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| IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS | Page 1 | Page 3 |
| CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO | 1 DENISE HROBAT, R.N., a witness herein, | |
| 3 CHRISTOPHER 5, LONG, etc.,) | 2 called for examination, as provided by the Ohio | |
| 4 Plaintiffs, | 3 Rules of Civil Procedure, being by me first duly | |
| 5 VS) Case No. 321518 | 4 sworn, as hereinafter certified, was deposed and | |
|) | 5 said as follows: | |
| 6 CLEVELAND CLINIC FOUNDATION | 6 EXAMINATION OF DENISE HROBAT, R.N. | |
| 7 Defendant. | 7 BY-MS. TOSTI: | |
| 8 | 8 Q. Would you state your full name and spell | |
| 9 | 9 your last name for us, please. | |
| | 10 A. Denise Marie Hrobat H-R-O-B-A-T. | |
| DEPOSITION OF DENISE HROBAT, R.N. | 11 Q. And what is your home address? | |
| 12 FEBRUARY 9, 1999 | 12 A. 6819 Mitchell Drive, North Ridgeville, | |
| 13 | 13 Ohio, 44039. | |
| 14 The deposition of DENISE HROBAT, R.N., the | 14 Q. Is that a single-family home? | |
| 15 Witness herein, called by counsel on behalf of the | 15 A. Yes. | |
| 16 Plaintiff for examination under the statute, taken | 16 Q. Have you ever had your deposition taken | |
| 17 before me, Vivian L. Gordon, a Registered | 17 before? | |
| ¹⁸ Diplomate Reporter and Notary Public in and for | 18 A. No. | |
| 19 the State of Ohio, pursuant to agreement of | 19 Q. This is a question and answer session under | |
| 20 counsel, at the offices of The Cleveland Clinic | 20 oath, and it's important that you understand the | |
| 21 Foundation, 9500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, | 21 questions that I ask you. | |
| 22 commencing at 1:00 o'clock p.m. on the day and | ²² If you don't understand a question, if you | |
| 23 date above set forth. | 23 would like me to repeat it or if I phrase them in | |
| 24 | 24 a way that you don't understand what I am askin | ng. |
| 25 | 25 just tell me and I will be happy to repeat it. | -0, |
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| 1 APPEARANCES: | Page 2 1 Otherwise, I am going to assume that you | 1 age 4 |
| 2 | 2 understood my question and that you are able to | |
| 3 On behalf of the Plaintiff | 3 answer it. | |
| Becker & Mishkind 4 BY: JEANNE M. TOSTI, ESQ. | 4 It's important that you give all of your | |
| 5 1660 West Second Street | 5 answers verbally, because our court reporter | |
| Suite 660 G Cleveland, Ohio 44113 | 6 cannot take down head nods or hand motions. | |
| 7 On behalf of the Defendant | 7 I don't know, did Mr. Jackson provide you | |
| Roetzel & Andress 8 B Y JOHN V JACKSON, III, ESQ | 8 with a set of medical records? | |
| INGRID KINKOPF-ZAJAC, ESQ 9 1375 E. 9th Street | 9 A. Yes. | |
| Cleveland, Ohio 44114 10 | | |
| 11 | 10 Q. If at any point you want to look at those, 11 feel free to do so. | |
| 12 | | |
| 13 | He may enter an objection at some point | |
| 14 | 13 during the deposition. If he does so, you are | |
| 15 | 14 still required to answer my question unless he | |
| 16 | 15 instructs you not to. Okay? | |
| 17 | 16 A. Okay. | |
| 18 | 17 Q. Would you tell me what you have reviewed | IU |
| 19 | 18 preparation for this deposition. | |
| 20 | 19 A. My charting that was related to the | |
| 21 | 20 patient. | |
| 22 | 21 My vital signs, flow sheets, his history | |
| 23 | 22 and the order sheets. | |
| 24 | 23 Q. Have you reviewed any textbooks or journal | l 🛛 |
| 25 | 24 articles? | |
| · | 25 A. No. | |

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| 1 Q. And have you discussed this case with | 1 Q. Did you have any particular orientation |
| 2 anyone other than with counsel? | 2 when you started here at the Cleveland Clinic? |
| 3 A. No. | 3 A. Yes. |
| 4 Q. Do you have any personal notes or personal | 4 Q. Your current employer is the Cleveland |
| 5 file on this case? | 5 Clinic; is that correct? |
| 6 A. No. | 6 A. Correct. |
| 7 Q. Have you ever generated any personal notes | 7 Q. What is your current title and position? |
| 8 or a personal file on this case? | 8 A. Staff nurse, RN. |
| 9 A. No. | 9 Q. What clinical area do you currently work |
| 0 Q. Now, you are a registered nurse in the | 10 in? |
| 1 State of Ohio; is that correct? | 11 A. Cardiothoracic intensive care. |
| 2 A. Yes. | 12 Q. And when did you first become employed at |
| 3 Q. And at the time that James Long had his | 13 the Cleveland Clinic? |
| 4 surgery in August of 1996, you were a registered | 14 A. June 24th, 1991. |
| 5 nurse in the State of Ohio? | ¹⁵ Q. So since the time that you obtained your |
| 6 A. Yes. | 16 nursing license, you have been a Cleveland Clinic |
| 7 Q. And also, you have to let me get my | 17 employee? |
| 8 question out and then answer it, because the court | 18 A. Yes. |
| P reporter can't take down two people talking at the | |
| o same time. | 19 Q. And when you first became employed by20 Cleveland Clinic, what area were you employed in? |
| | • • • |
| 1 A. Okay. | 21 What area of the hospital? |
| 2 Q. What type of basic nursing program did you | 22 A. The cardiothoracic intensive care unit. |
| 3 attend? | 23 Q. You received an orientation from Cleveland |
| 4 A. Bachelor's of science at Kent State | 24 Clinic to work in that intensive care area? |
| 5 University. | 25 A. Yes. |
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| 1 Q. And when did you receive your nursing | 1 Q. How long was your orientation? |
| 2 degree? | 2 A. It was around 10 to 12 weeks. |
| 3 A. In 1991, May. | 3 Q. And in August of 1996, was your position a |
| 4 Q. And your license? | 4 full-time position? |
| 5 A. That was issued to me I think in August of | 5 A. Yes. |
