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| 1 | IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS DOC. 206 |
| 2 | CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO |
| 3 | BARBARA D. GRASGREEN, EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE |
| 4 | OF ARTHUR GRASGREEN, DECEASED, |
| 5 | Plaintiff, JUDGE B.W. GRIFFIN |
| 6 | -vs- <u>CASE NO. 263268</u> |
| 7 | MERIDIA HILLCREST HOSPITAL AND PHYSICIAN STAFFING, INC., |
| 8 | Defendants. |
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| 11 | Deposition of <u>OMAR P. JORDAN, R.N.</u> , taken as |
| 12 | if upon cross-examination before Lynn D. |
| 13 | Thompson, a Notary Public within and for the |
| 14 | State of Ohio, at Meridia Hillcrest Hospital, |
| 15 | 6780 Mayfield Road, Mayfield Heights, Ohio, at |
| 16 | 5:05 p.m. on Friday, March 25, 1994, pursuant to |
| 17 | notice and/or stipulations of counsel, on behalf |
| 18 | of the Plaintiff in this cause. |
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| 1 | | OMAR P. JORDAN, R.N., of lawful age, |
| 2 | | called by the Plaintiff for the purpose of |
| 3 | | cross-examination, as provided by the Rules of |
| 4 | | Civil Procedure, being by me first duly sworn, |
| 5 | | as hereinafter certified, deposed and said as |
| 6 | | follows: |
| 7 | | CROSS-EXAMINATION OF OMAR P. JORDAN, R.N. |
| 8 | | BY MR. ZUCKER: |
| 9 | Q. | Omar, we just met. My name is Dale Zucker, and |
| 10 | | I represent the Grasgreen family in this case. |
| 11 | | I'm going to be asking you a series of |
| 12 | | questions, and I'm sure you have had an |
| 13 | | opportunity to meet with your attorney prior to |
| 14 | | the deposition and he prepared you. If you |
| 15 | | don't understand any of my questions for any |
| 16 | | reason, you'll let me know so that I can clarify |
| 17 | | it? |
| 18 | A. | Yes. |
| 19 | Q. | If you answer a question, I'm going to assume |
| 20 | | that you understood it and that you're telling |
| 21 | | the truth. Fair enough? |
| 22 | Α. | Okay. |
| 23 | Q. | Would you state your full name for the record. |
| 24 | A. | Omar Philip Jordan. |
| 25 | Q. | You did meet with your attorneys prior to the |
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4 deposition, or your attorney; is that true? 1 2 Yes, I did, Α. When did you meet? 3 Q. Met briefly before this meeting and Wednesday 4 Α. 5 afternoon. Wednesday afternoon's meeting, how long did that б Q. 7 meeting take? How long were you 8 MR. GAUGHAN: 9 with your attorney? 10 Can we go off the record for a 11 second. 12 - -(Thereupon, a discussion was had off 13 14 the record.) 15 How long was that meeting Wednesday? 16 Ο. I think -- let's see. About 4:30. I would say 17 Α. probably close to two hours. 18 Was anybody else in the meeting besides your 19 Q. 2.0 attorneys? 21 Α. Doreen. 22 And today, I assume you met for a brief period Q. 23 of time before this deposition? 24 Correct. Α. Have you ever had your deposition taken before? 25 Q. Mehler & Hagestrom

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| 1 | A. | No. |
| 2 | Q. | Have you reviewed any documents in preparation |
| 3 | | for today's deposition? |
| 4 | A. | I briefly looked through my charting of the |
| 5 | | chart. |
| 6 | Q. | Anything else? |
| 7 | Α. | Nothing other than the chart. |
| 8 | Q. | You haven't reviewed any medical literature or |
| 9 | | any nursing literature, nothing? |
| 10 | Α. | No, sir. |
| 11 | Q. | You haven't made any notes pertaining to the |
| 12 | | chart, have you? |
| 13 | A. | No, sir. |
| 14 | Q. | Have you ever been known by any other name |
| 15 | | besides Omar Philip Jordan? |
| 16 | Α. | No. |
| 17 | Q. | Where do you presently live, Omar? |
| 18 | A. | In Twinsburg, Ohio. |
| 19 | Q. | Can I have your full address? |
| 20 | Α. | 30666 Mathers Way, Twinsburg, Ohio 44087. |
| 21 | Q. | How long have you been there? |
| 22 | Α. | It'll be two years in May. |
| 23 | Q. | What's your birthdate? |
| 24 | Α. | 10-2-60. |
| 25 | Q. | Where were you born? |
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| 1 | A. | Baton Rouge, Louisiana. |
| 2 | Q. | Are you married, Omar? |
| 3 | A. | Yes, I am. |
| 4 | Q. | Do you mind if I call you Omar? |
| 5 | Α, | No. That's fine. |
| 6 | Q. | How long have you been married? |
| 7 | A, | It'll be ten years in October. |
| 8 | Q. | What's your wife's name? |
| 9 | Α. | Lorraine. |
| 10 | Q. | Do you have children? |
| 11 | Α. | Three. |
| 12 | Q. | What's your Social Security number? |
| 13 | Α. | 446-66-2880. |
| 14 | Q. | Any military history? |
| 15 | Α. | No, sir. |
| 16 | Q. | Where are you presently employed? |
| 17 | Α. | Full-time at Mt. Sinai Medical Center in the |
| 18 | | emergency department, p.r.n. at Hillcrest |
| 19 | | Hospital, p.r.n. at St. Vincent Charity Hospital |
| 20 | | and Norrell Health Care. |
| 21 | Q. | What is your job title or in what capacity are |
| 22 | | you working at Mt. Sinai? |
| 23 | Α. | Registered nurse in the emergency room. |
| 24 | Q. | And you work for Mt. Sinai, not for the entity |
| 25 | | that has the contract with the emergency room at |
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| 1 | | Mt. Sinai? |
| 2 | Α. | No, sir. I am an employee of the hospital. |
| 3 | Q. | And the other jobs, are you employed by the |
| 4 | | hospitals as well as an independent contractor? |
| 5 | A. | I am employed by the hospital, and I'm employed |
| 6 | | by the agency. |
| 7 | Q. | What agency? |
| 8 | Α. | Norrell is an agency. |
| 9 | Q. | Who are they agents for, Norrell? |
| 10 | Α. | Various hospitals throughout northeast Ohio. |
| 11 | Q. | So you come to Hillcrest now through Norrell? |
| 12 | A. | No, sir. I work I'm employed by Hillcrest on |
| 13 | | a p.r.n., as needed, basis. |
| 14 | Q. | The same with St. Vincent? |
| 1.5 | Α. | Yes. |
| 16 | Q. | When did you leave Meridia Hillcrest Hospital |
| 17 | | full-time? |
| 18 | Α. | I think it was February 25th was my last day. |
| 19 | Q. | What was the reason for leaving? |
| 20 | Α. | My reason for leaving? |
| 21 | Q. | Yes. |
| 22 | A. | I wanted employment at Mt. Sinai's emergency |
| 23 | | room. |
| 24 | Q. | Omar, when did you become an R.N.? |
| 25 | | THE WITNESS: Have you got my |
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| 1 | | resume? |
| 2 | Q. | I have your resume. Do you have a recent CV? |
| 3 | | The CV that I have that was provided to me by |
| 4 | | your attorney ends in nineteen I don't know what |
| 5 | | at St. Vincent Charity Hospital. |
| 6 | Α. | That's updated except for because from |
| 7 | | St. Vincent's, I came here. |
| 8 | Q. | Well, there's no education on here. It doesn't |
| 9 | | tell me any I'm not going to besiege you with |
| 10 | | questions regarding matters that were on this. |
| 11 | | I want to know where you went to school. |
| 12 | Α. | Tri C. Cuyahoga Community College. And I |
| 13 | | graduated in let's see. When did I start |
| 14 | | here? It's been almost two years since in |
| 15 | | June. So it would be June of '92. |
| 16 | Q. | In June of '92, you became an R.N.? |
| 17 | Α. | Yes. |
| 18 | Q. | Fill me in on your education, if you will. The |
| 19 | | last I have on the CV that was provided |
| 20 | | indicates that you had no college education. |
| 21 | | High school would be the last bit of information |
| 22 | | I have. June of '78 you graduated from |
| 23 | | Granville High School? |
| 24 | Α. | From that, I had gotten my emergency medical |
| 25 | | technician and then went to get my paramedic at |
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| 1 | | Central Ohio Technical College in Newark, Ohio. |
| 2 | Q. | I have that information. What I'm asking you is |
| 3 | | information pertaining to your $R.N.$ Where did |
| 4 | | you receive your formal education? |
| 5 | A. | Cuyahoga Community College. |
| 6 | Q. | When did you enroll there in the nursing |
| 7 | | program? |
| 8 | Α. | In 1990 I would say. It's a two-year program, |
| 9 | | and I had to have prerequisites prior to that, |
| 10 | | and I did my prerequisites over about two years. |
| 11 | Q. | Where did you take your prerequisites? |
| 12 | A. | At Tri C. |
| 13 | Q. | When did you begin taking those prerequisites, |
| 14 | | 1989, or did you take them over a long period of |
| 15 | | time? |
| 16 | Α. | I took them over about two, two-and-a-half years |
| 17 | | I think, I probably started in '88, '89. |
| 18 | Q. | I see you were with National Ambulance from |
| 19 | | December of '84 to February of '85. Is that |
| 20 | | correct? |
| 21 | Α. | Yes. |
| 22 | Q. | And what was your reason for leaving? |
| 23 | Α. | Well, probably a lot better job, That |
| 24 | | particular company was not the best place I've |
| 25 | | ever worked, and that was more of a temporary |
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10 thing, moving back up here. It was more of a 1 2 temporary job, not a type of long-term job. Q. Where were they located? 3 4 Α. On Brookpark Road in I think it's Parma. Who was your immediate supervisor there? 5 0. б Α. Oh, geez. Jay -- I'm bad with names. 7 Q. Jay? MR. GAUGHAN: If you don't know, a 9 Omar, I am sure Mr. Zucker doesn't want you 10 to quess. Give your best recollection of that information. 11 That's what I'm saying. I can't recall his last 12 Α. 13 name. 14 Then you went to Edgepark Surgical, 0. 15 Incorporated, correct? 16 Α. Correct. 17 0. And your CV indicates that you were in purchasing and operations and also backup for 18 the respiratory department? 19 20 Correct. Α. 21 Q. What do you mean by backup for the respiratory department? 22 23 Α. I started in the respiratory department there setting up in-home respiratory treatment, 24 suction machines, people that were going home 25

11 with new trachs, setting up instruction 1 2 equipment and supplies for them. After I don't 3 know how long of a period of time, I started 4 working with the purchasing --5 Ο. Okay. Anyway, I just moved up into -б Α, 7 Ο. What was your reason for leaving Edgepark? Basically, I was fired. 8 Α. 9 0. For what reason? The owner was out of town, and the 10 Α. 11 vice-president thought that I had made a mistake 12in ordering some oxygen cylinders, and without explanation, I was fired. 13 And you were unemployed for approximately nine 14 Ο. 15 months thereafter; is that correct? Well, your 16 CV indicates that the next job after leaving 17 Edgepark on 6 of '86 was at Mt. Sinai beginning in March of `87. If my math is correct, that's 18 about nine months? 19 20 Α. I had a job at -- it was in Ashtabula. It was 21 an ambulance company. That was very short-lived 22 because the company went out of business. 23 Ο. Do you remember the name of the company? North -- well, it was Northeast Ohio Medical 24 Α. 25 Services. I'm pretty sure that was -- I am not

