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| 1  | IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS                     |
| 2  | OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO                         |
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| 4  | KATHY EVERETT,                                   |
|    | Administratrix of the                            |
| 5  | Estate of  |
|    | ELSIE MARIE PARSONS,                             |
| 6  | deceased.  |
| 7  | Plaintiff,                                       |
| 8  | vs Case No. 432317                               |
|    | Judge Burnside                                   |
| 9  | METROHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER,                      |
|    | et al.,  |
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|    | Defendants.                                      |
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| 12 | DEPOSITION OF ANTHONY DIMARCO, M.D.              |
| 13 | NOVEMBER 11, 2001                                |
| 14 | VOLUME I   |
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| 16 | Deposition of ANTHONY DiMARCO, M.D., a           |
| 17 | Witness herein, called by counsel on behalf of   |
| 18 | the Plaintiff for examination under the statute, |
| 19 | taken before me, Vivian L. Gordon, a Registered  |
| 20 | Diplomate Reporter and Notary Public in and for  |
| 21 | the State of Ohio, pursuant to agreement of      |
| 22 | counsel, at the offices of MetroHealth Medical   |
| 23 | Center, 2500 MetroHealth Drive, Cleveland, Ohio, |
| 24 | commencing at 3:00 o'clock p.m. on the day and   |
| 25 | date above set forth.                            |

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| 1  | ANTHONY DIMARCO, M.D., a witness                |
| 2  | herein, called for examination, as provided by  |
| 3  | the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure, being by me  |
| 4  | first duly sworn, as hereinafter certified, was |
| 5  | deposed and said as follows:                    |
| 6  | EXAMINATION OF ANTHONY DIMARCO, M.D.            |
| 7  | BY MR. MISHKIND:                                |
| 8  | Q. Would you please state your name for         |
| 9  | the record.                                     |
| 10 | A. Anthony DiMarco.                             |
| 11 | Q. You are a physician; is that correct?        |
| 12 | A. Yes.   |
| 13 | Q. Are you employed by Metro?                   |
| 14 | A. Not currently.                               |
| 15 | Q. Back in 1999, were you employed by           |
| 16 | Metro?  |
| 17 | A. Yes.   |
| 18 | Q. Doctor, I represent the Estate of            |
| 19 | Elsie Parsons. I'm going to be asking you a     |
| 20 | series of questions regarding your involvement  |
| 21 | in her care and questions relative to the care  |
| 22 | in general that I understand you were involved  |
| 23 | in, either as an attending or some other        |
| 24 | capacity.                                       |
| 25 | If I ask you anything that you do not           |

Page 4 understand, tell me, Mr. Mishkind, I have no 1 idea what you are asking me, rephrase it, or let 2 me hear it again, try over again. Would you do 3 that for me? 4 Α. Yes. 5 If you answer a question, I'm going 6 Ο. 7 to conclude that you answered it because you did understand it. Is that a fair assumption on my 8 9 part? 10 Α. Yes. You indicated a moment ago that you 11 Ο. 12 are not presently employed at Metro. Where are 13 you employed? Case Western Reserve University. 14 Α. 15 Q. In what capacity? Research. 16 Α. What type of research? 17 Q. Related to respiratory muscle 18 Α. physiology. 19 Is this a research project that you 20 Q. are working on? 21 22 Α. Yes. 23 Q. How long have you been involved with this project? 24 25 I have been involved for about 20 Α.