| 6 1991. | 6 Q. And in August of 1996, you had worked in |
| 7 Q. And since the time of your basic nursing | 7 the cardiothoracic intensive care unit about five |
| 8 education, have you completed any additional | 8 years? |
| 9 degrees or any additional certifications in | 9 A. Yes. |
| 0 nursing? | ¹⁰ Q. What was the usual shift that you worked in |
| 1 A. Yes. | 11 August of '96? |
| 2 Q. What are those? | 12 A. I would work 11 A's to 11 P's or 7 A's to 7 |
| 3 A. Advanced cardiac life support. | 13 P's. |
| 4 Q. When did you complete that? | ¹⁴ Q. So you were working a 12 hour shift? |
| 5 A. About five years ago. Intraaortic balloon | 15 A. Yes. |
| 6 pump class. | ¹⁶ Q. And at that time, who was your immediate |
| 7 Q. Was that here at the Cleveland Clinic? | 17 supervisor? |
| 8 A. Yes. | 18 A. Dolly Gantner. |
| 9 Q. When did you do that? | 19 Q. And what was her title? |
| 0 A. Maybe about five or six years ago. I can't | 20 A. Headnurse. |
| 1 tell you the exact date. | 21 Q. She was head nurse of the cardiothoracic |
| 2 Q. That's fine. | 22 intensive care? |
| 3 Anything else? | 23 A. Lily Hicks was the head nurse, just about |
| 4 A. Not that I can think of off the top of my | 24 two years. This change might have happened right |
| 5 head right now. | 25 in that summer. For the exact times I know |
| J INAU LIGHT HOW. | ²³ III unat summer. For the exact times I know |

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| 1 they had a nursing structural chan | | 1 A. Yes. | |
| 2 that time frame and it was either I | - | 2 Q. And in the | he evenings, in August of '96, how |
| 3 Lily Hicks, but I think it was Doll | • | | would actually be doing patient care |
| 4 actually. | - | 4 in the unit? | |
| 5 Q. Now, in August of '96, how n | nany patients | 5 A. If it was | full with ten patients, probably |
| 6 would you normally be assigned in | | | depends on the patient's acuity. |
| 7 in the evening? | | • | have two balloon pumps in there, you |
| 8 A. One to two. | | | six RNs. It depended upon the |
| 9 Q. And who would make that ass | | | ity level and how many patients in |
| 10 patients? | 6 | · · | I would have to look at the census |
| 11 A. Either the charge nurse or our | | | patient's acuity. |
| 12 head, the clinical coordinator. | | | be the clinical coordinator that |
| ¹³ Q. Were all of the patients that w | | - | e on the staffing or would it be the |
| 14 cardiothoracic unit at that time po | | 4 charge nurse | - |
| 15 cardiothoracic patients? | • | 5 A. Usually. | |
| ¹⁶ A. Yes. Usually. It depends. If | | - | ical coordinator? |
| ¹⁶ A. Tes. Osuany. It depends. If 17 holdover of cath patients from the | | - | dinator unless they weren't there. |
| - | | | ÷ |
| 18 would take those patient populatio | 1 | | working in the ICU, did you |
| 19 preoperative aneurysms, there are | | | odynamic monitoring classes? |
| 20 patients we would get, but general | - | | Nent State University's |
| 21 postoperative cardiothoracic patien | | · · | n the critical care class that I |
| 22 Q. What was the maximum censu | 1 | 2 took. | |
| 213 A. Ten. | | | s part of your basic nursing |
| 214 Q. Now, the head nurse, would sl | Ū | 4 program; con | |
| 25 duties in the unit when she was on | shift? 2 | 5 A. Right, ye | S. |
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| 1 A. No. | | 1 Q. In the cla | asses that you had in preparation |
| 2 Q. You had a head nurse and add | itionally you | 2 to work in C | leveland Clinic's ICU, did they review |
| 3 had a charge nurse assigned? | | 3 hemodynami | c monitoring with you? |
| 4 A. Right, a head nurse and then a | clinical | 4 A. Yes. | |
| 5 coordinator and then the charge nu | rse, who would | 5 Q. Were you | u taught how to recognize abnormal |
| 6 have her own patient assignment to | 00. | 6 parameters | |
| 7 Q. And just from your perspectiv | e, just | 7 A. Yes. | |
| 8 generally, the head nurse, was her | | 8 Q in the | Kent State program or in the one |
| 9 management? | | • | ived at the Cleveland Clinic? |
| 10 A. Yes. | | • | emember with Kent State, but I |
| ¹ 1 Q. She didn't do direct patient ca | | | t the Cleveland Clinic. |
| 12 A. No. | | • | n ICU nurse, were you taught to |
| ¹³ Q. And the clinical coordinator, v | | | inficant trends in hemodynamic |
| 14 duties from your perspective? | | 4 monitoring? | , |
| 15 A. Mostly overseeing staffing nee | | - | lepends who oriented you, but, |
| ¹⁶ schedules, managing the patients c | | 6 yes, basically | |
| 17 going out of the unit as far as trans | | • • | to that as a nurse in the intensive |
| 18 admissions, problems. | | | tch for trends in the hemodynamic |
| 19 Q. And then you would did the | | 9 monitoring? | tor tor trends in the nemotylianne |
| 20 coordinator take a patient assignm | | - | essarily. It depends what the |
| 20 coordinator take a patient assignm 21 A. No. | | | · · |
| | | - | gnosis is, what they came back from |
| 22 Q. Then you had a charge nurse? | | | You know, what their surgery was. |
| 23 A. Yes. | | • • | ded upon the circumstance actually. |
| 74 () Und the charge nurse have any | notiont | // In that w | nat voll are asking me? |
| 24 Q. Did the charge nurse have any 25 assignment? | - | | hat you are asking me? ing whether or not you have the |

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| 1 expertise to notice a trend in the hemodynamic | - | we any independent recollection of |
| 2 monitoring parameters? | 2 James Long as | side from what you saw in the medical |
| 3 A. I feel I do. I feel experienced to notice | 3 records? Do y | ou remember him? |