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| 1 | | sure if that was the name of the ambulance, but |
| 2 | | that was the Northeast Ohio Hospital was who |
| 3 | | owned it, and the whole hospital went out of |
| 4 | | business, shutting down the program. |
| 5 | Q. | And you were there for? |
| 6 | A. | Just a few months. |
| 7 | Q. | So for the nine months between 6 of '86 and 3 |
| 8 | | of '87, you only worked several months, and that |
| 9 | | was for the ambulance company in Ashtabula. Is |
| 10 | | that correct? |
| 11 | A. | That's correct. |
| 12 | Q. | Then you went to Mt, Sinai in March of '87 and |
| 13 | | left in August of '88. What was your reason for |
| 14 | | leaving Mt. Sinai that time? |
| 15 | Α. | For a position on Life Star. |
| 16 | Q. | Life Star? |
| 17 | Α. | Life Star. It's a critical care transport unit |
| 18 | | which would allow me to use more of my skills |
| 19 | | and to get back into the streets a little bit. |
| 20 | Q. | Was that the St. Vincent Charity Hospital Life |
| 21 | | Star program? |
| 22 | Α. | Yes, sir. |
| 23 | a. | Was that known as Life Stat? |
| 24 | Α. | No, sir. Life Star. |
| 25 | 2. | So that should be Life Star, is that correct, |
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| 1 | | instead of Life Stat? |
| 2 | A. | That's correct, |
| 3 | Q. | Is that a misprint? |
| 4 | A. | That's correct. |
| 5 | Q. | When did you come to well, when did you leave |
| 6 | | St. Vincent, the Life Star program? |
| 7 | Α. | I'm still employed there p.r.n. |
| 8 | Q. | When did you begin working at Meridia Hillcrest |
| 9 | | Hospital? |
| 10 | A. | September 22nd? |
| 11 | Q. | What year? |
| 12 | Α. | Of '92. |
| 13 | Q. | While you were working at Meridia, were you |
| 14 | | maintaining any other jobs? Still working at |
| 15 | | St. Vincent, for example? |
| 16 | Α. | Still working at St. Vincent's. |
| 17 | Q. | Were you working at any other jobs? |
| 18 | Α. | Norrell Agency. |
| 19 | Q. | Where is Norrell located? |
| 20 | A. | In Beachwood. |
| 21 | Q. | Who is your immediate supervisor there? |
| 22 | A. | Ron Rock. |
| 23 | Q. | How do you spell Norrell? |
| 24 | A. | N - o - r - r - e - l - l. |
| 25 | Q. | Were you ever suspended or expelled from any |
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| 1 | | educational institution, high school, college? |
| 2 | A. | No. |
| 3 | Q. | Besides Granville and Cuyahoga Community |
| 4 | | College, you've never attended another |
| 5 | | institution of learning? |
| 6 | Α. | Central Ohio Technical College. |
| 7 | Q. | Besides those three? |
| 8 | A. | The only other education is courses of specialty |
| 9 | | courses, balloon pump, advanced life-support, |
| 10 | | that type of stuff, analysis courses. They're |
| 11 | | courses that are it's an enhancement to your |
| 12 | | basic either medic or nursing that that is |
| 13 | | required in critical care areas. |
| 14 | Q. | In order to obtain your license, you had to take |
| 15 | | a state test; is that correct? |
| 16 | А. | Yes, sir. |
| 17 | Q. | Did you pass that test the first time you took |
| 18 | | it? |
| 19 | Α. | Yes, sir. |
| 20 | Q. | Are you licensed in any other states? |
| 21 | Α. | No, sir. |
| 22 | Q. | Have you ever applied for a license in any other |
| 23 | | state? |
| 24 | А. | No, sir. |
| 25 | Q. | Was your license application here in the State |
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| 1 | | of Ohio acted on favorably the first time you |
| 2 | | applied to become a nurse? |
| 3 | А. | I don't understand the question. |
| 4 | Q. | Did you ever have your application for a license |
| 5 | | revoked or I'm sorry. Was your application |
| б | | for licensure ever denied in the State of Ohio? |
| 7 | Α. | No, sir. |
| 8 | Q. | And has your license ever been suspended or |
| 9 | | revoked? |
| 10 | A. | No, sir. |
| 11 | Q. | Have you ever been the subject of disciplinary |
| 12 | | proceedings as a result of your work as a nurse? |
| 13 | A. | No, sir. |
| 14 | Q. | In order to become licensed, did you have to be |
| 15 | | interviewed by a state body or the governing |
| 16 | | body for nursing in Ohio? |
| 17 | A. | No, sir. Physically? Person to person you |
| 18 | | mean? |
| 19 | Q. | Yes. |
| 20 | Α. | No, sir. |
| 21 | Q. | You mentioned specialties and subspecialties. |
| 22 | | Are you licensed or certified in any |
| 23 | | subspecialty of nursing? |
| 24: | A. | I don't know whether it's considered a license |
| 25; | | or a certificate, but I have my balloon pump |
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16 certification, I have my advanced cardiac life 1 2 support. I'm an instructor in that. I have my basic life-support. I have my neonatal advanced 3 4 life-support, Now, in order to obtain these distinctions, did 5 Ο. б you have to take any courses? Yes, sir. 7 Α, You did? Ο. 8 Yes. 9 Α. 10 Ο. And under the auspices of what governing body did you take these courses? 11 12 Different hospitals. I took my ACLS instructor Α. when I was working here. I took my BLS when I 13 14 was here. That's actually kind of required at each place that I've been so I've probably taken 15 16 it at each of the three --17 Ο. The ACLS is the advanced cardiac? Advanced cardiac life support. 18 Α. And BLS is? 0. 19 20 Basic life-support. Α. 21 Q. And the others were? Balloon pump certification and my neonatal 22 Α. 23 advanced life-support. The ACLS instruction, was that a hands-on type 24 0. 25 of training or --

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| 1 | Α. | Yes. It's both. It's a book, lecture and |
| 2 | | hands-on practical and testing stations. |
| 3 | ĮQ. | Who is in charge of that program here at the |
| 4 | | hospital? |
| 5 | A. | John Molnar. |
| 6 | Q. | John Molnar is an administrator or a doctor? |
| 7 | A. | He is a paramedic educator. |
| 8 | Q. | And how long in between the time you started |
| 9 | | this program and received your certification? |
| 10 | A. | The program was two days, and it took two to |
| 11 | | three weeks to get your card, your instructor |
| 12 | | card. |
| 13 | Q. | Did you discuss thrombolytics or were |
| 14 | | thrombolytics any part of the SCLS course? |
| 15 | Α. | No, sir. Well no, I don't think so. I don't |
| 16 | | think there's really anything in the advanced |
| 17 | | life-support about thrombolytic therapy. |
| 18 | Q. | Since you became a nurse in '92, have you taken |
| 19 | | any continuing nursing education courses? |
| 20 | Α. | Well, that's all those ones I've listed is |
| 21 | | counted as continuing education. |
| 22 | Q. | You received credit hours towards your CME's? |
| 23 | Α. | Yes. |
| 24 | Q. | Is that the correct terminology when I say |
| 25 | | CME's? |
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| 1 | А. | It's CMU's I believe. Continuing medical |
| 2 | | CME. |
| 3 | Q. | Continuing medical education? |
| 4 | Α. | Medical education, |
| 5 | \cap | Have you taken any courses towards your CME |
| 6 | | requirement that you didn't tell me about? |
| 7 | Α. | Recently? |
| 8 | Q. | Since you became a nurse in '92? |
| 9 | Α. | Some of these were when I was a paramedic also. |
| 10 | | Once I became a nurse in '92, there are the |
| 11 | | required ones from the hospital. |
| 12 | Q. | And which ones did you take? |
| 13 | Α. | Well, there's a whole list of them. There's |
| 14 | | about 12 or so competencies that are required by |
| 15 | | the facility that you have to take and complete |
| 16 | | every year. |
| 17 | Q. | Did any of the courses that you have ever taken |
| 18 | | include thrombolytics as part of the curriculum |
| 19 | | or part of the instruction? |
| 20 | A. | I would have to check. I do not remember. |
| 21 | | MR, ZUCKER: Off the record for a |
| 22 | | moment, please. |
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| 24 | | (Thereupon, a discussion was had of ${f f}$ |
| 25 | | the record.) |
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| 2 | Q. | Now, you're presently an emergency room nurse, |
| 3 | | correct? |
| 4 | Α, | Correct. |
| 5 | Q. | Do you have some type of certification for |
| б | | emergency room work? |
| 7 | Α. | Specifically the certified emergency nurse |
| 8 | | certification, no. |
| 9 | Q. | Are you working towards that? |
| 10 | Α. | No, sir. |
| 11 | Q. | On May 21st of 1993, you were working in the |
| 12 | | CCU, correct? |
| 13 | Α. | Correct. |
| 14 | Q. | Do you have any certification in CCU nursing? |
| 15 | A. | There is none that I'm aware of. Well, there |
| 16 | | is. It's a CCLC RN, but you have to be in a |
| 17 | | critical care environment for I believe a year |
| 18 | | or so even to apply for the course, and it's |
| 19 | | not none of those are like a requirement, |
| 20 | | That's just an additional type of thing if |
| 21 | | that's something that you want to do. |
| 22 | Q. | You've been a nurse now for a little under two |
| 23 | | years. What departments have you worked in in |
| 24 | | the various hospitals that you have worked at? |
| 25 | Α. | Emergency room and coronary care. |

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1 Q. \cdot Those are the only two?

2 I have worked in intensive care here as you're Α. required to float depending on where staffing is 3 needed. I've worked in the intensive care here, 4 and I've worked in the step-down unit here. 5 6 Q. So is critical care of special interest to you? 7 Α. Yes, sir, it is, Have you requested to work in these departments 8 Q. 9 or --It's where I was hired for. 10 Α. When you applied for the job here at Meridia 11 Ο. Hillcrest Hospital, you indicated to them that 12 13 you wanted to work in CCU and/or ICU; is that 14 correct? I don't think so. I think that I was 15 No. Α. 16 specifically hired for the coronary c'areunit as 17 a full-time employee. So when you applied, it was with the 18 Q. understanding that it was for a job in CCU; is 19 20 that correct? 21 Α. Yes, it was. And then you said you worked in the ICU? 22 Ο. 23 Α. That is a requirement that the hospital puts on 24 us. And you floated a little bit. Is that also a 25 Ο. Mehler & Hagestrom

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| 1 | | requirement? |
| 2 | A. | That's a requirement that the hospital puts on |
| 3 | а 9 2 | us. |
| 4 | Q. | Have you ever been accused of any crime? |
| 5 | A. | No. |
| 6 | Q. | And then you've never been convicted of a crime; |
| 7 | | is that correct? |
| 8 | A. | No. |
| 9 | Q. | Do you suffer from any medical conditions at |
| 10 | | this time? |
| 11 | Α. | High cholesterol. Borderline. |
| 12 | Q. | Do you take medication for that? |
| 13 | Α. | No, sir. |
| 14 | Q. | Did you suffer from any medical conditions on |
| 15 | | May 21st, 1993? |
| 16 | A. | No, sir. |
| 17 | Q. | Are you a member of any professional |
| 18 | | organizations or associations? |
| 19 | A. | No, sir. |
| 20 | Q. | Have you ever been since you became a nurse? |
| 21 | A. | No. |
| 22 | Q. | Do you regularly read any publications or |
| 23 | | medical literature? |
| 24 | A. | Yes, sir. |
| 25 | Q. | Do you subscribe to any of those |
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1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. Which do you read, first?

Emergency Nursing. JEMS, which is the Journal 3 Α. of Emergency Medical Services. Emergency. 4 5 There's -- when I was here? б Ο. Yes. Just to clarify this question, since it's only been two years that you've been a nurse or 7 a little under two years, tell me what a publications you have read throughout on a 9 regular basis, 10 You mean -- I'm not understanding what you're 11 Α. 12 asking.

13 Q. The publications that you've just told me you14 subscribe to or read are all

15 emergency-oriented-type publications, correct?16 A. Yes.

Q. When you worked at Meridia Hillcrest Hospital inCCU, did you read coronary care publications or

19 literature?

20 A. Yes. CCRN. Is it critical R.N. -- it's a

21 magazine that they -- it's a publication that

22 they get there and there's copies of there.

And then the other one is -- they get two.
Critical Care Nursing I believe.