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| 1  | years.   |
| 2  | Q. Is this currently a full-time                 |
| 3  | position?  |
| 4  | A. No, it's part-time.                           |
| 5  | Q. What else do you do on a professional         |
| 6  | level besides work on the respiratory muscle     |
| 7  | physiology research?                             |
| 8  | A. I practice in pulmonary medicine.             |
| 9  | Q. Where is that located, sir?                   |
| 10 | A. At Geauga Hospital.                           |
| 11 | Q. Do you have an office in the hospital         |
| 12 | or at the medical building?                      |
| 13 | A. I have an office in the medical               |
| 14 | building near Geauga Hospital and also at        |
| 15 | University Suburban Health Center, South Euclid. |
| 16 | Q. 1611 South Green?                             |
| 17 | A. That's right.                                 |
| 18 | Q. How do you divide your time between           |
| 19 | Geauga and University Suburban?                  |
| 20 | A. I see patients at Suburban only for a         |
| 21 | few hours in the morning one day a week and at   |
| 22 | Geauga Hospital four mornings for three, four    |
| 23 | hours.   |
| 24 | Q. And the other professional time is            |
| 25 | involved in your research project?               |
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Page 6 Α. Yes. 1 Are there any other professional 2 Ο. activities, either from a clinical standpoint, 3 from an academic, or an administrative 4 standpoint that you are involved in? 5 I'm involved in teaching at the 6 Α. 7 medical school. Is this to medical students or is 8 Ο. 9 this a residency program? Medical students. 10 Α. What do you teach? 11 Q. Pulmonary physiology. 12 Α. 13 What level medical students are you Q. 14 teaching? First year and second year. 15 Α. How long have you been teaching at 16 0. 17 the medical school? 18 Α. Twenty years. 19 Q. Which started first, your research or 20 your teaching? They started about the same time. 21 Α. 22 Q. Aside from the teaching, your research, your clinical practice at Geauga, and 23 your clinical practice at University Suburban, 24 have we pretty much covered your professional 25

Page 7 1 activities currently? 2 Α. Yes. Do you have privileges here at Metro? Q. 3 4 Α. No, not currently. When did you last have privileges 5 Q. here? 6 7 Α. In October, the year 2000. At that time, did your relationship 8 Q. with Geauga Hospital start? 9 10 Α. No. Had it already existed? 11 Q. 12 Α. Yes. What caused you to terminate your 13 Q. 14 privileges here at Metro? My position at Metro had always been 15 Α. part time. They offered me a full-time 16 They really wanted full-time people 17 position. in pulmonary and I was unwilling to make that 18 type of commitment. It would've meant giving up 19 my research. 20 So did you resign then in October? 21 Q. 22 Α. Yes. 23 Is that the only reason that you no Ο. 24 longer have part-time privileges here? Well, I have privileges at University 25 Α.

Page 8 1 Hospitals and they don't allow you to have privileges at both institutions, so that's the 2 major reason. Actually, some of my research 3 4 involves patients and so I do have some relationship with the hospital on that basis. 5 Q. Metro? 6 7 Α. Yes. Is any of your research published? 8 Q. A. Yes, it is. 9 10 Q. So this is ongoing research projects --11 Α. Yes. 12 13 Q. -- in the area of respiratory muscle 14 physiology? A. Yes. 15 Aside from University Hospitals, and, 16 Q. obviously, Geauga, do you have any privileges at 17 any other hospitals? 18 Yes. At Bedford Hospital. 19 Α. 20 Q. Any other hospitals? A. V.A. Medical Center. 21 22 Q. Any others, doctor? 23 Α. No. Do you currently see patients at 24 Q. Bedford or the V.A.? 25

Page 9 A. Not at the V.A. I see a few 1 patients at Bedford. Not very much. 2 You are a pulmonary specialist; is 3 Ο. 4 that correct? 5 Α. Yes. Q. Are you board certified in pulmonary 6 7 medicine? Yes, I am. 8 Α. Do you have any other board 9 0. certifications? 10 Α. Internal medicine and critical care 11 medicine. 12 13 Q. Do you happen to have a copy of your 14CV with you today? A. I don't. 15 Is that something that you could make 16 Q. available to Ms. Henry and she then would 17 forward it to me? 18 Certainly. 19 Α. Does your CV list all of your 20 Q. publications? 21 Yes, it does. 22 Α. Give me an idea, not by title, but by 23 0. 24 number, approximately how many publications you 25 have.