| 4 if there is a problem occurring. | 4 A. No. | |
| 5 Q. And were you also taught to keep the | | August 20 of 1996, what hours did |
| 6 supervising physicians informed of any signific | - | • |
| 7 changes that you noted? | | documentation if I would have left |
| 8 A. Yes. | | r 7:30 p.m., I most likely worked |
| 9 Q. Now, as a staff nurse in the cardiothoracic | | ess they cancelled me my first four |
| ¹⁰ intensive care unit in August of 1996, what we | | |
| 1 your duties and responsibilities? | | you were working at that time, you |
| ¹ 2 A. At that time, I was orienting new RNs. I | - | l in the cardiothoracic unit? |
| ¹³ don't know if I had an orient at that time. | | s we were floated to the floor or |
| ¹⁴ Charge nurse and staff RN. | 14 G-20 , which is | |
| ¹⁵ Q. And in regard to patient care, what were | | l on the medical records that you |
| ¹⁶ your duties and responsibilities? | | n did you care for James Long? |
| 17 A. Assessing the patient, recording vital | | e of him immediately |
| ¹⁸ signs, talking to family members, monitoring th | | y until I gave report to the next |
| 19 patient constantly. | | clock and I probably would have |
| Do you want me to be very specific? Do y want me just to tell you basically what I would | - | vaning when you took are of him |
| 22 if I was taking care of that patient? | - | vening, when you took care of him |
| 23 Q. Yes. | | y, did you have any other assigned |
| 24 A. Vital signs, like I said. The assessment. | | an patient care for James Long? t remember or tell you that |
| 25 The respiratory status. Family issues. That's | 25 information. | t remember of ten you that |
| 25 The respiratory status. Tainity issues. That s | | D 1/ |
| 1 basically all. | Page 14 | Page 16 |
| - | | ow whether you had charge duty |
| 2 Q. And in regard to your assessment, what are 3 you assessing? | - | tell you, honestly. |
| 4 A. Assessing neuro status, lungs, vital signs, | | b be clear, you don't know |
| 5 abdominal, bowel sounds, chest tube drainage, | | ad an additional patient that |
| 6 urinary output, lab values, temperatures, readin | | a an additional patient that |
| 7 on the monitor, as far as heart rates, blood | 7 A. Correct, I | do not know |
| 8 pressure, PA pressures, CVP pressures, oxygen | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | berative patient developed |
| 9 saturations. | | e unit that required a physician's |
| 10 Q. In August of '96, did the Cleveland Clinic | - | there any policy or procedure you |
| ¹ utilize any supplemental staffing; such as a PRN | | ding what physician would be |
| 12 pool or a float personnel from other areas to | 2 contacted? | |
| 13 staff the unit? | 3 A. Yes. | |
| 14 A. We usually do all the time. | | a tell me what that is. |
| ¹⁵ Q. Can you be a little bit more clear on your | | time, there is a resident or a |
| 16 answer? | | from 7 A to 7 P, and they are on |
| 17 A. We have a PRN staff and we have a float | | numbers. They are on call for |
| 18 pool. So if the nursing staff was down, we would | | - |
| 19 utilize a PRN pool and the float pool, if needed. | | p.m., it's who is on call from 7 |
| ²⁰ Q. Are the PRN staff and the float staff | | e call sheet for the unit, and they |
| 21 trained in hemodynamic monitoring? | | ctors will divide, they will say I |
| 22 A. Yes. | - | d 54, because there will be two |
| | | for all the G-5's, and they will |
| ² 3 Q. Are they all ACLS certified? | ^{1.5} physicians on i | tor an are of 5 s, and are y with |
| ²³ Q. Are they all ACLS certified?²⁴ A. They should be after two years of ICU | | lerstand what you mean 52, 54, |

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| A. At that time we had five cardiothoracic intensive care units. Right now we have four cardiothoracic intensive care units. So | | 2 if you | and when you find what you are looking for, a could just tell me what portion of the |
| 4 generally, there would be a doctor resident on5 two units and another resident on for the other | 1 | 4 the pa 5 A. I : | am looking at the flow sheet for his |
| 6 two units.7 Q. What clinical specialty would the person of 8 call be? | | 7 It star | day that he was in the intensive care unit. rts where he came back and vital signs are , and there is a whole flow that gives you |
| A. I do not know.O. Would you know whether it would be | | 9 vital s 0 outpu | signs and then significant events and then |
| 11 anesthesia or whether it would be surgical? 12 A. Surgical, if that's the problem I was 13 having. If I was having a ventilation problem, | 1 | 1 Q. So 12 surger | o when you received the patient from ry, what information did you receive? hey would tell you the surgery that was |
| 14 would be calling the anesthesia on call.15 Q. So did you have two doctors on call; one | 1 | 4 done. 5 reside | He had an AVR replacement. Homograft. The ent would tell you where they would like the |
| 16 for anesthesia and one for surgery? 17 A. Yes. 18 Q. Okay. Now, were you allowed to make ca | alls 1 | 7 Q. N 18 inform | l pressures kept. low, in this instance, my question is, what mation did you receive on James Long? And so |
| 19 directly to the doctors or did you have to go20 through, say, your clinical coordinator or head21 nurse or charge nurse? | 2 | 0 that fr 1 the inf | I am asking you to do, if you can discern rom the record, is tell me as best you can formation that you received on James Long at |
| 22 A. No, you could directly call the physician23 if you have a problem.24 Q. And were you instructed to call the | 2 | 3 care u | me that you admitted him to the intensive unit. Dkay. They told me, either the anesthesia |