25 Q. Do you personally subscribe now to any

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| 1 | | publications or journals? |
| 2 | Α, | Emergency. |
| 3 | Q. | You do personally, right? |
| 4 | A. | Well, my wife. |
| 5 | Q. | Okay. |
| 6 | Α. | Emergency Nursing. And I think that's it right |
| 7 | | now. |
| 8 | Q. | Your wife subscribes to these publications and |
| 9 | | not yourself; is that correct? |
| 10 | A. | Uh-huh. |
| 11 | Q. | Yes. And in May of 1993, was your wife |
| 12 | | subscribing to these publications? |
| 13 | A. | In May of 1993? |
| 14 | Q. | Uh-huh. |
| 15 | A. | Yes. |
| 16 | Q. | Were there any other publications in May of 1993 |
| 17 | | that you or your wife were subscribing to? |
| 18 | Α. | Not that I can think of. |
| 19 | Q. | Were there any publications you haven't |
| 20 | | mentioned in May of `93 that you were reading |
| 21 | | regularly that you may not have subscribed to? |
| 22 | Α. | Not that I can think of. |
| 23 | Q. | Is your wife a nurse? |
| 24 | Α. | Yes. |
| 25 | Q. | An R.N.? |
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| 1 | A. | Yes. |
| 2 | Q. | Where does she work? |
| 3 | Α. | Mt. Sinai emergency room. |
| 4 | Q. | Is that her specialty, emergency room? |
| 5 | A, | Yes, it is. |
| 6 | Q. | So just so I'm clear, you have never taken a |
| 7 | | course for CME's or for your own knowledge or |
| 8 | | because you desire to take a course the content |
| 9 | | of which included thrombolytic agents; is that |
| 10 | | correct? |
| 11 | Α. | An official course, no. |
| 12 | Q. | Did you learn about thrombolytics in nursing |
| 13 | | school? |
| 14 | Α. | Yes. |
| 15 | Q. | In a particular course? |
| 16 | A. | In critical care rotation. |
| 17 | Q. | Do you remember who your instructor was in that |
| 18 | | course? |
| 19 | Α. | No, I do not. |
| 20 | Q. | Have you ever undergone a preceptorship of any |
| 21 | | kind here at the hospital in thrombolytics? |
| 22 | Α. | No. |
| 23 | Q. | You understand what I mean when I say a |
| 24 | | preceptorship? |
| 25 | Α. | No. |
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| 1 | Q. | Have you ever had any formal instruction by a |
| 2 | | doctor or a nurse supervisor in the use of |
| 3 | | thrombolytics? |
| 4 | Α. | During my orientation, a preceptor was with me. |
| 5 | | That's a required checklist on the orientation |
| 6 | | that you have a tPA that you take care of a |
| 7 | | tPA patient and the tPA protocol. |
| 8 | Q. | How long was your orientation? |
| 9 | Α. | I believe six weeks. |
| 10 | Q. | Have you had any training in or have you |
| 11 | | undergone a preceptorship in thrombolytics in |
| 12 | | any other institution that you now work for or |
| 13 | | ever worked at? |
| 14 | Α. | As an official preceptorship, no. I have worked |
| 15 | | with it at other institutions. |
| 16 | Q. | Do you have a lot of experience with tPA? |
| 17 | А. | I would say a fair amount. |
| 18 | Q. | How many times in the last year have you |
| 19 | | utilized tPA? |
| 20 | A. | I would really be guessing. |
| 21 | Q. | And, Omar, I don't want you to guess, but when |
| 22 | | you say "a fair amount," can you just qualify |
| 23 | | that? I mean are you talking about less than a |
| 24 | | dozen or more than a dozen in your nursing |
| 25 | | career? |
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| 1 | A. | More than a dozen. |
| 2 | Q. | More than two dozen in your nursing career? |
| 3 | Α. | More than two dozen, |
| 4 | Q. | More than three dozen? |
| 5 | A. | I can't answer that. |
| 6 | Q. | Okay. Fair enough, |
| 7 | | Can you tell me what tPA is? |
| 8 | A. | It's a thrombolytic therapy. TPA is |
| 9 | | specifically directed on a clot, to dissolve a |
| 10 | | clot to allow blood flow to continue. |
| 11 | Q. | Can you tell me how that works, what the actual |
| 12 | | mechanism is that |
| 13 | A. | It's a real long word. It's plasmagenesis if |
| 14 | | I'm not mistaken. It's a breakdown |
| 15 | Q. | Spell that, would you |
| 16 | Α. | No. |
| 17 | Q. | for the court reporter? Okay. |
| 18 | | If you're done, the question was explain |
| 19 | | how the tPA works. |
| 20 | Α. | It works like an enzyme and breaks down the |
| 21 | | clot. |
| 22 | Q. | As we sit here today, do you know what the |
| 23 | | indications for use of tPA are? |
| 24 | Α. | Yes. |
| 25 | Q. | What are they? |
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27 Acute MI, 1 Α, 2 Ο. Uh-huh. With -- well, maybe I should say no. I can tell 3 Α. 4 you that it's given in acute MI. But you don't know the precise details of when 5 Q. 6 it's used? Correct? Do you understand that 7 question? 8 Α. I didn't understand what we're --9 Q. Okay. Strike -- forget it. 10 When I asked you if you know the indications for use of tPA --11 12 Uh-huh. Α. 13 .. what signs must a patient manifest before tPA Q. 14 is used? 15 Α. The person must be having an acute MI. And is that by EKG criteria, by CK enzyme 16 Q. criteria, by what criteria? 17 18 That's not --Α. MR. GAUGHAN: I'm going to have to 19 20 object. I don't believe the witness is qualified --21 MR. ZUCKER: Well, counsel, I'll 22 23 have to pull out a couple dozen articles 24 here that says this man ought to know what he's talking about. Do you want me to do 25

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| 1 | | that before I go on with my questions? |
| 2 | | MR. GAUGHAN: Perhaps we should. I |
| 3 | | want the record to reflect that he's not an |
| 4 | | expert, he's not testifying as an expert. |
| 5 | | MR, ZUCKER: I didn't try to |
| б | | qualify him as an expert, Let me go on |
| 7 | | with a few more questions, okay, before we |
| 8 | | pull out the literature? |
| 9 | | MR. GAUGHAN: Sure. |
| 10 | Q. | As part of your work in CCU, do you know how to |
| 11 | | evaluate a person for a thrombolytic therapy? |
| 12 | | MR. GAUGHAN: I would object to the |
| 13 | | use of the word "evaluate," |
| 14 | | MR, ZUCKER: Okay. The objection |
| 15 | | is noted. |
| 16 | Q. | Do you know how to evaluate a patient in terms |
| 17 | | of whether or not that patient should be a |
| 18 | | candidate for tPA or any thrombolytic agents? |
| 19 | Α. | Yes. |
| 20 | Q. | You do. Would you explain how you do that? |
| 21. | Α. | The person must be having an acute MI which is |
| 22 | | diagnosed by EKG by a physician. |
| 23 | | I guess I need to know exactly what you're |
| 24: | | asking me. Are you asking me as to signs and |
| 25 [;] | | symptoms the patient is going to be having? Is |
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29 1 that what you're asking? 2 Okay. Signs and symptoms is a fair way of 0. stating it. Go ahead. 3 4 MR. GAUGHAN: Again, if you can answer the question, go ahead. 5 THE WITNESS: I can answer that. 6 Ι 7 just needed to clarify. Maybe I didn't explain myself. Ο. 8 9 Α. Chest pain. Shortness of breath. Uh-huh. 10 Ο. This is in general speaking. Some people will 11 Α. 12 have more, and some people will have less. Chest pain, shortness of breath. They can be 13 14 diaphoretic. They will probably be anxious. They will be in denial. Chest pain is normally 15 a heaviness or a crushing pain. "Feels like 16 17 somebody is sitting on my chest." 18 0. Okay. MR, GAUGHAN: I want you to go on. 19 20 Again, you asked the question. Ι 21 think either -- do you want to withdraw the 22 question or do you want to let him finish 23 the answer? 24 MR. ZUCKER: I am going to go on to 25 the next question, and I'm going to ask him

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| 1 | | to stop as to that question. |
| 2 | Q. | Unless you want to go on with the answer to that |
| 3 | | question. |
| 4 | A. | No. |
| 5 | Q. | Do you know what the contraindications for tPA |
| 6 | | are? |
| 7 | Α. | Yes. |
| 8 | Q. | What are they? |
| 9 | Α. | It would be a history of active bleeding. It |
| 10 | | would be a history of a stroke. It would be a |
| 11 | | history of recent surgery. It would be a |
| 12 | * * | history of any type of peptic ulcers. You can |
| 13 | | get into any types of brain neoplasms, cancers, |
| 14 | | tumors. Recent injury. Recent CBR. Recent |
| 15 | | ectopic pregnancy. Any types of bleeding or |
| 16 | | anything that would manifest or cause bleeding. |
| 17 | Q. | Such as? |
| 18 | Α. | Well, I mean that's in addition to the |
| 19 | | surgeries, the traumas, the peptic ulcers. |
| 20 | Q. | Specifically the bleeding, what conditions are |
| 21 | | you referring to when you mention bleeding? |
| 22 | Α. | Traumas, peptic ulcers, ectopic pregnancies. |
| 23 | | Those are all bleeding disorders. |
| 24 | Q. | Are you giving me this information from any |
| 25 | | literature that you've ever read? |
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| 1 | Α. | Publication and protocols. |
| 2 | Q. | When's the last time you read any literature on |
| 3 | | tPA or thrombolytics in general? |
| 4 | A. | Probably I would say five, maybe six months ago. |
| 5 | Q. | Do you recall what you read? |
| 6 | Α. | It was an article comparing the different |
| 7 | | thrombolytic agents. |
| 8 | Q. | Prior to that period in time, five to six months |
| 9 | | ago, how did you keep yourself current in the |
| 10 | | area of thrombolytic agent use? |
| 11 | A. | Well, orientation and protocols. |
| 12 | Q. | What time did you come on duty the day you |
| 13 | | treated Arthur Grasgreen, which was May 20th, |
| 14 | | 1993? Do you recall what time you came on that |
| 15 | | day? |
| 16 | | MR, GAUGHAN: It was May 21st. |
| 17 | Q. | I'm sorry. The 21st. |
| 18 | A. | 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon. |
| 19 | Q. | Is there a procedure for punching in here at the |
| 20 | | hospital? Do you have a timecard? |
| 21 | Α. | Time clock. |
| 22 | Q. | And you punched in on that day? Is that |
| 23 | | correct? |
| 24 | A. | I would imagine I did, yes. |
| 25 | Q. | Was it your normal practice to punch in every |
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| 1 | | day? |
| 2 | А. | Yes, sir, it is. |
| 3 | Q. | You were assigned to or you were working in CCU |
| 4 | | on that particular day, correct? |
| 5 | Α. | Yes, sir. |
| 6 | Q. | Had you been working in CCU for some period of |
| 7 | | time? |
| 8 | Α, | Yes, sir. |
| 9 | Q. | How long prior to that day? |
| 10 | Α. | A year. |
| 11 | Q. | So almost from the beginning of your employment; |
| 12 | | is that correct? Or from the beginning of your |
| 13 | | employment? |
| 14 | Α. | It's where I've been my whole employment, at |
| 15 | | Hillcrest. |
| 16 | Q. | Do you recall what shift you worked the day |
| 17 | | prior if, in fact, you worked the day prior? |
| 18 | A. | I do not recall. |
| 19 | Q. | Where is the CCU here in the hospital? What |
| 20 | | floor? |
| 21 | Α. | First floor. |
| 22 | Q. | How many beds are in there normally? |
| 23 | A. | 12. |
| 24 | Q. | Do you remember roughly how many patients there |
| 25 | | were at the time? |
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| 1 | Α. | No, sir. |
| 2 | Q. | When you come into work, are you assigned a |
| 3 | | patient or a number of patients in CCU? |
| 4 | Α. | Yes, sir. |
| 5 | Q. | And were you assigned to any other patients |
| 6 | | besides Arthur Grasgreen on the 21st of May, |
| 7 | | 1993? |
| 8 | Α. | Yes, I was. |
| 9 | Q. | How many other patients were you working with; |
| 10 | | do you remember? |
| 11 | Α. | I believe it was only one other. |
| 12 | Q. | Was that the norm where you'd work on two |
| 13 | | people, you'd be assigned to two people at any |
| 14 | | given time? |
| 15 | А. | Yes, that's normal. |
| 16 | Q. | Generally, no more than two? |
| 17 | Α. | No more than sometimes three but that's kind |
| 18 | | of rare. |
| 19 | Q. | And are you assigned with any other nurse to the |
| 20 | | two patients? |
| 21 | Α. | No, sir. |
| 22 | Q. | Were you assigned with any other nurse to treat |
| 23 | | Arthur Grasgreen? |
| 24 | Α, | No, sir. |
| 25 | Q. | So you were working you were treating Arthur |
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34 and one other patient by yourself, correct? 2 That's correct. Α. Do you recall who your supervisor was at that 3 0. 4 time, who assigned you to Arthur Grasgreen? 5 Α. That would be a charge nurse, and I don't know who it was. I can't recall that. 6 7 Q. But would that be the normal occurrence, you'd а come to work and you would be assigned a couple 9 of charts basically by the charge nurse? 10 Α. It's written on a sheet. It's an assignment sheet. And that's where that information is. 11 12Do you recall the time of your first encounter 0. 13 with Mr. Grasgreen on May 21st? Probably real close to 4:00 o'clock. 14 Α. 15 0. Why wouldn't you have seen him between 3:00 and 4:00?16 You get report till 3:30. 17 Α. 18 Ο. I'm sorry? You get report. 19 Α. 20 You get report? Q. 21 Till 3:30. Α. Report. 22 What does that mean, you get report? Q. 23 You get a report of who all is on the unit Α. 24 and --25 In terms of patients? Q. Mehler & Hagestrom