Page 10 There is actual manuscripts, 1 Α. approximately, quessing, maybe 80, 85. And 2 there are abstracts, probably 125 or 130. Book 3 chapters, four or five of those. 4 How about any books? 5 Ο. Α. I have chapters in books, but I 6 7 haven't written any whole books. Ever had your deposition taken 8 0. 9 before, sir? 10 Α. Yes. Tell me on how many occasions that Q. 11 has happened. 12 13 Α. I don't know exactly, but I have done depositions for other -- I have been involved in 14 other physicians' malpractice cases and I have 15 16 given depositions in those circumstances. 17 Ο. So you have served as an expert 18 witness in medical malpractice cases? Yes, I have. 19 Α. 20 Q. By your last answer, I assume that you've appeared as an expert on behalf of other 21 physicians that have been sued for malpractice? 22 23 Α. Yes. Give me an idea of how many times 24Ο. your deposition has been taken as an expert. 25

Page 11 I am guessing, but I would say maybe 1 Α. approximately five or six times. 2 Have you ever served as an expert 3 Ο. witness on behalf of a patient bringing a claim 4 against a physician? 5 Yes. 6 Α. 7 Has your deposition ever been taken Ο. in that capacity? 8 9 Α. Yes. The same question, on how many 10 Q. occasions? 11 I am quessing. Maybe three. Α. 12 13 Q. When is the last time your deposition was taken? 14 I don't remember exactly. I would 15 Α. say -- I can't remember giving one in the past 16 year, so it's more than a year ago. 17 Do you have any depositions currently 18 Ο. 19 scheduled? There is one case and I believe there 20 Α. may be a deposition next week on the case. 21 Are you an expert witness in that? 22 Q. An expert witness, yes. 23 Α. For the defendant or the plaintiff? 24 **Q**. For the defendant. 25 Α.

Page 12 Have you ever been named as a party 1 Ο. defendant, with the exception of this case, in a 2 malpractice case? 3 Α. Yes. 4 On how many occasions? 5 ο. There have been several, but I can't Α. 6 7 give you an exact number. Six, approximately six or seven, something like that. 8 Would all of the cases be in the 9 Ο. Cuyahoga County area or emanating from Cuyahoga 10 County situations? 11 12 Α. And Geauga County. Are any of those six cases currently 13 0. pending, to your knowledge? 14 15 Α. Yes, there is two cases other than this one. 16 So you are currently, to your 17 Q. knowledge, named as a defendant in three medical 18 negligence cases? 19 20 Α. Right. This case involving Elsie Parsons 21 0. 22 obviously involves an issue on a patient who was 23 on Heparin therapy and was being treated in the intensive care unit and then subsequently 24 25 developed a bleed and died. Is that a fair sort

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Page 13 of a global statement? 1 2 Yes. Α. Obviously, she had some other medical 3 0. issues, but we will talk about those. 4 The other cases that you are 5 currently named as a defendant, do they have any 6 7 similar issues from a medical standpoint to those which you understand to exist in the Elsie 8 Parsons case? 9 No, they don't. 10 Α. Have you ever served as an expert 11 Ο. witness in any cases involving issues of 12 patients that developed a suspected bleed that 13 were on any type of thrombolytic or coagulation 14 therapy? 15 Α. No. 16 17 Q. Have you ever written book chapters, manuscripts, et cetera, on any issues that would 18 be relevant or pertinent to the issues that you 19 20 believe are applicable to this case? No. 21 Α. So, when I do look at your CV -- and 22 Q. I promise, I will -- and look at the various 23 articles, book chapters, et cetera, there isn't 24 anything that you would rely upon as being 25

Page 14 supportive of any of the medical issues in this 1 2 case? No. 3 Α. My statement is accurate? 4 Q. Your statement is accurate. 5 A. 6 Q. Thank you. 7 Have any of the cases where you have been named as a defendant ever gone to trial? 8 9 Α. One case, yes. And would that have been in Cuyahoga 10 Q. County? 11 Α. Yes. 12 At the time that you were an 13 Q. attending and Elsie Parsons was in the intensive 14care unit, you were an employee here at Metro? 15 16 Α. Yes. 17 Did you have any other professional Q. associations back in September of 1999 at the 18 19 point in time that you were an attending at 20 MetroHealth? As an employee? 21 Α. 22 Q. Well, maybe my question wasn't carefully worded. You have been involved with 23 24 the research for 20 years. 25 Α. Yes.