| 25 resident rather than the surgeon that actually d | 1 | | ent or the cana told me the patient is |
| | Page 18 | | Page 20 |
| 1 the surgery if there was a problem? | | | . History of syncope. They dislodged teeth |
| 2 A. Usually the surgeon will tell you if you | | - | g intubation. Has a normal left ventricle. |
| 3 have a problem, you could call me, or usually | • | | him no blood in the OR. Told me the time |
| 4 call the resident on call. | | | gave the antibiotics in surgery. What his |
| 5 Sometimes the fellow or the person doing | | | tocrit was in surgery. The last lab value was |
| 6 the surgery with the staff doctor would tell you | 1 | - | st potassium was 44. Any allergies, which |
| 7 to call them at home or call them, but generall 8 it was the resident on call to call if there was a | - | | are documented. And that they gave him lasix |
| 9 problem with a patient. | | | alligrams IV. Also, his intake of three |
| 10 Q. Did you do the initial nursing assessment | | | and his output of urine of 800 cc's. And all I can tell what they told me or another |
| 11 on James Long when he was admitted to the | | 1 nurse. | - |
| 12 cardiothoracic unit? | | | Dkay. From what you have reviewed in the |
| 13 A. Yes. | | | d, did you find anywhere that he had a |
| 14 Q. Did you receive a report on the patient at | | | ing problem during surgery? |
| 15 the time that you admitted him to the intensive | 1 | 5 A. No | |
| 16 care unit? | 1 | | you had been told that, would it be your |
| 17 A. Yes. | | | manner to include that in the initial note |
| 18 Q. Who gave you the report on the patient? 19 A. Anesthesia resident or an anesthesia CRNA 20 Q. And in this instant, do you know who gave | 1 1 | 9 A. Y | |
| 20 Q. And in this instant, do you know who gave | | | o is it likely in this case that you did |
| 21 you the report on James Long?22 A. No. | | | ceive any information that he had any |
| | 1 | | ing problems in surgery? |
| 23 Q. What information were you given at the tin24 that you received the report?25 A. I would have to look at the documentation | 2 | 4 Q. If | ight, yes. No, he did not. you had been informed that a patient had |
| 25 A. I WOULD HAVE TO TOOK AT THE GOCUMENTATION | . 2 | s pieedi | ng problems during surgery, do you watch |

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| 1 that patient more closely for signs of problems of | • | equal and reactive to light. |
| 2 hemodynamic trends that would indicate bleeding | | oherent is starred because patient |
| 3 A. Yes. | | tubated, even though it wasn't |
| 4 Q. What time was James Long admitted to the | 4 charted on my | |
| 5 cardiothoracic unit? | - | extremities, no weakness starred |
| 6 A. It is documented at 5:30 p.m. | 1 | mes, you know, postoperatively we |
| 7 Q. And did you do an assessment on him at that | | he patient and sedating the |
| 8 point in time? | | e is an alteration of normal |
| 9 A. Yes. | | napplicable to study gait. |
| 10 Q. And what were your findings on that | | y free from our MRA protocol. |
| 11 assessment? And again, if you would tell me wh | | rred because I cannot tell if he |
| 12 the page you are looking at is. | 1 | because we have him sedated and |
| 13 A. Okay. I am looking at the I don't have | - | kiety free is starred because if we |
| 14 it marked here clearly, but | | uple reasons why we would put a |
| 15 Q. Just hold it up and I will probably be able | | sleep and sedate them and paralyze |
| 16 to recognize what it is. | - | king if they are not responding |
| 17 A. Right here is the nursing progress record. | 1 | So most everybody, most every |
| 18 Q. Okay. | | as anxiety with a breathing tube |
| 19 A. And there is this sheet and this sheet that | | d that and document accordingly. |
| 20 goes together. | | of the assessment, if you |
| 21 Q. Which looks like a checklist for | | cate any that there was a deviation |
| 22 assessment, the second page that you are referring | - | |
| 23 to. | ² A. I had none. | |
| 24 A. Yes. My name is at the bottom from 1500 to | | ve any contact with James Long's |
| 25 1900. | 25 family when he | |
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| 1 Q. All right. Why don't you just go through | • | e I would have documented either |
| 2 and tell me what your assessment was of this | | low sheet that the family was at |
| 3 patient. | | he had spoken to the family |
| 4 A. He has total bathing, toileting, oral and | 4 members. | ie nau spoken to the family |
| 5 feeding care by the nurse. We need to totally | | either document it on the |
| 6 turn him. Total, up to bathroom. Unable to lift | - | or on the flow sheet if you had? |
| 7 him out of bed to the chair. He is unable to walk | | of the now sheet if you had? |
| 8 in the halls. | | and to the nursing flow sheet |
| | | gard to the nursing flow sheet nodynamic parameters on it, if you |
| 9 When you star something, that means there 10 is a deviation from normal. So alert and oriented | | |
| | | |
| 11 to person, place and time, there is a star there | | d like you to tell me what, if cumentation is in your handwriting, |
| 12 because I would tell you on the documentation w13 his neuro status is. | • | • |
| | | king about the correct portion. |
| 14 Q. What was the deviation from normal for | | gard to the one page that says |
| 15 James Long? | | intensive care record that has the |
| 16 A. I'm not clear on what you are asking me. | | parameters is the beginning part of |
| 17 Q. You indicated that a star means that there | 7 that page in you 8 A. Yes. | |
| 18 was a deviation from normal and that you did a | | all ma whom at what line |
