q. So what you are recording at 5:34 would have been assessments that you made 17 beginning at 5:00 a.m.? 18 19 Α. Between 4:45 and 5:00 a.m., yes. 20 Q. So this would not reflect any entries after 5:00 a.m.? 21 22 Α. No. 23 Q. Is that accurate? 24 Α. Yes. 25 Q. Were you concerned at all about what

Page 36 1 you were seeing on the fetal monitor at that 2 time? 3 Α. In regard to? 4 Q. Mom or baby. 5 Α. No. 6 Ο. These were reassuring patterns that 7 you were seeing? Yes, they were. 8 Α. 9 Nothing that required notification to Ο. 10 Dr. Patel? No. 11 Α. From the notes, did you have any 12 Q. 13 contact with Dr. Patel from 11:00 p.m. until the end of your shirt? 14 15 Α. I have documented I spoke to 16 Dr. Patel at 5:15. 17 Prior to 5:15, do your notes reflect Q. 18 any such contact? 19 No, they don't. Α. You would also look to the 20 Q. 21 physician's orders, would you not, to see 22 whether or not there were any verbal orders? 23 Α. Correct. 24 Q. And between your shift, starting at 25 5:15 or prior to 5:15, do the notes reflect any
Page 37 orders given by Dr. Patel that you can say there 1 had to have been communication between him and 2 3 either me or someone else? 4 Α. No. 5 Ο. You did a vaginal exam at 5:15? 6 I did a vaginal exam at 5:09. Α. 7 What caused you to contact Dr. Patel Ο. 8 at 5:15? 9 Α. Updating her on the vaginal exam that was done, the lack of cervical dilation, exactly 10 11 what is written. 12 Of what significance was this lack of Ο. cervical dilatation in the last two hours to you 13 14 as a labor and delivery room nurse? 15 Α. I would have expected the patient to possibly dilate a little faster. It could be 16 that the contractions were spaced or they were 17 ineffective and that was to be conveyed to 18 Dr. Patel. 19 20 Q. Were you concerned about a failure to 21 progress? 22 Α. No, not at that point. 23 Ο. Is that one of the things that you as 24 a labor and delivery room nurse think about when 25 there is a lack of cervical dilatation over a

Page 38 1 two hour period? 2 Α. No. What kind of things do you think of? 3 Ο. 4 Α. Just ineffective contractions 5 usually. At that point she had been making 6 steady progress up until then so there is no 7 reason to suggest that it would have stopped. 8 Ο. Ineffective contraction patterns from 9 a nursing perspective, are there certain physiological conditions that you think of that 10 would impact the effectiveness of the 11 12 contraction patterns? Α. From what I know of, polyhydramnios, 13 14 multiple gestation, early labor, posterior babies. 15 What about macrosomia? 16 Ο. 17 Α. The babies I have experienced with 18 macrosomia have had normal labor patterns. Τ have not personally experienced anything 19 otherwise. 20 21 Ο. Do you keep up to date on various obstetrical nursing standards and guidelines? 22 23 Α. I try. 24 Ο. And the hospital provides policies and procedures for you to use; correct? 25

Page 39 Α. 1 Correct. 2 Q. What obstetrical nursing journals do 3 you subscribe to? 4 Α. I get RN. 5 Q. Is that obstetrically related or just 6 qeneral? 7 Α. General. 8 Q. I take it you concentrate on the obstetrical end of those articles mainly? 9 10 Α. Mainly, yes. 11 Ο. Have you reviewed any articles that 12 would be relevant in your opinion to Dawn Davis' labor? 13 14 Α. No, I have not. 15 Q. Tell me what your conversation consists of with Dr. Patel at 5:15? 16 17 Exactly what is written. Α. I reported 18 to her what my vag exam was at 5:00 as opposed 19 to one previous. That she had not made cervical dilation in the last two hours and I received 20 21 orders from her. 22 And her orders were what? Ο. 23 Α. I would have to go back. I believe they were to start pitocin. 24 25 Q. Do you want to double-check that to