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| 1  | Q. You have been involved in teaching            |
| 2  | for 20 years.                                    |
| 3  | A. Yes.  |
| 4  | Q. If we put aside those activities, and         |
| 5  | I was asking you back in September of 1999 about |
| 6  | your professional time, would you say that other |
| 7  | than those activities; i.e., an employee of      |
| 8  | MetroHealth Medical Center                       |
| 9  | A. I also had a practice, a private              |
| 10 | practice at that time, not at University         |
| 11 | Suburban but at Geauga Hospital.                 |
| 12 | Q. The same location that you currently          |
| 13 | have?  |
| 14 | A. Yes.  |
| 15 | Q. When you were seeing Elsie Parsons,           |
| 16 | though, it had no relationship with your         |
| 17 | independent clinical practice; correct?          |
| 18 | A. I'm not sure I understand your                |
| 19 | question.  |
| 20 | Q. When you were the attending here at           |
| 21 | MetroHealth and Elsie was in the intensive care  |
| 22 | unit, your association with Elsie on a           |
| 23 | physician/patient relationship was as an         |
| 24 | employee at MetroHealth as opposed to an         |
| 25 | independent contractor?                          |

Page 16 As an employee of MetroHealth. 1 Α. (Discussion off the record.) 2 The practice in Geauga, is it a solo 3 0. practice or do you have others that you practice 4 with? 5 I have people who cover for me, but 6 Α. for the most part, it's a solo practice. 7 8 You don't have any partners or Ο. 9 associates? Α. I have a partner who we share 10 coverage. 11 What is your partner's name? 12 Q. 13 Α. Jeffrey Renston. Was Dr. Renston also your partner 14 Q. back in September of '99? 15 No, he wasn't at that time. 16 Α. 17 Did you have any partners back then? Q. 18 Α. No. Your practice at 1611 South Green, is 19 Q. it a solo practice or do you have partners? 20 I have a partner. 21 Α. Who is that? 22 Q. 23 Α. Dr. Renston. Dr. Renston wasn't involved in any of Ο. 2425 the clinical aspects of the treatment of Elsie

Page 17 Parsons back in September of '99, was he? 1 No, he was not. 2 Α. 3 Q. I take it you have never had your privileges to practice medicine suspended, 4 revoked, or called into question; is that true? 5 Α. 6 Yes. 7 Ever submitted an application for Q. privileges to a hospital and been denied? 8 9 MS. HENRY: I'm going to object. That is within privilege, but he can go ahead 10 and answer for the purposes of this so we don't 11 have to go to the court and waste all sorts of 12 time. 13 The question again? 14 Α. Have you ever submitted application 15 Ο. for privileges and been denied? 16 No, I don't believe so. 17 Α. I'm going to move now to talking to 18 Ο. you about your involvement in Elsie Parsons' 19 care. Sound like a reasonable approach? 20 21 Α. Yes. Let me ask you this. First, I take 22 Ο. it you have had a chance to review the chart in 23 preparation for today's deposition; true? 24 25 Yes. Α.

Page 18 Have you reviewed anything else other 0. 1 than Elsie Parsons' chart to prepare yourself 2 for this deposition? 3 Α. No. 4 Have you reviewed any policies or 5 Ο. procedures from MetroHealth Medical Center that 6 7 have been presented to you by anyone relating to the Elsie Parsons case? 8 9 Α. No, I haven't. Have you talked with any physicians 10 Ο. that were involved in any aspect of the care of 11 12 Elsie? No, I haven't. 13 Α. We are going to talk about a number 14 Q. of physicians and I want to try to get a pretty 15 good overview of who some of these people were, 16 and hopefully you will be able to help me with 17 that. But generally speaking, do you have a 18 recollection of this patient? 19 Α. Yes. 20 Back in September of 1999, you have 21 0. 22 already told me about your clinical practice and 23 what else you were doing. How much time were you spending at MetroHealth back in September of 2425 199?