| 19 narrative note. I am asking you what the | - | tell me where, at what line |
| 20 deviation from normal was that is represented by | | ber of letters running down the |
| 21 the star. | | f the page what line your |
| 22 A. By the star, okay. | | at and then ends at? |
| 23 That he was awaken. The patient awakened | - | wrote down my initial vital |
| 24 and was put back to sleep with a Propofol drip a | Ū Ū | ot my handwriting. So I am |
| 25 Vecuronium. | 25 usually at the h | ead of the bed. I wrote down the |

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| 1 drips and I documented until 1930. I just | | hat blood pressure to keep the |
| 2 documented the temperature and the cardi | iac output 2 systolic aroun | d 100 with whatever is ordered. |
| 3 and index and SVR and the rest of the hand | dwriting 3 So at that | point it was Nipride. |
| 4 is somebody else's. | 4 Q. And you h | nave, as a nurse, you are allowed |
| 5 Q. Okay. Would those parameters be on | es that 5 to increase or | decrease the dosage? |
| 6 you would be monitoring, though, on a reg | - | |
| 7 basis while you were caring for the patien | t? 7 Q. You don't | require a doctor's order to do |
| 8 A. Yes. | 8 that? | |
| 9 Q. And would you be aware of what those | | |
| 10 were even if you weren't the one that wro | | e time that you were caring for |
| 11 down here? | - | lid anyone inform you that he had |
| 12 A. Yes, if I was there, yes. | • • | ems while he was in surgery? |
| 13 Q. Do you know who was recording on h | | |
| 14 A. Do you mean in the beginning? | | te tell you that he should be |
| 15 Q. Yes. | | ly for bleeding problems while he was |
| 16 A. I can't tell whose handwriting. It's | 6 in the intensiv | |
| 17 whoever the nurse is around you that help | • | |
| 18 admit the patient. | | lieve the postoperative orders |
| 19 Q. But after the admission, the document | Ū. | ed by Dr. Muellbach include an order |
| 20 here for heart rate and blood pressure and | • | te warming per CCT ICU policy. |
| 21 blood pressure and CVP, are those in some22 else's handwriting or portions of it? | | |
| | | the policy on warming patients |
| 23 A. It's my handwriting all the way down 24 1750 until 1910. | - · · | nnoratura was ganarally halaw |
| 25 Q. Okay. So all of the parameters that a | | nperature was generally below Celsius. Usually we would start at |
| 25 Q. Okay. So an of the parameters that a | | |
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| 1 that section is your handwriting? | | e would put what is called a bear |
| 2 A. Yes. | | ient, and warm them with a blankets |
| 3 Q. I misunderstood what you were telling | | |
| 4 What was your understanding in regar | | 22 |
| 5 James Long's systolic blood pressure as to | | te an air mattress and it |
| 6 level it was to be maintained at? | | at. You put blankets on top of it |
| 7 A. I don't know if I understood the quest | - | |
| 8 Where would the surgeons like the blo 9 pressure to be kept at or where was the blo | - | long would you leave that on the |
| 9 pressure to be kept at or where was the blo 10 pressure actually at? | ÷ | temperature started rising. |
| | | ld shut is it off around 36.5, 36.7, |
| 11 Q. What was your understanding as to will level his blood pressure was to be kept at a | • | warming up on their own. |
| 13 A. His systolic was supposed to be kept at | - | ames Long's case, did you do any |
| 14 100. | | ng procedure for him? |
| 15 Q. Now, as a nurse in the unit, do you ha | | have, because his temperature |
| 16 any responsibilities for keeping the blood | 6 was document | - |
| 17 pressure at that area in regard to titrating a | | y chest tubes did James Long have? |
| 18 of the medications? | | ited that he had two right chest |
| 19 A. Yes. | 9 tubes. | |
| 20 Q. And what responsibilities do you have | | gust of 1996, did you have a |
| 21 regard to titrating medications? | - | ol regarding how to care for chest |
| 22 A. There are standard orders for Nipride | | 0 0 |
| 23 nitroglycerin and if a patient is hypertensi | | ow what the exact documentation |
| 24 which it appears that he must have been in | | cocol for chest tube care, but 1 do |
| 25 initial time frame, because he is on Niprid | 1 | do with our chest tubes every day. I |
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| r basis with all | | Q. The systemic vascular resistance recorded |
| ssessment it was | 2 | at the time of admission of 559, is that an |
| | 3 | expected normal range for this patient? |
| atient, if they | 4 | A. It would depend upon the patient. And with |
| looked like | | the cardiac output and cardiac index being very |
| wouldn't do | | good, and us using Nipride to get the SVR down, |
| | 1 | that would be an acceptable number. |
| ming out of the | | Q. What about the central venous pressure of |
| - | | 17? |
| | 10 | A. Well, I would have to ask what they were |
| I | | running in the OR as far as central venous |
| ally see a clot | | pressure, where they were trying to keep it and |
| | | where it was. But 17 would be a normal number, |
| s? | | especially how big he is, if he was a very large |
| | | patient. |
| g's case, did you | 1 | Q. What's the normal systemic vascular |
| | | resistance range? |
| - | | A. I couldn't tell you exactly the numbers, |
| | | but from what we are taught, it could range |
| | | anywhere from 500 to 1500, or even up to 2000, we |
| | 1 | get numbers from 500 to 2000. |
| ed amount of | | Q. Now, at 1830 hour, the mean arterial |
| | | pressure is recorded at 59. |
| | 23 | • |
| patient, but | | Would that be a value that you, as a nurse, |
