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RE: Deidre Anne Hanlon
File No. 52630

Dear Ms. Kimbler:

I have recently had the opportunity of reviewing the consultation letter to plaintiff's attorney from Dr. Andrew Raynor, of the Crystal Clinic. Dr. Raynor is a rheumatologist, that is, a non-operating arthritis specialist.

There was some discussion in reference to the clinical diagnosis to described Ms. Hanlon's residual complaints. The term "secondary fibromyalgia" was used as a clinical description of her ongoing subjective complaints.

Fibromyalgia is a rheumatological term indicating subjective **pain** stemming from a muscle or muscle lining known as fascia. It is typically used to described sore muscles or benign **pain** conditions for which no other diagnosis is appropriate. There are no specific laboratory or x-ray objective abnormalities used in making this clinical diagnosis. Some physicians believe this is a "wastebasket term".

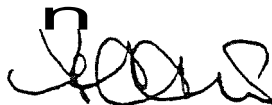
In my own clinical practice, I do not use the work "fibromyalgia" to describe any pain disorder. It is a nonspecific diagnosis for a subjective series of complaints. This descriptive term has been used to describe Ms. Hanlon's ongoing clinical picture. I do

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not believe this diagnosis is at all medically different from a descriptive
chronic complaints of low back soft tissue pain. ion of ongoing

I do agree with Dr. Raynor's prognosis in that her condition is stable. His description of future possible medical abnormalities including sleep disturbance, fatigue, and generalized musculoskeletal symptoms, are somewhat vague. In my opinion, the long-term prognosis is favorable as her condition has stabilized. I do not believe that any specific further care or treatment is necessary or appropriate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert C. Corn', with a stylized, cursive script.

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