Page 40 1 make sure? 2 Α. Yes. 5:10 start pitocin for a labor 3 and delivery protocol. 4 And were you to notify Dr. Patel Q. 5 according to her instruction at a particular 6 point in time thereafter? 7 Α. Not with that conversation, no. 8 0. To your knowledge, was Dr. Patel at 9 the hospital or more likely at home at that 10 time? 11 More likely at home. However, it Α. wouldn't reflect that. 12 13 It doesn't reflect that the doctor Ο. was in the hospital, though, does it? 14 15 Α. No. 16 At 5:31, you have a note Q. actually, it's recorded 5:36 -- about 17 18 occasional nonrepetitive early decels as 19 described previously in notes. Can you explain what that means? 20 21 Α. It means in the previous documentation at 5:35 I had noted that there was 22 23 still early decelerations. In my course of 24 charting I go on and described decels when I 25 have made a note to them happening, so I just

Page 41 charted that the early decels are continuing as 1 2 I previously noted at 5:00 o'clock. 3 Were you at all concerned about any Ο. fetal distress at this point? 4 5 Α. No. 6 Ο. Why is that? 7 Α. Decels are not a nonreassuring 8 pattern and there is nothing in the notes to indicate that the baby was in any distress. 9 The 5:30 computer generated time with 10 Ο. 11 your 5:35 note, does that reflect that the pattern that you describe at 5:35 was noted at 12 5:30?13 14 Α. It means that between the period of 5:15 to 5:30 or 15 minute assessment of the 15 16 tracing and patient, that's when those early 17 decels were occurring. 18 Is it likely with the 5:35 note, that Q. 19 you probably made that at the nurses' station? 20 Ά. It could have been done at the bedside. There is no reflection of where it was 21 made. 22 23 Ο. Your note at 6:01 referencing the 5:59 computer generated time, what did you 24 25 attribute the patient's complaint of pressure in

Page 42 her rectum to be indicative of? 1 Possibly the fetal heart descended 2 Α. 3 and future dilation. The fetal heart? 4 Q. 5 The fetal head, I'm sorry. Α. 6 Q. You learn something every day. 7 Α. See, you were listening, that's a 8 qood attribute. 9 Q. We are one-to-one thus far. 10 Was there any indication at this point for you to contact Dr. Patel? 11 12 Α. No. 13 Ο. Why? 14 Α. Not without an exam to confirm or 15 refute any further dilation. 16 Tell me about your note that you Ο. 17 charted at 6:32, and start out by telling me why did you call Dr. Patel based upon the computer 18 generated time reference of 6:29? 19 20 Α. I had down a sterile vag exam of her at 6:22 because the patient had complained of 21 I know there was further 22 more pressure. 23 dilation. I wanted to give that information to 24 Dr. Patel so either she could start coming into the hospital or make a call as far as when she 25

Page 43 1 wanted to have the delivery. 2 I take it you don't recall that Ο. 3 conversation with the doctor? 4 Α. No, I do not. 5 Ο. And what orders did Dr. Patel provide 6 at that point? 7 Α. To call her back when the patient is fully dilated. 8 9 Ο. Is it fair to say that Dr. Patel 10 didn't give you any indication at that time that 11 she was going to be coming over in the immediate future? 12 13 Α. That would be indicated with that, 14 yes. 15 Q. Prior to the end of your shift, were 16 you at all concerned about the baby's fetal 17 heart rate or the contraction pattern that you 18 were seeing, say, between 6:26 and immediately 19 before Lisa assumed responsibility? The documentation reflects the baby's 20 Α. fetal heart baseline increased and some mild 21 variable decels, none of which would indicate 22 any fetal distress, nonreassuring with average 23 24 variability. 25 Q. The last exam that you did, what