Page 19 Α. You mean hours per day? 1 Well, whatever is the easiest for 2 Q. 3 you. I was here between 40 and 50 hours a 4 Α. 5 week. Were you working in the medical 6 Ο. 7 intensive care unit or were you seeing patients throughout the hospital? 8 At what time period? 9 Α. In September of '99. 10 0. I was covering the intensive care 11 Α. unit. 12 And specifically the medical 13 Q. intensive care unit or all ICU's? 14 No, only the medical ICU. 15 Α. And for a simple mind like mine, when 16 Q. you say that you were covering the medical 17 intensive care unit, what does that mean in 18 simple parlance? 19 20 I was the attending physician of Α. record for that month. 21 Were you the attending during the day 22 Q. 23 or the night, or a combination? We had a call schedule, and the 24 Α. pulmonologist in the pulmonary division would 25

Page 20 rotate depending on the weekend or weekday, so 1 there would be days and nights when I would 2 cover and other times when another physician 3 4 would cover certain nights or weekends. You had a number of residents that 5 Ο. were also seeing the patient at various times 6 7 during that month; true? 8 Α. True. And these residents, and I think also 9 Ο. 10 some medical students that were involved, were ultimately under your supervision; true? 11 Some were. 12 Α. 13 Q. Were some under the supervision of someone else? 14 Α. Yes. 15 16 Q. Can you help me out in terms of who 17 was under the supervision of someone else? Well, there were also consultants 18 Α. that were called into her case, and a consulting 19 service may also be students working with those 20 particular consultants who may see the patient, 21 and those particular students would not be under 22 my direction. 23 When we delve into the chart, we will 24 Ο. revisit this in terms of who the various 25

Page 21 students and residents were and whether or not 1 they were under your supervision --2 3 Α. Okay. -- rather than just having you off 4 Q. 5 the top of your head tell me who was and who 6 wasn't, okay? 7 Α. Okay. It's my understanding that 8 Ο. Dr. Auckley was also involved as an attending at 9 one point in time when Elsie was admitted to the 10 hospital; is that true? 11 Yes. 12 Α. 13 Did you take over as the attending Ο. for Dr. Auckley? 14I believe so, yes. 15 Α. Can you tell me, was he her attending 16 0. from the time of her admission to the ICU up to 17 a particular date and time at which point you 18 19 became the attending? 20 Α. That's true. Can you tell me when the division 21 Q. occurred when Dr. Auckley was no longer the 22 attending? 23 I would have to review the chart to 24 Α. know exactly what date that was. 25

Page 22 Ο. Please. It's not a memory contest. 1 For the balance of my questions, you can have 2 your hands in the chart as you feel necessary. 3 4 Α. September 8th. And at that point, she was admitted under the care of Dr. Auckley. 5 My first was September 11th, so the 6 7 care was transferred to my service on that date. Do you know the reason that that 8 Q. occurred? 9 10 Α. I don't. Is that unusual for the transfer of 11 Q. attendings in the middle of the month to take 12 13 place? Not that unusual, no. 14 Α. When you say not that unusual, that's 15 0. 16 almost like being kind of pregnant. Does it 17 happen? It happens. 18 Α. So simply because it occurred in the 19 Ο. middle of the month, there shouldn't be any 20 conclusions or questions raised as to why 21 Dr. Auckley was off and you were on? 22 Riqht. There is no significance to 23 Α. that. 24Do you know in this particular case 25 Q.

Page 23 whether there is anything that took place with 1 regard to Dr. Auckley's position here at the 2 3 hospital that caused him to no longer be the attending and you became the attending? 4 Not that I'm aware of. 5 Α. 6 Is Dr. Auckley still here at the Ο. 7 hospital? Yes, he is. 8 Α. And he is a pulmonologist, as well? 9 Ο. 10 Α. Yes. Besides the chart, doctor, is there 11 Ο. anything else that you have had occasion to 12 review that in any way relates to Elsie Parsons? 13 No. 14 Α. You've answered very directly when I 15 Ο. asked you before whether you remember the 16 patient. Without reviewing the chart, are you 17 able to recall the patient? 18 19 Α. Yes. This may be somewhat of a broad 20 Q. question and I'm not trying to be unfair with 21 regard to the question, but can you tell me what 22 it is about the patient that you are able to 23 remember, recognizing that I'm sure you see a 24 25 lot of patients and it's been a couple years