| alow nave allessing o o the second | ttient, if they ooked like wouldn't do ning out of the at all? was clots up lly see a clot e motion of milking | attient, if they3ooked like5wouldn't do67ning out of the8at all?9was clots up101111lly see a clot12e motion of milking13?14tremember.16by case, did you16ove any clots?17ot remember.18hing that you192021d amount of22a cardiothoracic23 |

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| 1 from the previous reading? | 1 postoperatively to i | t will be started either in OR |
| 2 A. From 62, you mean? | • | toperatively on almost every |
| 3 Q. Yes. | 3 single cardiac patier | |
| 4 A. No, not necessarily, because I was still in | I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I | te my chest tubes drainage |
| 5 Nipride. If you go across I was still on Nipride | | 0, and I must have told I |
| 6 and I would at that time shut that Nipride off an | | at who gave me the order, but |
| 7 waited to see if the blood pressure came up or | | an order for 10 grams of Amicar |
| 8 not. | | ip. We have to look at the |
| 9 Q. Now, there is a notation under the | 9 order sheet. | |
| 10 significant events area at 1830 hour that Dr. | 10 (Pause.) | 1 1 1 1 (0 0 |
| 11 Cosgrove is at the bedside. Is that in your | | gave me the order around 6:30 |
| 12 handwriting, that notation? | - | nicar bolus and to start a two |
| 13 A. Yes. | | an hour drip, and he gave me an |
| 14 Q Did you or anyone else in the unit call Dr. | 14 order for calcium an | |
| 15 Cosgrove to see the patient? | - | g at the doctors orders? Do |
| 16 A. No. | 116 you have that sheet | - |
| 17 Q. So he was just coming in on rounds or his | 117 A. Initial postopera | |
| 18 usual manner of coming in to see a post-op | - | ujust referred to with the |
| 19 patient? | 19 Amicar bolus | |
| 20 A. Yes. | 20 A. Yes. | and in front of you? |
| 21 Q. Did Dr. Cosgrove say anything to you in22 regard to James Long's condition at that time? | 21 Q you have that 22 A. Yes. | one in front of you? |
| 23 A. I couldn't tell you if he did or didn't. I | | are written there for 1730 |
| ²² A. Feodrant ten you in he did of didn't. T ²⁴ have no way. I do not remember. | | 1 1830 hour, are those orders |
| 25 Q. Do you know whether Dr. Muellbach was w | | a nurse and instituted or at |
| | | |
| 1 Dr. Cosgrove at that time? | Page 34 1 least arranged to have | Page 36 |
| 2 A. I cannot remember and I don't always | 2 A. Yes. | ve mem carried out? |
| 3 document if Dr. Muellbach was with Dr. Cosgre | | 00 hour, well it looks like |
| 4 I generally just document if Dr. Cosgrove had co | | or Levophed. It's LEVO? |
| 5 to the bedside. | 5 A. Right. | Levopiled. It's LEVO: |
| 6 Q. Now, in regard to the hemodynamic | _ | at 1800 order or 1830 hour? |
| 7 parameters that you recorded on your shift, do y | _ | 00 hour. Oh, wait. Let me |
| 8 see any trends that would cause a heightened | | 1830, because I put it under |
| 9 concern for this patient? | | I would've wrote it at that |
| 10 A. Of what I documented; right? | | have been given to me at |
| 11 Q. Yes. | | put it above the LR, so it was |
| 12 A. No. | 12 6:30. | • |
| 13 Q. Do you recall having any conversations with | h 13 Q. It's likely that t | hat was an 1830 order? |
| 14 Dr. Cosgrove at all during the time that you wer | re 14 A. Yes. | |
| 15 in the unit that evening? | 15 Q. Now, in regard | to the Amicar, from your |
| .16 A. No. | 16 perspective, what w | as the expected reaction to the |
| 17 Q. The flow sheet indicates that at 1830 hour, | 17 dosage of Amicar th | • |
| 18 I believe, some Amicar was given by bolus to th | | • |
| 19 patient. Did you give that medication? | | help the patient clot better, |
| 20 A. Yes. | 20 stop the bleeding. | |
| 21 Q. Why was James Long receiving that | - | w whether this Amicar was |
| 22 medication? | | ne order or whether because |
| 23 A. Well, we usually start an Amicar bolus whe | | ÷ |
| 24 there is indication that the chest tube drainage | | xactly. All I could tell |
| 25 has increased, or usually immediately | 25 you is from my cha | rting, going from 50 to 100 |

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| 1 cc's, usually if we had 100 cc's with the patient, | - | se were verbal orders? |
| 2 we will start an Amicar drip, if it's not already | 2 A. Yes, exc | ept the first one, I wrote it and |
| 3 running from the OR, already. | 3 then Dr. Yar | ed signed it himself. |
| 4 Q. Do you do any type of laboratory follow-ups | 4 Q. Now, die | d you receive those orders from Dr. |
| 5 studies when you put a patient on Amicar? | 5 Muellbach ir | person or were they by phone? |
| 6 A. No, not usually. We will just check the | 6 A. I couldn | 't tell you for sure. |
| 7 hematocrit levels, unless they are really, really | 7 Q. If you re | ceived them by telephone, would it |
| 8 bleeding, but not generally, no. There is no | 8 be your prac | tice to write verbal order or |
| 9 standard orders for clotting studies with starting | 9 telephone or | der next to it? |
| 10 an Amicar drip. | 10 A. Verbal o | rder. |
| ¹ 1 Q. There is an order for Propofol written by | 11 Q. To your | knowledge, was Dr. Muellbach in to |
| 12 Dr. Yared at 1730 hour. Do you see that order? | 12 see the patier | nt at all during the time that you |
| 13 A. Yes. | 13 were in the i | ntensive care unit on that evening? |
| ¹⁴ Q. And that's an order that you also received? | 14 A. From my | memory, I don't remember. From my |
| 15 A. Yes. | 15 documentation | on, I didn't write it, but it doesn't |
| ¹⁶ Q. And did you administer Propofol to James | 16 mean that he | wasn't there, because I am not always |