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| 1 | A. | Yes. And it's a unit report, and then from |
| 2 | | there, you would go out to get an update if |
| 3 | | there's any changes at the nurses' desk. |
| 4 | Q. | So from 3:00 until 3:30, you're reviewing |
| 5 | | reports or you were reviewing reports; is that |
| 6 | | correct? |
| 7 | Α. | That's correct, |
| 8 | Q. | Do you remember Arthur Grasgreen? |
| 9 | Α. | Yes, sir. |
| 10 | Q. | Do you remember this case? |
| 11 | Α. | Yes, sir. |
| 12 | Q. | Do you remember his wife? |
| 13 | A. | Yes, sir. |
| 14 | Q. | Do you remember if she was present that day on |
| 15 | | May 21st? |
| 16 | A. | Yes, sir. |
| 17 | Q. | You remember seeing her when you started your |
| 18 | | shift; is that correct? |
| 19 | Α. | I can't really say that, no. She was there |
| 20 | Q. | Quite a bit? |
| 21 | Α. | Quite a bit. |
| 22 | Q. | What were the visiting hours in the CCU at the |
| 23 | | time? |
| 24 | Α. | 12:00 to 2:00 and 6:00 to 8:00. |
| 25 | Q. | Were there exceptions for husbands and wives? |
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| 1 | Α. | Always. It was a very liberal visitation in the |
| 2 | | unit. |
| 3 | Q. | Do you recall what time you conducted your first |
| 4 | | physical examination on Mr. Grasgreen? |
| 5 | Α. | It was probably real close to 4:00. |
| 6 | Q. | By the way, what were you doing between 3:30 and |
| 7 | | 4:00? |
| 8 | A. | My other patient. |
| 9 | | MR. GAUGHAN: Mr. Zucker, just to |
| 10 | | possibly make sure that as this goes on, he |
| 11 | | remembers accurately, would you like him to |
| 12 | | look at his nursing records? |
| 13 | | MR. ZUCKER: No. No thank you. |
| 14 | | No. |
| 15 | | MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. |
| 16 | | MR. ZUCKER: At the appropriate |
| 17 | | time. |
| 18 | | MR. GAUGHAN: Well, remember, if |
| 19 | | you don't remember, just say so. |
| 20 | | THE WITNESS: Okay. |
| 21 | | MR. GAUGHAN: It's not a memory |
| 22 | | game. |
| 23 | | MR. ZUCKER: Okay. |
| 24 | Q. | I'm not trying to trick you. I am trying to get |
| 25 | | information, trying to determine what you recall |
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37 1 independently and what you need to look at the chart to remember, and I'll give you the chart 2 3 freely if you need it, 4 Do you recall who your other patient was? 5 No, I don't. Α. б Ο. Do you recall the nature of that person's 7 illness? No, I do not. 8 Α. Which I assume was cardiac related? 9 Q. 10 Probably. Α. 11 Do you recall when you first encountered 0. 12 Mr. Grasgreen if he was alert and oriented? 13 Α. Yes. 14 His speech was clear? 0. 15 Α. Yes. 16 Do you remember any significant findings upon Q. 17 that first physical examination? 18 Without looking into the record, probably not. Α. 19 0. Prior to rendering any treatment to Mr. Grasgreen, did you review any of his chart? 20 21 No, I did not. Α. 2.2 That wasn't a customary thing for your review? Q. 23 Α. Not at that time, no. It wasn't customary here at the hospital at that 24 Ο. 25 time?

38 1 Α, No. 2 Is it customary now? Or thereafter, did it Q. 3 become customary'? Strike it if you don't understand the 4 5 question. б Α. I don't think you --7 I quess my question is before you treated Ο. somebody, why wouldn't you look at their chart? 8 9 The assessment is the initial first step. Α. 10 Isn't the assessment included in the chart? 0. 11 No, it isn't. Not mine. Α. 12 Is that part of the report that you say you were 0. 13 reading between 3:00 and 3:30, the assessment? 14 Α. No. 15 Ο. Where is the assessment kept? 16 MR. GAUGHAN: Just so the record is 17 clear --18 Ο. I'm not clear on what the assessment is. 19 MR. GAUGHAN: I think, yes, we 20 might have a misunderstanding of the 21 terminology. 22 Q. Is it part of the nursing notes, the assessment? 23 Α. It's required for us to do a physical assessment 24 when we first come on and every four hours. 25 Right. Right. Ο.

39 1 MR. ZUCKER: Off the record here 2 for one second. 3 4 (Thereupon, a discussion was had off 5 the record.) б 7 Is this the assessment that you're referring to? Ο. Is that the form, that type of thing? 8 9 That is, yes. Α. 10 Ο. So the assessment subsequently becomes a part of 11 the chart? 12 Α. It does. 13 Does there come a point in time when you're 0. 14 treating these people that you review the chart?, 15 Not necessarily. Α. 16 P.r.n. would you say? As needed? Q. 17 Α. Yes. If it's needed. 18 Do you recall what monitors or equipment Q. 19 Mr. Grasgreen was hooked up to when you first 20 came on there? 21 Every patient is on a heart monitor, and every Α. 22 patient at least has an IV. I'd have to look in 23 the chart to be more specific if he had anything 2.4 else going. 25 What's that heart monitor show? Ο.

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| 1 | A. | His electrical activity of the heart. |
| 2 | Q. | Anything else? |
| 3 | Α. | No. |
| 4 | Q. | Do you recall what medications, if any, he was |
| 5 | | receiving at the time? |
| б | Α. | No, I do not. |
| 7 | Q. | Can you tell me what happened thereafter, after |
| 8 | | your physical exam at 4:00 o'clock? Tell me |
| 9 | | what happened as best you recollect. |
| 10 | Α. | He complained of substernal chest pain. |
| 11 | Q. | That's all you remember? |
| 12 | A. | No. I mean I could go on for hours. |
| 13 | Q. | I'd like you to go on. |
| 14 | | MR. GAUGHAN: Are you asking for a |
| 15 | | narrative response? |
| 16 | | MR. ZUCKER: I'm asking him to tell |
| 17 | | me what happened at approximately 5:45. |
| 18 | A. | I'd have to look at the chart at 5:45. |
| 19 | Q. | Okay. We'll let you look at the chart, but |
| 20 | | didn't in fact he, as you indicated, start to |
| 21 | | complain of substernal chest pains? |
| 22 | A. | Yes, he did. |
| 23 | Q. | Do you recall how severe the pains were? |
| 24 | Α. | Not on our recording. Not the way we record it, |
| 25 | | I do not. |
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| 1 | Q. | No. I said do you recall whether his chest |
| 2 | | pains were severe or how severe they were? |
| 3 | A. | They were severe. |
| 4 | Q. | They were severe'? |
| 5 | A. | Yes. |
| 6 | Q. | Would they have been 7 or 8 on a scale of I to |
| 7 | | 10? |
| 8 | A. | That's what I don't remember. |
| 9 | Q. | Would 2 to 3 on a scale of 1 to 10 be severe? |
| 10 | Α. | You have to tie in the number that they're |
| 11 | | giving with what's happening with them as far as |
| 12 | | the way they are acting and their facial |
| 13 | | expressions, those types of things. That's more |
| 14 | | of it's more in depth than just a number |
| 15 | | scale. |
| 16 | | MR. ZUCKER: Would you mark this, |
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| 19 | | (Thereupon, Plaintiff's Jordan |
| 20 | | Deposition Exhibit 1, narrative notes, 000259, |
| 21 | | was marked for purposes of identification.) |
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42 1 2 0. I'm handing your attorney what has been marked 3 as Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 1 here. 4 MR. ZUCKER: For brevity's sake, 5 counselor, if you don't mind, I'll identify these exhibits, б 7 Which is a page out of the nursing note from Ο. Arthur Grasgreen's chart. Do you recognize 8 9 that? 10 Α. Uh-huh. Do you want to take a look at that and refresh 11 Q. 12 in your memory around 5:45. Uh-huh. 13 Α. 14 Okay. You indicate in the chart your entry at Ο. 15 4:00 o'clock I believe or -- no, 5:45. That he 16 had nonradiating chest pain 2 to 3 on a scale of 17 1 to 10, 10 being the worst, correct? 18 Α. Correct. And he was holding his chest, and he had facial 19 Ο. grimacing noted. 20 21 Α. Yes. Do you remember what happened after that? 22 Q. What 23 did you do? I treated his chest pain. And there's certain 24 Α. things that you do. You get a --25

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| 1 | Q. | I'd like to know if you can recall what you |
| 2 | | did. If you need that chart to refresh your |
| 3 | | recollection, go right ahead. |
| 4 | Α, | Stat EKG. Called the house officer. And it's |
| 5 | | not on the sheet, but I'm sure that the |
| 6 | | nitroglycerin was either started or increased to |
| 7 | | help alleviate his pain. |
| 8 | Q. | When you say a stat EKG, you called for a |
| 9 | | portable unit to come in and do an EKG or you |
| 10 | | did it off the heart monitor he was hooked up |
| 11 | | to? |
| 12 | A. | No. We have a 12-lead EKG machine in the unit. |
| 13 | Q. | So you did a full 12-lead EKG? |
| 14 | A. | Correct. |
| 15 | Q. | And did you do the EKG? |
| 16 | A. | I don't recall. |
| 17 | Q. | Were you working with anybody else at the time? |
| 18 | Α. | No. |
| 19 | Q. | Who would have done it if not you? |
| 20 | Α. | Could have been one of the other nurses. |
| 21 | Q. | I just asked you if you were working with |
| 22 | | anybody on Mr. Grasgreen at the time that the |
| 23 | | 12-lead EKG was done. Are you saying you don't |
| 24 | | recall? |
| 25 | Α. | I said I don't recall. |
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44 1 Ο. You say you called the house doctor; is that 2 correct? 3 Α. That's correct. Ο. 4 Could you tell me when you did that? I would ask one of the nurses, if I'm not 5 Α. mistaken, to call the house officer while I was 6 7 doing the EKG. Or whoever. Do you remember who that nurse was? 8 Q. 9 No, I do not. It could have been a secretary. Α. 10 Ο. Do you recall which house doctor responded to 11 your request? 12 Α. Dr. Chentow. 13 Q. Can you say that again? 14 Α. Chentow. And did he respond quickly to the best of your 15 Ο. 16 recollection? 17 MR. GAUGHAN: Objection. What do you mean by "quickly"? 18 MR. SCOTT: Objection. 19 MR, ZUCKER: Objections are noted. 20Did he come right away? 21 Q. MR, SCOTT: Well, we don't know 22 what "right away" means. Are you talking 23 about --24Did he come within a matter of minutes, several 25 Э. Mehler & Hagestrom