Page 24 since this incident happened. 1 What I recall is that I had seen her. 2 Α. 3 I usually make rounds both in the morning and stop back in the late afternoon or the early 4 5 evening to review the patients. And I recall that we had a change in lab value and I remember 6 7 looking at her. A change in what? 8 Ο. One of the lab values. Her blood 9 Α. count had changed. 10 What day was that? 11 Q. On the 14th. And I also reviewed the 12 Α. case with the resident and what the plan of care 13 would be. I was very surprised the next morning 1415 to learn that she had expired. 16 Do you recall what time it was that 0. 17 you stopped back and became aware of the change in lab values? 18 19 Α. It was late afternoon. I don't 20 recall the exact time. Do you recall what time it was that 21 0. 22 you had conversation with or reviewed the change in lab values with one of the residents? 23 I recall it was late afternoon, but I 24 Α. don't recall anything more specific than that. 25

Page 25 Is there anything reflected in the 1 Ο. record in the late afternoon of September 14th, 2 1999, that would confirm that you were made 3 aware of the change in lab values? 4 I think my notes of September 14th. 5 Α. My note, anemia, recent fallen hematocrit. 6 7 We are going to talk about your notes Q. The note that you are just themselves. 8 referring to now, would that be a late afternoon 9 10 note? A. I don't recall. 11 Q. It's not timed, is it? 12 13 Α. No. The normal practice here at 14Q. MetroHealth is to date and to time progress 15 notes; correct? 16 No, not necessarily. At least it 17 Α. wasn't at that time in 1999. 18 Is it fair to say, though, that --19 Q. let me withdraw that. 20 Can you tell me whether or not this 21 note that you just referenced corresponds with 22 23 an afternoon visit as opposed to a morning visit? 24 I don't recall. 25 Α.

Page 26 <u>Q</u>. The review with the resident of the 1 change in lab values, is that reflected anywhere 2 in any of your progress notes? 3 4 Α. Not a specific progress note. There is no mention of any review with the residents. 5 But my practice is to review every case with the 6 7 resident on a daily basis. Fair enough. However, is there 8 Q. anything that would confirm that you reviewed 9 10 with the resident the change in lab values in the afternoon, separate and apart from, perhaps, 11 whatever review you had had with the residents 12 13 that morning of September 14th? 14 Well, my recollection is the lab Α. value actually returned in the afternoon. So it 15 would have had to have been in the afternoon. 16 Do you recall that the lab values for 17 Ο. the hematocrit and hemoglobin the morning of 18 September 14th were down from the values for the 19 hematocrit and hemoglobin from the day before? 20 I reviewed this and my review showed 21 Α. that the hematocrit was in the same range that 22 they had been over the past several days. 23 24 There had been a trend downward, Ο. though, had there not? 25

Page 27 Based upon that morning's value, I 1 Α. 2 didn't think there was, no. 3 On the basis of just raw numbers, Q. when you look back at the hemoglobin, 4 hematocrit, going back from the 10th up through 5 the early morning of the 14th, just on raw 6 numbers, the hemoglobin was trending downward, 7 not necessarily significantly, but there was a 8 trend downward. 9 My recollection was that they were 10 Α. not significant changes, so I wouldn't attribute 11 any trend to them. 12 I am not. Perhaps trend may not be 13 Q. the greatest term. But the lab values were 14 going down as opposed -- the hemoglobin we will 15 talk about was going down as opposed to 16 increasing? 17 We always look at the hematocrits and 18 Α. 19 the hemoglobin together. 20 Ο. Okay. And in my review, I did not see that 21 Α. there was a significant trend in either 22 direction. 23 And again, I'm not using the term 24 0. significant and I'm not using --25

Page 28 I don't attribute any real change 1 Α. 2 unless it's significant. Can we agree, just so I can move on 3 Ο. to my next thought process here, that 4 significant or not, trend or not, if one just 5 looks at the complete blood count from the 10th 6 7 to the early morning of the 14th, the hematocrit and hemoglobin values were lower on each lab 8 9 report? 10 I would have to look at them. Α. MS. HENRY: What dates are we talking 11 about, Howard? 12 13 MR. MISHKIND: On the sheet, I think from the 11th to the 14th. 14 (Pause.) 15 Over those three days, they are lower 16 Α. each day. 17 That was my only question. 18 0. I understand in fairness to you, 19 doctor, you don't feel that the drop in the 20 hematocrit and hemoglobin over those days up to 21 the early morning of the 14th was significant; 22 23 true? 24 Α. True. And you don't feel that the drop in 25 Q.