| 17 Long? | 17 very good ab | out documenting every single doctor |
| 18 A. Yes, I did. | 18 that comes b | y. Cardiology comes, anesthesia |
| 19 Q. What was the purpose of that order? | 19 comes, all ki | nd of doctors come to the bedside |
| 20 A. To keep the patient sedated, either because | 20 after surgery | . I just like to document like if |
| 21 the patient was it wasn't documented clearly, | 21 Dr. Cosgrove | e comes or if anesthesia comes or a |
| 22 but either the patient was waking up, not the | 22 staff doctor. | |
| 23 expected result that we like to see, like the | 23 Q. Now, M | r. Long had been on Nipride; is that |
| 24 patient was either shaking, irritated, or they | 24 correct? | |
| 25 were having ventilation problems. There could be | e 25 A. Yes. | |
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| 1 a lot of different reasons why we initiate | - | he started on Levophed while you |
| 2 Propofol drip or a fentanyl drip. | 2 were still the | · · |
| 3 Q. And in regard to what you have documented, | 3 A. Yes. | |
| 4 is there any indicators in your documentation as | | as the Levophed started? |
| 5 to why he may have needed Propofol? | - | around roughly 7:10. It could |
| 6 A. No. I didn't document that he was shaking | | arted before that, because we have the |
| 7 or pulling or his labs were off value, I didn't | | re you at the 20 minute period gap |
| 8 write anything. | | 1910 but it's roughly around 1910. |
| 9 The only thing I did document was at 1900, | | nitiated the Levophed on this |
| 10 with my assessment, that the patient was labile, | 10 patient? | read and the second |
| 11 and that he woke up and was put back to sleep wi | · | |
| 12 the Propofol drip and the Vecuronium. | | s the Levophed initiated? |
| 13 Q. When you say that the patient was labile, | | like because I shut off the |
| 14 what did you mean by that? | | looks like the patient's index was |
| 15 A. There is times when a patient comes back | _ | and his SVR's, he is dilated, and |
| 16 from surgery and their blood pressure will go up | | blood pressure, it looks like as I |
| 17 and it will go down and up and down. That's | | , the 75 over 46 after the Nipride |
| 18 labile. That's what that means. | | so we initiated the Levophed for |
| ¹⁹ Q. And that's what was happening with James | | nultitude of reasons, the blood |
| 20 Long? | 20 pressure, SVI | |
| 21 A. Most likely. | - | t unusual to switch a patient from |
| 22 Q. Now, the orders that you have written, are | 1 | maintains his blood pressure over |
| 23 these in your handwriting, the ones that are 1730, | - | I'm sorry, Nipride to bring his blood |
| 24 1800 and 1830? Is that in your handwriting? | 1 - | <i>n</i> , Levophed to bring it back up? |
| 25 A. Yes. | 2:5 A. No. | |
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| 1 Q. That's something that you commonly do in | 1 that I had given that cal | 0 |
| 2 the intensive care on the cardiothoracic patients? | 2 at that time, while we w | ere talking, might have |
| 3 A. It depends on the patient. Their age, what | 3 leveled the lines while v | |
| 4 is going on with them. But a lot of times | 4 each other. I might hav | |
| 5 patients will be unstable as far as their | 5 calcium, so at that time | 0 0 |
| 6 temperatures. They either spike a temperature | 6 leveling the lines and I | - |
| 7 right after surgery and it causes them to dilate | 7 documented it's hard | |
| 8 and their blood pressure to fall and then we have | | m and she was leveling her |
| 9 to shut off the Nipride and start of Levophed. | 9 lines. That's an initial | |
| 10 Q. Did you have any concerns about this | 10 you come on to see a pa | |
| 11 patient in that his blood pressure dropped and | 11 lines. | , |
| 12 during that same hour or just around that time, he | | ing, you believe? Does |
| 13 had a 250 cc dump into his chest tubes? | 13 that look like her handw | ••• |
| 14 A. That was documented after I left. That's | 14 A. I do not know her h | - |
| 15 not my handwriting, so, no, I wasn't concerned | 15 but | |
| 16 until the time I left. I documented the 41 , the | 16 Q. How do you level li | nes and zero them in the |
| 17 crit of 35. That's my handwriting. So the next | 17 unit? | |
| 18 line is not my handwriting, the 600 and 250. So I | | lary, mid axillary |
| 19 probably left by that time. | 19 line, and you level the li | |
| 20 Q. So that 250 cc's was after you left the | 20 open the lines to air, and | - |
| 21 unit? | 21 to where all your number | |
| 22 A. Yes. That's not my handwriting, so it must | 22 then close them off to a | |
| 23 have been her assessment. | 23 Q. And how often is th | |
| 24 Q. Who assumed care of James Long after you | 24 A. You are supposed to | |
| 25 left? Who did you turn the care over to? | 25 protocol is Q 24 hours, | |
| p | age 42 | Page 44 |
| 1 A. Documented at Angelique Young. | 1 started, it was every shi | Ũ |
| 2 Q. Do you recall having any conversations with | 2 rezero them, or if the nu | • |
| 3 Dr. Muellbach during the time that you were in th | | • |
| 4 ICU on August 20th? | 4 and make sure it's not a | • |
| 5 A. No. | | ny reason why it was done |
| 6 Q. Now, there is a dose of Vecuronium given at | 6 at 1910 hour here? | |
| 7 1850hour, I believe. | 7 A. Probably because sh | e started her shift and |
| 8 A. Yes. | 8 it was a habit, | |
| 9 Q. Did you give that to the patient? | 9 Q. Okay. Did you at a | ny time on the 20th |
| 10 A. Yes, | 10 when you were in the IC | • |
| 11 Q. Do you know why he required that | 11 physician look at James | - |