Page 44 station was the baby at? 1 2 Α. Minus two. 3 Q. And was mom fully dilated at that time? 4 5 Α. No, she was eight centimeters. 6 Was she fully effaced? Q. 7 Α. Yes -- it doesn't indicate that. 100 8 percent, yes, she was fully effaced. 9 What time was she fully effaced? Ο. 10 Α. 3:07 when I did my vag exam she was 11 100 percent effaced. 12 It looks like the last note that you Ο. made was at 6:58 a.m.? 13 14 Α. Yes. 15 And what is Semi-Fowler's? Ο. 16 Α. The position of the patient. 17 Just for clarification, can you paint Ο. in words what Semi-Fowler's is? 18 19 Α. Semi-Fowler's is a semi-inclining position, the patient is up about 45 degrees in 20 21 bed. 22 Ο. How long had mom been in the 23 Semi-Fowler's position? The charting doesn't document how 24 Α. 25 long she had been in that position.

Page 45 1 Ο. Are you able to say whether she had 2 likely been in the Semi-Fowler's position for a period of time before that or was she placed in 3 the Semi-Fowler's position at or around the 6:58 4 5 time frame? 6 Α. The charting doesn't reflect. It 7 just reflects what I noted her position at that 8 time, not whether she was placed there or had been there. 9 10 Ο. Having her in the Semi-Fowler's 11 position wouldn't be contraindicated based upon 12 the fetal heart rate or the contraction pattern? 13 Α. No, it would not be contraindicated. 14 Q. In terms of her position, whether she 15 had been in the Semi-Fowler's for hours before, 16 was she in the lithotomy position at any time 17 during your shift? 18 Α. No. 19 How would her legs, as best as you Ο. 20 can recall, have been positioned as she is laying with the bed perpendicular to the door? 21 Her legs either would have been bent 22 Α. 23 at the knees or straight out as to her comfort 24 level. 25 Looking at the totality of your notes Q.

Page 46 up to 7:00 a.m., do these notes reflect a mom 1 2 that was experiencing a lot of discomfort? 3 Α. As stated in my notes, she complained 4 they hurt a lot at the beginning of the shift. 5 After she received an epidural, she was not 6 aware of contractions anymore, so, no, she was 7 not uncomfortable during the majority of my shift. 8 9 There is a reference to Dr. Haggarty. Ο. Who is he or she? 10 11 An anesthesiologist. Α. As is Dr. Klein? 12 Q. 13 Α. Yes. During your shift, beside possibly 14 Ο. Dr. Klein, and possibly Dr. Haggarty, would 15 16 there have been any other physicians that were 17 in to see Dawn that you can gather from your notes? 18 19 According to my notes, neither Α. 20 Dr. Haggarty or any of the physicians saw the patient on the shift. 21 22 Q. Dr. Klein did? 23 Dr. Klein did to place the epidural. Α. 24 Q. Your report would have begun at what 25 time, approximately?

Page 47 1 Α. The next shift starts at 7:00, so 2 usually between 7:10 and 7:15 report would be 3 given. 4 Is report in labor and delivery Ο. 5 usually given in the patient's birthing room? 6 Α. Usually no, it's at the desk. 7 And then the rest of the notes then Ο. 8 thereafter begin with Lisa's 7:19 note; correct? 9 Α. Correct. 10 Have you had occasion to talk with Q. any of the nurses that came in as part of the 11 12 code pink team to respond to Baby Charlie Tenney about this case? 13 Not directly about this case, just 14 Α. 15 about the times we were meeting. 16 Q. For predeposition? 17 Α. Right. 18 Q. Did you all meet together or was it a 19 separate meeting? 20 Α. No, this was just in passing. 21 Ο. I mean, did you all get together at 22 one time for purposes of your predeposition 23 meeting? 24 Α. Yes. 25 Q. And I take it Lisa was not part of