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| 1 | | minutes? |
| 2 | | MR. GAUGHAN: Let me explain on the |
| 3 | | record that when we object, unless I tell |
| 4 | | you directly not to answer, you disregard |
| 5 | | the objection and answer as best as you |
| 6 | | recall. |
| 7 | | THE WITNESS: Okay. |
| 8 | Α. | If I remember correctly, by the time I got done |
| 9 | | with the EKG, he was at the nurses' station. |
| 10 | Q. | How long did it take you to do the EKG? |
| 11 | Α. | Probably at the most, five minutes. |
| 12 | Q. | By the way, do you know how to read an EKG? |
| 13 | A. | To a degree, yes. To interpret a 12-lead, no. |
| 14 | Q. | You cannot interpret a 12-lead EKG? |
| 15 | Α. | No, I cannot. |
| 16 | Q. | What did you tell Dr. Chentow when he arrived? |
| 17 | A. | The patient was having substernal chest pain. |
| 18 | Q. | That's it? |
| 19 | A. | Yes. |
| 20 | Q. | And he read the EKG; is that correct? |
| 21 | A. | That is correct. |
| 22 | Q. | Did he do anything else besides look at the EKG? |
| 23 | A. | He looked through the chart. |
| 24 | Q. | He did look through the chart? |
| 25 | А. | Uh-huh. |
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| 1 | Q. | Had you looked through the chart again or had |
| 2 | | you looked through the chart at all? |
| 3 | A. | No, I did not. |
| 4 | Q. | You specifically recall Dr. Chentow reviewing |
| 5 | | the chart? |
| 6 | Α. | Uh-huh. |
| 7 | Q. | Okay. Did he ask you any questions, |
| 8 | | Dr. Chentow, that you recall? |
| 9 | Α. | No. We're pretty direct when we tell them like |
| 10 | | what's going on with the patient. They don't |
| 11 | | have to ask. We just tell them what's going on |
| 12 | | with the patient. |
| 13 | Q. | Do you remember what Dr. Chentow's |
| 14 | | interpretation of the EKG was? |
| 15 | Α. | Word for word, no. |
| 16 | Q. | Do you have a recollection of what he said? Not |
| 17 | | word for word. |
| 18 | Α. | I would really be guessing. |
| 19 | | MR. GAUGHAN: Then, again, don't |
| 20 | | answer if you don't remember. |
| 21 | Q. | Didn't you in fact ultimately tell Dr. Van Dyke |
| 22 | | that Dr. Chentow had interpreted an acute MI? |
| 23 | Α. | I did. |
| 24 | Q. | Then do you recall possibly Dr. Chentow telling |
| 25 | | you that he interpreted an acute MI? |
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47 1 MR. SCOTT: Objection. T wrote it --2 Α. 3 MR. SCOTT: You may answer. 4 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry? 5 MR. SCOTT: You may answer, MR. GAUGHAN: You may answer. б Go7 ahead. I wrote it down word for word as he told me and 8 Α. then relayed that to Dr. Van Dyke. 9 So he did say something to you. You just said 10 Ο. you don't recall. 11 12 MR. GAUGHAN: Objection. You're mischaracterizing his testimony. 13 I asked you if Dr. Chentow told you what his 14 Ο. interpretation of the EKG was. You wrote it 15 16 If you wrote it down, then he must have down. 17 told you. MR. GAUGHAN: Objection. You're 18 mischaracterizing the testimony. You asked 19 whether he recalled what Dr. Chentow told 20 him, and he answered you. He has just told 21 you that he had wrote down what Dr. Chento₩ 22 told him and that he repeated what 23 Dr. Chentow had said and that he had 2.4 written down to Dr. Van Dyke. 25

48 1 MR, ZUCKER: I'm not even going to 2 ask you how I misinterpreted that. MR. GAUGHAN: 3 Fine. So Dr. Chentow interpreted changes on the EKG 4 0. 5 and interpreted an acute MI; is that correct? MR. SCOTT: Objection. 6 I don't know exactly whether it was determined 7 Α. an acute MI. I wrote down the changes that he 8 noted, and I relayed that to Dr. Van Dyke. 9 How long was Dr. Chentow in the room as best you 10 Q. 11 recall? 12 Α. He left shortly after that. Did he leave prior to your speaking with 13 Ο. 14 Dr. Van Dyke? I think he might have still been there. 15 Α. When you were talking to Dr. Van Dyke? 16 Q. I think so. 17 Α. At the time that Mr. Grasgreen was experiencing 18 Ο. these chest pains that you note in your chart, 19 20 was he alert and oriented? 21 Α. Yes, he was. 22 Ο. Speech was clear and appropriate? 23 Α. Yes, it was. How did you come to speak with Dr. Van Dyke? 24 Q. 25 Α. I called him.

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| 1 | Q. | You called him directly? Was his name on the |
| 2 | | chart? |
| 3 | Α. | I believe he was the person on call. |
| 4 | Q. | He was on call for |
| 5 | Α. | The group. |
| 6 | Q. | For the group. Okay, What group is that? |
| 7 | Α. | I'd have to look on the nameplate to see who was |
| a | | attending. I think it was Dr. Grinblatt, which |
| 9 | | would have been the body group. |
| 10 | Q. | Okay. I understand what you're saying. Did you |
| 11 | | yourself contact Dr. Van Dyke? |
| 12 | A. | Probably the secretary paged him and he returned |
| 13 | | the call. |
| 14 | Q. | Do you remember what time it was that you |
| 15 | | requested Dr. Grinblatt? |
| 16 | Α. | Dr. Van Dyke you mean? |
| 17 | Q. | Well, no. You said you recall calling |
| 18 | | Dr. Grinblatt. Dr. Van Dyke was on call? |
| 19 | Α. | Oh, okay. I see what you're saying. Can I look |
| 20 | | at my other sheet? |
| 21 | | No, it's a flow sheet. |
| 22 | Q. | Here you go. Go ahead. Look under the nursing |
| 23 | | note section. |
| 24 | Α. | I would say that it would have to be the time on |
| 25 | | there of 6:30. |
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1 MR. SCOTT: I'm sorry. What was the question that was just answered? 2 3 MR. ZUCKER: The question was what 4 time did he first contact Dr. Van Dyke. What did you say to Dr. Van Dyke at that time? 5 Ο. б I told him that the patient was having chest Α. I told him that I did the EKG, the 7 pain. 12-lead, and that Dr. Chentow read it, and he 8 9 said this. And I read --MR. SCOTT: He said what? 10 11 I told him what Dr. Chentow said, and then I Α. 12read him what I had written down from Dr. Chentow, what Dr. Chentow's explanation of 13 the EKG was. 14 15 And where did you write that down? 0. 16 Α. It could have been a lab sheet. It could have 17 just been a blank piece of paper. Oh, is that right? 18 0. 19 Yes. Α. And what happened; did you throw it away 20 0. 21 afterwards? Probably. Or I mean unless it was like written 22 Α. on the back of some part of the chart. I don't 23 recall what I wrote it on. 24 A doctor reports changes in an EKG indicating 25 Q.

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| 1 | | that a man is having an acute myocardial |
| 2 | | infarction, and you write it down on a piece of |
| 3 | | paper that's not included in this chart. Is |
| 4 | | that what you're saying? |
| 5 | A, | Uh-huh. |
| 6 | Q. | Do you do that often? |
| 7 | A. | Do I do that often? |
| 8 | Q. | Yes. Do you do that kind of charting often? |
| 9 | Α. | That doesn't necessarily need to be part of the |
| 10 | | nursing record. |
| 11 | Q. | Oh, it doesn't? |
| 12 | Α. | No. |
| 13 | Q. | Why not? |
| 14 | Α. | Because that is not a nurse-interpreted |
| 15 | | response. That is written in the chart in other |
| 16 | | places by the physician. |
| 17 | Q. | Did Dr. Chentow make any entries in this chart |
| 18 | | that you know of or that you observed? |
| 19 | Α. | I don't know. Not that I observed, no. But I |
| 20 | | don't know if he wrote in it. I haven't looked. |
| 21 | Q. | It's your testimony that the only recordations |
| 22 | | you make in a hospital chart are your |
| 23 | | observations? |
| 24 | A. | For the most part, I would have to agree with |
| 25 | | that. |

What did Dr. Van Dyke tell you to do? 1 Ο. 2 He asked me if the person had any types of --Α. 3 was he a candidate for tPA basically. I don't remember his exact words, He asked me if there 4 5 was any contraindfcations or anything that I knew of why he couldn't get tPA, and I told him 6 7 not that I was aware of, And at that point, he told me to -- he asked if the tPA sheet was a 9 filled out, and I said, "No," and he says, "Get it filled out." 10 How did you get it filled out? Who filled it Q. 11 out? 12 1 asked the patient and the wife. 13 Α. You filled it out? 14 0. 15 Α. I filled it out. 16 You did that with Mr. Grasgreen and Ο. 17 Mrs. Grasgreen? Yes, I did. 18 Α. Ο. Go ahead. 19 20 MR. GAUGHAN: I'm sorry. Was there 21 a question before him? MR. ZUCKER: Yes, The question is 22 23 what did Dr. Van Dyke tell him to do, and 24 he's answering the question. That's what I did. There was no 25 Α.

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| 1 | | contraindications on there so tPA was started |
| 2 | | per Dr. Van Dyke's order. |
| 3 | Q. | What did you tell the Grasgreens was going on? |
| 4 | Α. | I don't recall specifically. I did go over the |
| 5 | | tPA protocol with them, and I believe she asked |
| 6 | | why it was so important for the questions. And |
| 7 | | my answer to that was that one of the major side |
| а | | effects of this medication is bleeding. And |
| 9 | | then we proceeded to go down the protocol, the |
| 10 | | list. |
| 11 | Q. | Doctor's orders. It's in there, the list you're |
| 12 | | looking for. |
| 13 | | At the time you went over this list with |
| 14 | | Mr. Grasgreen, was he in any apparent distress? |
| 15 | А. | Not at that time. |
| 16 | Q. | Had his chest pain subsided? |
| 17 | Α. | I believe so, yes. |
| 18 | Q. | Was he alert and oriented? |
| 19 | Α. | Yes, sir. |
| 20 | Q. | Was his speech clear and appropriate? |
| 21 | Α. | Yes, sir. |
| 22 | Q. | Did Mrs. Grasgreen say anything to you about |
| 23 | | Coumadin? |
| 24 | Α. | 20 minutes maybe or so after the fact. |
| 25 | Q. | You're lying. Under oath. |
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54 1 MR. SCOTT: Objection. 2 MR. GAUGHAN: Objection. 3 Ο. You're under oath here. Okay? 4 MR. GAUGHAN: If you're going to 5 badger the witness, we're going to stop б this. 7 MR, ZUCKER: I apologize. Let's back up. You said that you went over this 8 Q. 9 sheet with Mr. and Mrs. Grasgreen, correct? Uh-huh. 10 Α. Okay. Did you ask them if he was taking any 11 Ο. 12 anticoagulants? I don't remember. Is it on the list? 13 Α. Why don't you take a look at the sheets and let 14 Ο. 15 me know. 16 Α. Uh-huh. 17 Q. Look over the sheets for a minute, okay? MR, GAUGHAN: Which sheets? 18 MR. ZUCKER: The thrombolytic 19 therapy guideline sheets that he's looking 20 21 at. 22 I would have to --Α. 23 Ο. Do you want to look at the other page? Did you look at both pages? 24 This one. 25 Α. Mehler & Hagestrom

55 1 MR. SCOTT: What is the other page 2 so I might follow you? MR. ZUCKER: It's in the doctor's 3 4 orders. MR. SCOTT: I see this. 5 MR. ZUCKER: There's two pages. 6 7 "Thrombolytic therapy guidelines: tPA, Page 1 of 2 and Page 2 of 2." Got it? 8 9 MR. SCOTT: Yes. MR. ZUCKER: May I have those? 10 Because I want them marked as exhibits. 11 MR. GAUGHAN: What is the 12 13 question? MR, ZUCKER: We're going to get to 14 the questions. I gave him an opportunity 15 16 to review these before I asked him a series 17 of questions about these. The last question I asked you was whether or not 18 0. the Grasgreens mentioned Coumadin while you were 19 going over the list, and you said you don't 20 21 recall. You said -- your answer was "Is it on 22 the list?" So we'll go over the list. MR. SCOTT: That's not his 23 24 testimony. 25 MR. ZUCKER: Would you read that Mehler & Hagestrom