| 12 medication? | 12 A. No, not that I'm aw | ÷ |
| 13 A. It's not documented, but either the ABG's, | 13 Q. And other than Dr. | |
| 14 something is going on with the patient as far as | 14 do you know of any oth | |
| 15 his ABG's are changing or the patient is shaking, | 15 and assessed James Lon | · · |
| 16 or just to stabilize. A lot of times we will | 16 were in the unit? | |
| 17 paralyze a patient just so they become more stable | | e, because he was at the |
| 18 as far as their blood pressures going up and down | 18 bedside to sign this, but | |
| 19 and sedating and paralyzing them. | 19 not know. Dr. Muellbac | |
| 20 Q. There is a notation at 1910 about the lines | 20 know if he was at the be | |
| 21 being leveled and zeroed. Is that in your | 21 these orders from him, b | |
| 22 handwriting? | 22 was over the telephone of | 1 |
| 23 A. No. | 23 Q. Now, did you give a | 1 |
| 24 Q. Was that after you left the unit? | 24 that was coming on after | |
| 25 A. That was Angelique. I had written down | 25 A. Yes. | - |
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| 1 Q. And in this instance, do you know what | | lown, so they can see the screen and |
| 2 information you provided in that report? | 2 see the blood | l pressure and PA pressure and |
| 3 A. Yes. | 1 | It's still all monitored and |
| 4 Q. Could you tell me what that was. | | Put all the drips on the side of the |
| 5 Å I always go from left to right. Start with | 1 | s a special lever that it drops down |
| 6 the surgery, where they went. | f | disconnect your suction from the |
| 7 MR. JACKSON: When you say left to | - | e wall for your chest tubes, and |
| 8 right, so she understands. | 8 that's about | - |
| 9 A. Left to right on the flow sheet with the | | ressure monitoring continues in |
| 10 cardiothoracic intensive care record. The | 10 transport the | |
| ¹¹ surgery, where they want to keep the blood | 11 A. Right, co | |
| 12 pressures, temperatures, how they were running | <u> </u> | have any conversations with anyone |
| 13 how the blood pressures were running, the heart | - | 20th in regard to what happened to |
| 14 rates, their ventilation, their cardiac outputs, | 14 him? | 2001 In regula to what happened to |
| 15 the drips that they are on. | 15 A. No. | |
| ¹⁶ If I had given any medication, given any | | nes Long's case ever discussed in a |
| ¹⁷ fluids, which I did, 500 of LR two times, gave th | | • |
| ¹ 8 Amicar bolus, had sedated and paralyzed the | 18 A No. | · · |
| 19 patient. | | have any criticisms of anyone that |
| 20 I would tell her how my urinary output has | _ | e to James Long? |
| 21 been, which is very good. The chest tube draina | | e to fames Long : |
| 22 went from 50 to 100. I would tell her his neuro | - | TOSTI: I am done. I have no |
| ²² went from 50 to 100. I would ten het his heuro | | juestions. |
| 24 glucose, if they were significant, which they | | JACKSON: She will read it. |
| ²⁴ glucose, if they were significant, which they ²⁵ weren't, and hemoglobin, hematocrits, and anyth | | JACKSON. She will lead it. |
| | | |
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| 1 pertinent as far as orders, which I would go ove | | ition concluded at 2:05 o'clock p.m.; |
| 2 the orders that I had gotten. And his history, | 2 signatu | re waived.) |
| 3 which is at the top here, plus we look at the | 3 | |
| 4 history sheet, They do a preoperative assessment | nt 4 | |
| 5 for history sheet. We would go over that. | 5 | |
| 6 Q. Where is the ICU located in relation to the | | Hrobat, R.N. |
| 7 operative suites? | 7 | |
| 8 A. Two floors above. | 8 | |
| 9 Q. Have you assisted or transported patients | 9 | |
| 10 between the ICU and OR? |) O | |
| 11 A. Yes. | 11 | |
| 12 Q. How long does it take to get from one place | 12 | |
| 13 to the other? | 13 | |
| 14 A. It depends. You mean by the time I am | 14 | |
| 15 ready to pull out of the bed space with the | 15 | |
| 16 patient after I attached and detached everything | ? 16 | |
| 17 Q. Yes. | 17 | |
| 18 A. Probably five minutes, if that. | 18 | |
| 19 Q. If you have to transport a patient back to | 19 | |
| 20 surgery, what do you do with all of the | 2:0 | |
| 21 hemodynamic lines, the pulmonary artery lines | | |
| 22 that? | 2:2 | |
| 23 A. What we do when they bring them up, we h | | |
| 24 a little portable metal slot that the tram slips | 2!4 | |
| 25 into. There is a monitor that attaches on a bar, | 215 | |

CondenseIt!TM DENISE HROBAT, R.N. Page 49 1 CERTIFICATE 2 State of Ohio,) SS: 3 County of Cuyahoga.) 4 I, Vivian L. Gordon, a Notary Public within and for the State of Ohio, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that the within named DENISE HROBAT, R.N. was by me first duly sworn to 7 testify to the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth in the cause aforesaid; that the 8 testimony as above set forth was by me reduced to stenotypy, afterwards transcribed, and that the 9 foregoing is a true and correct transcription of the testimony. 10 I do further certify that this deposition 11 was taken at the time and place specified and **was** completed without adjournment; that I am not a 12 relative or attorney for either party or otherwise interested in the event of this action. 13 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my 14 hand and affixed my seal of office at Cleveland, Ohio, on this 16th day of March, 1999. 15 ł Vardo 16 Juin Vivian L. Gordon, Notary Public Within and for the State of Ohio 17 18 My commission expires May 22, 1999. 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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