Page 48 1 that meeting? 2 Α. No, she was not. MR. MISHKIND: Give me a couple 3 minutes and I may be done. 4 5 (Pause.) Just a couple final questions and 6 Ο. 7 then we will be done. 8 After you gave report, your involvement in terms of the actual hands-on 9 10 nursing care ended? 11 Α. Correct. As of 7:00 a.m., Dr. Patel had not 12 Ο. 13 been in to see this patient? 14 Α. Not according to my notes, no. 15 Aside from conversations again that Ο. you have had in any attorney-client conference, 16 17 do you have any knowledge at all as to the manner in which the shoulder dystocia was 18 19 managed by Dr. Patel or any of the nurses? 20 Α. I have no knowledge how it was 21 managed. 22 MR. MISHKIND: I have no further 23 questions. Ms. Harris may have some. 24 EXAMINATION OF JILL CASTENIR, R.N. BY MS. HARRIS: 25

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1		Q.	I just have a couple.
2		A.	All right.
3		Q.	During your shift there was nothing
4	to s	uggest	to you that Dr. Patel needed to come
5	in to	o exam	ine this patient; is that correct?
6		A.	That is correct.
7		Q.	This is something I am just uncertain
8	of.	Go ba	ck to your 5:15 note.
9		Α.	Okay.
10		Q.	That's when you called Dr. Patel and
11	got (	orders	
12		Α.	Okay.
13		Q.	The note is 5:15 in the gray area and
14	that	means	the computer time; correct?
15		A.	Right.
16		Q.	And that's the one you could scroll
17	to s	et the	time?
18		A.	That's the time that is actual
19	chro	nologia	cal time.
20		Q.	And then in this case, it says 5:15?
21		Α.	That it was made.
22		Q.	So it was contemporaneously?
23		A.	Yes.
24		Q.	Why then does the order sheet say
25	5:10	for p	itocin on it?

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1	A. I wouldn't be able to I possibly
2	could have written down the order sheet wrong.
3	MS. HARRIS: That's all.
4	EXAMINATION OF JILL CASTENIR, R.N.
5	BY MR. MISHKIND:
6	Q. One more question.
7	The question is, does it
8	automatically generate quarter hour time
9	references?
10	A. I'm not sure how often it generates
11	the references. I'm not sure how it comes up
12	with the times. It documents the times that
13	notes are entered in for. Other than that, I'm
14	not sure otherwise.
15	Q. Is it your responsibility in active
16	labor to record entries minimally every 15
17	minutes?
18	A. That is the ideal way to do entries
19	is every 15 minutes while the computer is
20	currently scrolling through.
21	Q. So that when we look at entries that
22	are odd times, like a 5:23 or a 5:51, if there
23	are annotations made by you, you have chosen
24	that time for purposes of making an entry in
25	between the quarter hour entries?

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1	A. Not necessarily in between the
2	quarter hour entries, just that is when whatever
3	event happened that I chose to document it on.
4	MR. MISHKIND: Nothing further.
5	Thanks.
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7	(Deposition concluded at 10:15 a.m.)
8	(Signature not waived.)
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3	page 1 through 51 and note the following
4	corrections:
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17	JILL CASTENIR, R.N.
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20	Subscribed and sworn to before me this
21	day of , 2002.
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23	Notary Public
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25	My commission expires .

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1	CERTIFICATE
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3	State of Ohio,
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5	County of Cuyahoga.
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8	I, Vivian L. Gordon, a Notary Public within and for the State of Ohio, duly commissioned and
9	qualified, do hereby certify that the within
10	named JILL CASTENIR, R.N. was by me first duly sworn to testify to the truth, the whole truth
11	and nothing but the truth in the cause aforesaid; that the testimony as above set forth
	was by me reduced to stenotypy, afterwards
12	transcribed, and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcription of the testimony.
13	I do further certify that this deposition
14	was taken at the time and place specified and was completed without adjournment; that I am not
15	a relative or attorney for either party or
16	otherwise interested in the event of this action. I am not, nor is the court reporting
17	firm with which I am affiliated, under a contract as defined in Civil Rule 28 (D).
18	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
19	hand and affixed my seal of office at Cleveland,
20	Ohio, on this 29th day of April, 2002.
21	Nonen L. Gran
22	Vivian L. Gordon, Notary Public
23	Within and for the State of Ohio
24	My commission expires June 8, 2004.
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