56 back, please. 1 2 Okay. I'll ask the question 3 again. Will you mark those. 4 - - -5 (Thereupon, Plaintiff's Jordan Deposition Exhibit 3, 5-21-93 doctor's order 6 7 sheet, 000422, was marked for purposes of identification.] 8 9 (Thereupon, Plaintiff's Jordan 10 11 Deposition Exhibit 4, physician's orders, 12 000423, was marked for purposes of identification.) 13 14 Q. I'm handing you back the thrombolytic therapy 15 guidelines, Let's look at Page 1 of 2 if we may 16 17 here for a minute. MR, GAUGHAN: Page 1 of 2 marked as 18 Plaintiff's Exhibit 3? 19 20 MR. ZUCKER: Yes. Let's look first at the signature there. 21 Q. Is 22 that your signature, Omar? 23 Α. Here? 24 Q. Yes. 25 MR. GAUGHAN: Where is "here"? Mohler & Hagestrom

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| 1 | A. | That is mine. Right here. |
| 2 | Q. | That's your signature? |
| 3 | А, | Right there. |
| 4 | Q. | Do you sometimes use cursive and sometimes print |
| 5 | | in the chart? |
| 6 | A. | In the chart, yes. |
| 7 | Q. | Is that fair? |
| 8 | Α. | Sometimes. |
| 9 | Q. | What time did you take this order from |
| 10 | | Dr. Van Dyke? |
| 11 | A. | This order here? |
| 12 | | MR. SCOTT: Wait a minute now. I |
| 13 | | need to know which order you're talking |
| 14 | | about. You know, there's more than one. |
| 15 | | MR, GAUGHAN: Referring to |
| 16 | | Plaintiff's Exhibit 3. |
| 17 | | THE WITNESS: It's a page of |
| 18 | | orders. |
| 19 | | MR, SCOTT: Okay. |
| 20 | Q. | Let's just talk about the Page 1 for now. Okay? |
| 21 | A. | Okay. |
| 22 | Q. | It says down at the bottom, "TO Dr. Van Dyke, |
| 23 | | Omar Jordan," correct? |
| 24 | Α. | Correct. |
| 25 | Q. | I'm asking you what time you took that order. |
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58 I would say probably somewhere close to 6:30. 1 Α. 2 Ο. Right next to your signature there, it says 3 "Date & Time." Is that correct? 4 Α. That's correct. Why didn't you put in the date or the time? Why 5 Q., didn't you put in the date and the time on most 6 7 of the charting you did in this chart? MR, GAUGHAN: If you know. 8 If you know why you didn't. 9 Q. 10 Α. Probably because I was in a hurry. Do you recall what time you went over this sheet 11 Q. 12 with the Grasgreens? This sheet? 13 Α. 14 MR, GAUGHAN: Which sheet are we talking about? 15 16 Q. There are two pages to the guidelines, right? 17 Is that correct? Go ahead. 18 Α. MR, ZUCKER: There are two pages to 19 20 this protocol, counselor, Page 1, Page 2. 21 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. And is there any testimony that these --22 Did you go over these both with the Grasgreens 23 Ο. at the same time? 24 25 Α. No.

59 1 Then when did you go over Page 1 with them? At Q. 2 what time? 3 MR. GAUGHAN: Now, just to make 4 sure we're correct, Page 1, you're 5 referring to the document you just put 6 below? 7 MR. ZUCKER: Does it say Page 1 of 8 1 there? 9 MR. GAUGHAN: Page 1 of 1, 10 Plaintiff's Exhibit 3 is what we are 11 referring to, right? 12 MR. ZUCKER: Right. 13 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. 14 Q. Page 1 of 2. Excuse me. It says Page 1 of 2 right there. Let's talk about that. When did 15 16 you go over that with the Grasgreens? 17 I didn't. Α. You didn't? You testified a few minutes ago 18 Q. 19 that you went over that sheet with them. 20 MR. GAUGHAN: Objection. No, he did not. 21 Clarify it. Tell me what you went over with the 22 Q. 23 Grasgreens. 24 This is not the sheet, the part that you go over Α. 25 with the families. This belongs right here. Mehler & Hagestrom

60 1 MR. GAUGHAN: Let the record 2 reflect that he's referring to Plaintiff's 3 Exhibit 4. When did you go over this or when did you 4 Ο. complete this sheet? 5 Probably real close to 6;30 after I got off the 6 Α. 7 phone with Dr. Van Dyke. When did you complete this portion with the 8 0. 9 Grasqreens? Very shortly after I hung up the phone with 10 Α. 11 Dr. Van Dyke. When did you complete Questions 2 through 11? 12Q. 13 Α. That is not a question for the family. I asked you when you completed it, not whether 14 Q. 15 it was a question for the family. 16 Α. Oh. I'm sorry. The same as this one. SCOTT: Now, I just want to be 17 MR. able to follow this in the deposition. 18 When you say "the same as this one," that 19 would be Page 2 or is it Page 1? 20 THE WITNESS: These two are 21 22 together. This is a lab work set up as a standard for this. 23 MR. SCOTT: All right. 24 So you're saying that Page 2 is what you 25 Q. Mehler & Hagestrom

61 completed first? 1 2 I don't know. They're in conjunction with one Α, 3 another, I don't remember. So in essence, you filled them out at the same 4 Q. time? You started with --5 MR. GAUGHAN: Let him answer the 6 7 question, counselor. You're mischaracterizing his testimony. 8 9 MR. ZUCKER: Let me ask the 10 question before you object. 11 MR. GAUGHAN: You have already asked this question. It's already been 12 13 answered. My question is did you start completing these 14 0. 15 two forms with Page 1 of 2? Or Page 2 of 2? 16 Α. This was direct orders from Dr. Van Dyke. 17 Ο. When did Dr. Van Dyke give you these orders? When I talked with him on the phone I believe at Α. 18 roughly 6:30. 19 So you went over this sheet with Dr. Van Dyke on 20 Q. 21 the phone; is that correct? 22 That is correct. Α. And you went down the list beginning with No. 1 23 Q. through No. 11; is that correct? 24 That's correct. 25 Α. Mehler & Hagestrom

62 So the cardiology consult that is asked here, 1 Q. 2 number one, you had with Dr. Van Dyke over the phone, correct? 3 That was done prior to that. 4 Α. By whom? Who did a cardiology consult on Arthur 5 Ο. Grasgreen? б He's a cardiologist. It's not asking for 7 Α. 8 another consult. This is for somebody who would be coming in through the emergency room being 9 admitted to coronary care. This is checked 10 11 because you have to have a cardiology consult to be admitted into the unit. 12 Okay. That's what I said. It was done 13 Q. 14 either -- it was done by Dr. Van Dyke or 15 somebody prior to that. Right. 16 Α. No. 2, it says "Obtain EKG and place patient on 17 Q. continuous cardiac monitoring to give the 18 largest ST elevation." Do you see that? 19 Correct. Yes, sir. 20 Α. 21 Q. Did you establish your sites? 22 Α. Yes, sir. Now, you had already established the sites when 23 Ο. 24 you went over this with Dr. Van Dyke? I think he had already had two IV's, if I'm not 25 Α.

63 mistaken. 1 Why don't you take a look at that and tell me 2 Q. when the IV's were placed. 3 4 MR. GAUGHAN: Let the record reflect the witness is looking at 5 Plaintiff's Exhibit 1. 6 7 It looks like 6:30, According to this. Α. 8 Is it your testimony that you spoke with 0. Dr. Van Dyke for the first time at 6:30 and that 9 10 between 6:30 and 6:40, you went over Page 1 of 2 with Dr. Van Dyke on the phone, went over Page 2 11 12of 2 -- well, part of 2 of 2 with the 13 Grasgreens, completed the balance of 2 of 2, did 14 everything that you were supposed to do on Page 1 of 2, placed the lines within five 15 16 minutes? Or ten minutes? 17 Α. This stuff isn't done. You went over this with Dr. Van Dyke on the 18 Ο. phone, didn't you? 19 That's correct. But this isn't done. 20 Α. I mean 21 this isn't started. 22 These forms were blank when you started talking Q. 23 with Dr. Van Dyke; is that correct? We're misunderstanding. Are you asking 2.4 Α. whether --25

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| 1 | Q. | My question is whether or not these forms were |
| 2 | | blank when you first talked to Dr. Van Dyke. |
| | A. | Correct. |
| 4 | Q. | You went over Page 1 of 2 on the phone with |
| 5 | | Dr. Van Dyke, correct? |
| 6 | Α. | Uh-huh. |
| 7 | Q. | He told you? |
| 8 | | MR. GAUGHAN: Answer verbally, |
| 9 | | please. |
| 10 | | THE WITNESS: Oh, I'm sorry. |
| 11 | A. | Correct. |
| 12 | Q. | Explain No. 11 to me if you would. You have |
| 13 | | that checked off. |
| 14 | A. | Aspirin. |
| 15 | Q. | You gave him the aspirin prior to the tPA |
| 16 | | admission? |
| 17 | A. | I'd, I'd have to look at the record. He might |
| 18 | | have already had an aspirin for that day. |
| 19 | Q. | Again, what did you say your reason was for not |
| 20 | | putting in the date and the time of this thing? |
| 21 | Α. | I was probably in too big of a hurry. |
| 22 | Q. | And you say you went over Items l-a through i on |
| 23 | | Page 2 of 2 with the Grasgreens; is that |
| 24 | | correct? |
| 25 | Α. | Yes, I did. |
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| 1 | Ο. | Did you review Mr. Grasgreen's chart for his |
| 2 | | blood pressure or his blood pressures since he |
| 3 | | has been admitted into the hospital? |
| 4 | Α. | No, I did not. |
| 5 | Q. | You didn't? |
| 6 | Α. | No. |
| 7 | Q. | You had no idea of what his history of blood |
| 8 | | pressure was from the time he was admitted into |
| 9 | | the hospital until the time you gave him tPA? |
| 10 | Α. | No. |
| 11 | Q. | You didn't. Did you discuss his blood pressure |
| 12 | | with Dr. Van Dyke? |
| 13 | Α. | Well, if I mentioned it to Dr. Van Dyke, it was |
| 14 | | probably because it was on the low side. |
| 15 | Q. | It was on the low side. Okay. Hold on. |
| 16 | | Now, on Page 1 of 2, which you went over |
| 17 | | with Dr. Van Dyke, there's no questions about |
| 18 | | blood pressure, correct? |
| 19 | Α. | Correct. |
| 20 | Q. | Did Dr. Van Dyke ask you anything about blood |
| 21 | | pressures? |
| 22 | A. | I don't remember, but it's very possible. |
| 23 | | MR. GAUGHAN: Again, he's not |
| 24 | | asking for possibilities, If you remember, |
| 25 | | please say so. If you don't remember, say |
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| 1 | | you don't remember. |
| 2 | Α. | I don't remember. |
| 3 | Q. | On Page 2 of 2, Items 1-a through i, did you go |
| 4 | | over each one of those items with Mr. and |
| 5 | | Mrs. Grasgreen present? |
| 6 | A. | Yes, sir. |
| 7 | Q. | That is your testimony? |
| 8 | Α. | Yes, it is. |
| 9 | Q. | Did you explain to them what each one of those |
| 10 | | things meant? |
| 11 | Α. | Yes, I did. |
| 12 | Q. | You did. What did you tell them an intracranial |
| 13 | | neoplasm was? |
| 14 | A. | A growth or cancer of some type of tumor to the |
| 15 | | brain. |
| 16 | Q. | What did you tell them a known bleeding |
| 17 | | diathesis was? |
| 18 | Α. | I really don't remember. |
| 19 | Q. | Do you remember what a known bleeding diathesis |
| 20 | | is as we sit here right now? |
| 21 | Α. | A proper definition of it, probably not. |
| 22 | Q. | Do you have any idea what a known bleeding |
| 23 | | diathesis condition is as we sit here right |
| 24 | | now? Would Coumadin lifelong be a known |
| 25 | | bleeding diathesis? |
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| 1 | Α, | Not in my opinion. |
| 2 | Q. | Did you review any other part of this chart |
| 3 | | prior to administering tPA to Arthur Grasgreen? |
| 4 | Α. | I did not. |
| 5 | Q. | Did you review any portion of the chart or the |
| 6 | | portion of the chart which indicates that Arthur |
| 7 | | Grasgreen bleeds easily? |
| 8 | Α. | No, I did not. |
| 9 | Q. | Have you reviewed that subsequent to the |
| 10 | | incident on May 21st? |
| 11 | Α. | After the fact? |
| 12 | Q. | Yes. |
| 13 | A. | I went through it briefly Wednesday. |
| 14 | Q. | Did you see in the chart where it indicates |
| 15 | | Arthur Grasgreen bleeds easily? |
| 16 | Α. | I did not. |
| 17 | Q. | It's in the nurses' notes in a couple of |
| 18 | | places. |
| 19 | | MR, GAUGHAN: Is that a question? |
| 20 | | MR, ZUCKER: A point of |
| 21 | | information. |
| 22 | | MR, GAUGHAN: Move to strike. |
| 23 | Q. | I want to show you a part of the nursing chart |
| 24 | | here, Arthur Grasgreen's chart. |
| 25 | | MR, ZUCKER: Would you mark that. |
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68 1 2 (Thereupon, Plaintiff's Jordan Deposition Exhibit 5, patient care profile, 3 4 000078, was marked for purposes of identification.) 5 6 7 Omar, I'm handing you what the court reporter Q. has marked Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 5. 8 9 Α. Uh-huh. 10 Ο. And this is a copy of the patient care profile from the chart of Arthur Grasgreen. 11 I'm 12 pointing out to you the words "bleeds easily." Okay. 13 Α. Which appear on a number of pages in the nurses' 14 Ο. notes of this chart. 15 16 In the context of the thrombolytic therapy 17 protocol or guideline sheet that we were talking 18 about, Page 2, Question 1-i, what does that mean to you? If you can answer that question. 19 20 MR. GAUGHAN: What do you mean by 21 that? What do the words "bleeds easily" mean to you in 22 Q. 23 the context of Question 1-i? Can we talk about --24 Α. If you can answer it. 25 Q.