Page 29 1 hematocrit and hemoglobin over those three days represents a trend; true? 2 Α. True. 3 4 Q. Just in raw numbers, though, the hemoglobin and hematocrit were going down in 5 absolute numbers; true? 6 True. The reason is that -- on the 7 Α. 8 9th it was 30. And that's why if you look at the whole picture, not just those three days, 9 you will see that there is two or three days 10 11 where the hematocrit is rising and two or three days falling, but all within a very narrow 12 range, and that's why I don't attribute any 13 14 significance to them. Now, the review that you had with the 15 Ο. resident concerning the lab values, that's the 16 lab values that came back in the afternoon of 17 the 14th as opposed to the lab values from the 18 morning of the 14th; true? 19 I would have reviewed both, probably. 20 Α. And obviously, you would have 21 Q. appreciated a significant drop from the morning 22 labs to the afternoon labs --23 24Α. Yes. -- concerning drop in hematocrit and 25 Q.

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Page 30 hemoglobin; true? 1 2 Α. True. Something that needed to be 3 Q. investigated; true? 4 Α. 5 True. Something that could represent 6 Ο. evidence of a bleed; true? 7 8 Α. True. And especially a patient that's on 9 0. blood thinners, you have to be on heightened 10 alert for the possibility of some type of a 11 hemorrhagic event taking place; true? 12 13 Α. True. Now, the review that you remember 14 0. 15 with the resident, is that something that you 16 remember independent of the record, actually having the review with that particular resident? 17 18 Α. Yes. So we are not going to see anything 19 Q. noted in the record that Dr. DiMarco talked with 20 21 the resident and came up with some treatment 22 It's just something that you remember plan. happening that's not recorded in the record; is 23 that true? 2425 That's true. Α.

Page 31 Q. And the reason I'm asking these 1 questions, I want to find out what it is that 2 3 you remember that for whatever reason is not recorded in the record as opposed to something 4 that you remember, and it just so happens to 5 6 also be recorded in the record. Do you follow 7 the difference? Yes. 8 Α. 9 0. Is there anything else that you remember about this patient in terms of your 10 involvement in her care that's not recorded in 11 the record? 12 I remember talking about getting a 13 Α. CAT scan of her abdomen. 14 All right. That conversation that 15 Ο. you had about getting a CAT scan would have been 16 with the resident? 17 Α. Yes. 18 And would that have been sometime on 19 Q. your return? 20 21 Α. Yes. Q. On the 14th? 22 23 Α. Yes. Sometime in the afternoon? 24 Q. 25 Α. Yes.

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| 1  | Q. Are you able to give me an            |         |
| 2  | approximation based upon your custom and |         |
| 3  | practice as to when this probably was?   |         |
| 4  | A. I don't recall.                       |         |
| 5  | (Telephone interruption.)                |         |
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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<br>and for the State of Ohio, duly commissioned and |
| 9  | qualified, do hereby certify that the within named ANTHONY DIMARCO, M.D. was by me first duly   |
| 10 | sworn to testify to the truth, the whole truth<br>and nothing but the truth in the cause        |
| 11 | aforesaid; that the testimony as above set forth was by me reduced to stenotypy, afterwards     |
| 12 | and correct transcription of the testimony.   |
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|    | I do further certify that this deposition   |
| 14 | was taken at the time and place specified and was adjourned; that I am not a relative or        |
| 15 | attorney for either party or otherwise  |
|    | interested in the event of this action. I am  |
| 16 | not, nor is the court reporting firm with which   |
|    | I am affiliated, under a contract as defined in   |
| 17 | Civil Rule 28(D).   |
| 18 | IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my  |
|    | hand and affixed my seal of office at Cleveland,  |
| 19 | Ohio, on this 11th day of February, 2002.   |
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| 21 | viria L. Gardon   |
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|    | Vivian L. Gordon, Notary Public   |
| 23 | Within and for the State of Ohio  |
| 24 | My commission expires June 8, 2004.   |
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