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| 1 | Α, | I can, but it's something that to know the |
| 2 | | computer system and what goes on there, you |
| 3 | | won't understand. That is not necessarily what |
| 4 | | that means, That is a category for the |
| 5 | | hospital's risk factors listed. This falls |
| 6 | | under a lot of things other than just what |
| 7 | | you're asking. |
| 8 | Q. | What could "bleeds easily" mean? |
| 9 | A. | Bleeds easy? |
| 10 | Q. | "Bleeds easily." The words "bleeds easily"? |
| 11 | A. | What this means in his is probably for the |
| 12 | | Coumadin therapy. |
| 13 | Q. | Now, did Mr. and Mrs. Grasgreen mention to you |
| 14 | | that Mr. Grasgreen was on Coumadin, lifelong, at |
| 15 | | the time you filled out Questions 1-a through i |
| 16 | | with them on the thrombolytic therapy guideline |
| | | sheet? |
| 18 | Α. | No. |
| 19 | Q. | That's an absolute no? |
| 20 | Α. | That's a positive no. |
| 21 | Q. | You don't remember having a discussion with |
| 22 | | Mrs. Grasgreen where she told you that |
| 23 | | Mr. Grasgreen was on Coumadin? |
| 24 | Α. | Yes. |
| 25 | Q. | And that the conversation took place after you |
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| 1 | | gave him the began to give him the tPA; is |
| 2 | | that correct? |
| 3 | Α. | That's correct. |
| 4 | Q. | Did you not tell Mrs. Grasgreen that you were |
| 5 | | giving Mr. Grasgreen the miracle drug, the clot |
| 6 | | buster? |
| 7 | Α. | I wouldn't have used that term, no. |
| 8 | Q. | You would not have used those words? |
| 9 | Α. | Not "miracle drug." I probably would have used |
| 10 | | "clot buster" but not "miracle drug." |
| 11 | Q. | Do you recall telling Mrs. Grasgreen that you |
| 12 | | were going to be using the clot buster on |
| 13 | | Mr. Grasgreen? |
| 14 | Α. | I do not recall. |
| 15 | a . | Do you recall telling Mrs. Grasgreen in response |
| 16 | | to her telling you about the Coumadin that you |
| 17 | | now have or you were going to have Mr. Grasgreen |
| 18 | | on heparin because it would be much easier to |
| 19 | | monitor his blood that way than as opposed to |
| 20 | | Coumadin? Do you remember that statement? |
| 21 | <i></i> | Yes, but can I elaborate on that? |
| 22 | 2. | Yes, you may. |
| 23 | 7. | That is a statement, but it's measured in $^{ m I}$ |
| 24 | | do remember the statement, but it is because it |
| 25 | | has two different effects. That is a very easy |
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71 way of explaining to her what the differences 1 2 was. Does that make sense? Do you recall then telling her that? 3 Q. That we were going to put him on heparin because 4 Α. it's easier for us to monitor. 5 Do you remember the conversation with 6 Ο. Mrs. Grasgreen? 7 Yes, I remember the conversation. 8 Α. Again back to the question regarding Item 1-i on 9 0. the thrombolytic therapy guideline, if you 10 11 will. 12 Α. Yes. You don't know what a known bleeding diathesis 13 Q. 14 is, do you? MR, GAUGHAN: Objection. I think 15 that was asked and answered. 16 MR. ZUCKER: I know it was. 17 You can answer the question. 18 0. 19 Α. The particular term, no. 20 Q. There is a line below i, 1-i, that says, "Yes --Review done and no significant contraindications 21 22 noted," Do you see that? 23 Α. Uh-huh. You didn't indicate either way there a response; 24 0. 25 is that correct?

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| 1 | A. | Not there, no. |
| 2 | Q. | Why? |
| 3 | A. | I don't know. |
| 4 | Q. | Now, Item No, 2, Items 2 through 11 |
| 5 | А. | Uh-huh. |
| 6 | Q. | you completed those after going over 1-A |
| 7 | 1 | through i with the Grasgreens; is that correct? |
| 8 | Α. | Some of this could have been done. Some of it's |
| 9 | | blood work. Some of it's a type and cross for |
| 10 | | for bloods. |
| 11 | Q. | My question was did you go over Items 2 through |
| 12 | ~ | 11 after going over Item 1-a through i with the |
| 13 | | Grasgreens? |
| 14 | A. | No. |
| 15 | Q. | You didn't do this? |
| 16 | A. | No. |
| 17 | Q. | This is not your these are not your checks? |
| 18 | | This is not your handwriting, this telephone |
| 19 | | order? |
| 20 | Α. | Yes. |
| 21 | Q. | It is those are your checks? |
| 22 | Α. | Yes. |
| 23 | Q. | So when did you do this? |
| 24 | Α. | You're asking me if I went over it with the |
| 25 | | Grasgreens. |
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| 1 | Q. | No, I didn`t. I said after going over Items 1-a |
| 2 | | through i with the Grasgreens, then did you |
| 3 | | complete Items 2 through 11? |
| 4 | А. | These things are did I physically check them |
| 5 | | or did I physically do them? I'm not |
| 6 | | understanding. |
| 7 | Q. | Okay. Yes. Did you check them? Did you check |
| 8 | | them off? |
| 9 | Α. | I don't remember if that was before or after. |
| 10 | Q. | But was it before you administered the tPA? |
| 11 | Α. | Uh-huh. |
| 12 | | MR. GAUGHAN: Will you please |
| 13 | Α. | Yes. I'm sorry. Yes. |
| 14 | Q. | In between the time you spoke with Dr. Van Dyke |
| 15 | | and you administered the tPA, you went over |
| 16 | | Items 2 through 11, correct? |
| 17 | Α. | I checked them. |
| 18 | Q. | You reviewed them as you checked them or I |
| 19 | | should said you checked them as you reviewed |
| 20 | | them. Is that correct? |
| 21 | Α. | This is something that is spontaneously done by |
| 22 | | several people. The lab does these. |
| 23 | Q. | Not the items you reviewed you read Item 2 |
| 24 | | and then checked it off; is that correct? |
| 25 | | Before giving him the tPA? Did you in fact |
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| 1 | | check or have somebody else check the lab work, |
| 2 | | the CBC, the PT, the PTT? |
| 3 | А. | I checked these, |
| 4 | Q . | You checked them? |
| 5 | Α. | Yes. |
| 6 | Q. | Take me through the process that you went |
| 7 | | through that evening. What did you do? You |
| 8 | | read it and then checked it? |
| 9 | А. | I checked. |
| 10 | Q. | Do you know what that means, "STAT lab work"? |
| 11 | Α. | Yes. |
| 12 | Q. | Did you review the chart to see if it were done? |
| 13 | Α. | No. |
| 14 | Q. | Did you look at the hematology report for |
| 15 | | Mr. Grasgreen's PT and his PTT? |
| 16 | A. | No. |
| 17 | 2 . | Why not? |
| 18 | <u>A</u> . | This is an order to do that, not to review that. |
| 19 | 2. | Did you tell Dr. Van Dyke what the PT or the PTT |
| 20 | | was? |
| 21 | 4. | I don't remember. We discussed it I think at |
| 22 | | one point, but I don't remember what the outcome |
| 23 | | was or the discussion was. |
| 24 | 2. | You say you went over the first page of this |
| 25 | | thing with Dr. Van Dyke before administering the |
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| 1 | | pTA; is that correct? |
| 2 | A. | That's correct. |
| 3 | Q. | You said that Dr. Van Dyke told you to check for |
| 4 | | contraindications to tPA and if there were none, |
| 5 | | to go ahead and give it to him as indicated in |
| 6 | | Items 4 through 6 on Page 1 of 2. Is that |
| 7 | | correct? |
| 8 | A. | That's correct. |
| 9 | Q. | Are you saying that Dr. Van Dyke left it up to |
| 10 | | you to evaluate this patient, to review these, |
| 11 | | Page 2 of 2 and all of the items on all of the |
| 12 | | requests thereon, in order to evaluate this man |
| 13 | | as a candidate for tPA? |
| 14 | | That's a "yes" or "no" or " can't |
| 15 | | answer," Do you want me to repeat the question? |
| 16 | A. | I can't answer it the way it's asked. |
| 17 | | MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. |
| 18 | 2. | Are you let me see if I can clarify it. |
| 19 | | You're saying that Dr. Van Dyke didn't ask you |
| 20 | | any of the questions contained on Page 2 of 2 |
| 21 | | before administering the pTA? |
| 22 | J. | These are not done |
| 23 | | MR, GAUGHAN: Just answer the |
| 24 | | question. |
| 25 | | THE WITNESS: Oh. |
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| 1 | Α. | Wait. Repeat the question, please. |
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| 2 | Q. | Did Dr. Van Dyke review with you the items |
| 3 | | listed on Page 2 of 2 of the thrombolytic |
| 4 | | therapy guidelines prior to your administering |
| 5 | | tPA to Arthur Grasgreen? |
| 6 | A | I do not remember specifically. |
| 7 | Q. | Is it your testimony that Dr. Van Dyke left it |
| 8 | | up to you to evaluate Arthur Grasgreen as a |
| 9 | | candidate for receiving thrombolytic therapy? |
| 10 | | Do you understand the question? |
| 11 | A | Yes, I do understand the question. |
| 12 | Q | Then is the answer yes or no? |
| 13 | A | I can't answer that. |
| 14 | Q | Why not? Why can't you answer the question if |
| 15 | | you understand it? |
| 16 | A | It's not you're not asking the right question |
| 17 | | for |
| 18 | Q | I can ask any question I want, Omar, and you |
| 19 | | have to answer. You're under oath. If you |
| 20 | | don't understand it, you can't answer. |
| 21 | A | I cannot answer the question. |
| 22 | Q | Why not? |
| 23 | A | Because I am not understanding the way it is |
| 24 | | asked. |
| 25 | Q | Then you don't understand the question? |
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| 1 | A. | I do not understand the question. |
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| 2 | Q. | Did you feel confident in evaluating |
| 3 | | Mr. Grasgreen as a candidate for tPA? |
| 4 | | MR. GAUGHAN: Objection again to |
| 5 | | the use of the word "evaluating." |
| 6 | Α, | I felt comfortable in asking the person and the |
| 7 | | family these questions. |
| 8 | Q. | And you knew at the time you gave him tPA that |
| 9 | | there were contraindication guidelines, |
| 10 | | correct? |
| 11 | Α. | Repeat that, please. |
| 12 | Q. | At the time you gave Arthur Grasgreen tPA, you |
| 13 | | knew that there were various contraindications |
| 14 | | to giving people |
| 15 | A. | No. |
| 16 | Q. | You didn't? |
| 17 | | MR. GAUGHAN: Is your question |
| 18 | | specific as to are there things that are |
| 19 | | contraindicated or |
| 20 | | MR. ZUCKER: Yes, that's my |
| 21 | | question. |
| 22 | Q. | In general, you knew that there were guidelines, |
| 23 | | that there were indications and |
| 24 | | contraindications? We discussed them earlier? |
| 25 | Α. | That's right. That's these right here. |
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78 1 Ο. You knew it -- those are them right there? That's it right there. 2 Α. Do you know that you find out the answers to 3 Q. Questions 1-a through i by looking at the 4 5 results of Items 2 through 11? 6 MR. GAUGHAN: Objection. It 7 assumes facts not in evidence. Can we go off the record for a minute? 8 Α. 9 Q. No. Am I allowed to ask that? 10 Α. 11 No. 0. 12 Either you understand MR. GAUGHAN: 13 the question or you don't. You do not understand the question? 14 Q. I understand the question but not the way it's 15 Α. being asked. 16 17 Q. Okay. 18 MR. ZUCKER: That's okay. MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. 19 Do you know what PT and PTT measure? 20 Ο. PT is your partial thrombo time, and your PTT is 21 Α. 22 your --23 Q. I didn't ask you what the names of those were. 24 I asked you what they measure, those tests. 25 Α. Clotting factors. Mehler & Hagestrom

- 1 Q. Clotting factors?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Coagulation, the coagulation of blood; is that 4 correct?
- 5 A. Uh-huh.
- 6 Q. And you're aware -- you told me before that tPA
 7 works on breaking up clots, correct?
- 8 A. Uh-huh.
- 9 Q. That action is called coagulation ; is that 10 correct?
- 11 A. I'm not sure.
- 12 Q. Do you think as you sit here right now that the 13 coagulability of a person's blood will have some 14 play in the decision-making -- will have some 15 influence in the decision-making as to whether 16 or not to give that person tPA?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. No? It doesn't?
- 19 A. No.

Q. It's your testimony that you don't recall if Dr. Van Dyke asked you any specific questions about Arthur Grasgreen's candidacy for tPA; is that correct? The contraindications as you've indicated them?

25 A. No. He asked if there were any

80 contraindications, and I told him not that I was 1 aware of. 2 Omar, I think that it's obvious you are not 3 Ο. trained and not expected to --4 5 MR. GAUGHAN: Is this leading to a 6 question? 7 MR, ZUCKER: Yes. MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. 8 9 I think in May of 1993, you were not trained to Q. evaluate a person's candidacy for receiving 10 11 tPA. Is that correct? I can't answer that. 12 Α. 13 Why not? Q. 14 Α. Because it's -- you're -- I don't think that I 15 was evaluating their candidacy. I was asking certain straightforward questions on a protocol 16 17 and getting answers. Do you have an idea of what Arthur Grasgreen 18 Q. died from? 19 20 No, I do not. Α. You're not aware that he died from an 21 Э. intracerebral bleed? 22 23 4. Yes. Oh, I'm aware of that, yes, sir. Do you know what that was caused by? 24 Э. 25 Α. No. Mehler & Hagestrom

81 1 Q. That was caused by the pTA that you gave him. MR, GAUGHAN: Objection. 2 Are you aware of that? 3 Q. MR, SCOTT: Wait a minute. 4 5 Α. I am not aware of that. MR, SCOTT: 6 That's argumentative and assumes all kinds of facts, and it is 7 not getting us anyplace in this 8 deposition. This witness is here to give 9 you answers to factual questions. Let's 10 go. 11 How many times did you talk to Dr. Van Dyke? 12 Ο. Ŧ. I would say probably at least three. 13 On three separate occasions? 14 2. Three separate occasions. 15 1. You testified that he told you to check for 16). contraindications; if there were none to give 17 him the tPA. Is that correct? 18 19 That is correct. Υ. 20). And did he tell you anything about faxing him an EKG? 21 22 Yes. ١. 23 Did you know you were talking to him on a car !. 24 phone? Yes. 25 ι. Mehler & Hagestrom

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| 1 | Q. | Did he tell you that? |
| 2 | Α. | Yes. |
| 3 | Q. | Did he tell you where he was going? |
| 4 | A. | If ${f I}$ remember correctly, he was on his way home. |
| 5 | Q. | Did he tell you that he had a fax machine at his |
| 6 | | home? |
| 7 | Α. | Yes. |
| 8 | Q. | And that you were to fax an EKG to him? |
| 9 | A. | Yes. |
| 10 | Q. | Do you recall whether he asked you to fax him |
| 11 | | the EKG that had already been done that |
| 12 | | Dr. Chentow interpreted or was it another EKG |
| 13 | | that he wanted you to fax to him? |
| 14 | Α. | I sent him two. |
| 15 | Q. | You did? |
| 16 | Α. | Yes, sir. |
| 17 | | MR. GAUGHAN: Listen to the |
| 18 | | question and answer it. |
| 19 | | THE WITNESS: Okay. |
| 20 | Q. | Did Dr. Van Dyke in any one of the three |
| 21 | | conversations that you think you had with him |
| 22 | | indicate to you that he was going to discontinue |
| 23 | | the tPA? |
| 24 | Α. | Yes. |
| 25 | Q. | And tell me what he said about discontinuing the |

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| 1 | | tPA. |
| 2 | A. | "I'm not very impressed with this EKG. Stop the |
| 3 | | tPA." |
| 4 | Q. | Do you recall at what point he did that? |
| 5 | Α. | I believe it was after the lytic dose, |
| 6 | Q. | Was it before Arthur Grasgreen's blood pressure |
| 7 | | went down to 60 over 57 or was it after that? |
| 8 | A. | I'd have to look, |
| 9 | Q. | The lytic dose you're referring to is the 50 |
| 10 | | milligram over one-half hour dose; is that |
| 11 | | correct? |
| 12 | A. | That is correct. |
| 13 | Q. | So he was given the 15 milligram bolus dose and |
| 14 | | he was given the 50 milligram lytic dose as you |
| 15 | | refer to it? |
| 16 | Α. | I believe most of it. I'm not sure exactly. |
| 17 | Q. | When did you give him the aspirin? Do you |
| 18 | | recall? |
| 19 | Α. | No. |
| 20 | Q. | Did you give it to him? |
| 21 | Α. | I'd have to look. |
| 22 | Q. | Well, you indicate that you did here on the |
| 23 | | thrombolytic guideline sheet? |
| 24 | | MR. GAUGHAN: I'm going to have t8 |
| 25 | | object. His prior testimony was that it |
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| | may have been given at any time during the |
| | day, which would have included prior |
| | shifts. |
| Q. | Is that your testimony, that you didn't give it |
| | to him concomitant with the pTA? |
| Α. | I would have to look at the record. |
| Q. | And this record doesn't give you any |
| Α. | No, it does not. |
| Q. | Okay. Let's look at the record. Why don't you |
| | look at your medication and administration flow |
| | sheets and tell me if you show administering any |
| | aspirin to Mr. Grasgreen. |
| A. | 6:30. |
| Q. | You gave him aspirin at 6:30. How much did you |
| | give him? |
| Α. | One 325 milligram PO. |
| Q. | Who ordered that? |
| Α. | Dr. Van Dyke. |
| Q. | What time did he order it? |
| Α. | Roughly 6:30. |
| Q. | What did Dr. Van Dyke tell you about |
| | discontinuing a tPA? |
| Α. | He had stated that he wasn't very impressed with |
| | the EKG and that "You can shut off the tPA." |
| Q. | And do you recall in which conversation that |
| | A. Q. A. Q. A. Q. A. Q. A. Q. A. |

85 took place, Conversation 1, 2 or 3? 1 2 No, I do not. There was several, and I'm not Α. 3 sure. Your notes indicate that you had completed the 4 Ο. lytic dose at 7:15 approximately and that it was 5 at that time that Mr. Grasgreen's blood pressure б fell. Is that correct? 7 It's right here. And, also, I'm 8 In here. 9 going to hand you now what has been marked Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 2, which is the second 10 page of your nurses' notes, and it would 11 12 indicate the 7:15 time that I just asked you 13 about. Repeat the question, please. 14 Α. 15 Ο. The question is it was 7:15 when Mr. Grasgreen 16 completed -- or when the 50 milligram lytic dose 17 was completed; is that correct? Here are your nurses' notes. I don't see a 18 Α. specific time in here for when the tPA was 19 20 completed. Do you recall, Omar, giving Mr. Grasgreen the 21 Ο. 22 first 65 milligrams of tPA? That is, the bolus dose and the lytic dose as you refer to it? 23 I do not remember whether he received all of 24 Α. I do not remember exactly where it was shut 25 it.

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86 off at. 1 2 Omar, did you make any notation in the nursing Ο. 3 chart about your conversation with Dr. Van Dyke to discontinue the tPA? 4 I should have. 5 A. Why didn't you? Ο. б I don't know that it's not in here. 7 Α. Ο. It's not anywhere in that chart. 8 MR. GAUGHAN: Can we give him a 9 10 chance to look at it? 11 MR. ZUCKER: Yes. 12MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. MR, ZUCKER: Can we do this 13 hypothetically? It appears nowhere in the 14 15 chart. MR. GAUGHAN: Well, actually --16 MR. ZUCKER: Okay. Let's look at 17 his nurses' notes. 18 MR, GAUGHAN: Can we go off just 19 for a second. 20 21 22 (Thereupon, a discussion was had off 23 the record.) 24 Q. Based on the copies that I have provided you and 25 Mehler & Hagestrom

1 not on the original hospital chart, in your charting on Exhibits 1 and 2, there's no mention 2 3 of a discussion with Dr. Van Dyke to discontinue tPA and there is no mention that you did 4 discontinue tPA. Isn't that correct? You've 5 6 just read these two? 7 As far as I can see, that's correct. Α. 8 Q. There's a 9:00 o'clock entry that says "TPA 9 started." Is that correct? That's what it says, that's correct. 10 Α. 11 Ο. Now, would that indicate to you that you started 12 the 35 milligram dose, maintenance dose of tPA before it was discontinued? 13 No. 14 Α. Why does it say "TPA started" at 9:00 o'clock? 15 0. I don't know. 16 Α. 17 Oh. I can answer that, actually. 18 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 19 Ο. Go right ahead. "Patient remained unchanged neuro since TPA 20 Α. 21 started. 22 Q. That word is "since"? "Since. 23 Α. 24 Okay. Э. 25 Mehler & Hagestrom

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88 (Thereupon, Plaintiff's Jordan 1 Deposition Exhibit 6, 5-21-93 doctor's order 2 3 sheet, 000428, was marked for purposes of 4 identification.) 5 (Thereupon, Plaintiff's Jordan б 7 Deposition Exhibit 7, 5-21-93 doctor's order sheet, 000421, was marked for purposes of 8 9 identification.) 10 (Thereupon, Plaintiff's Jordan 11 12 Deposition Exhibit 8, 5-21.22-93 doctor's order sheet, 000424, was marked for purposes of 13 identification.) 14 15 16 Did you ever mention anything to Dr. Chentow Q. 17 about tPA? Yes. 18 Α. What did you say to him about tPA? 19 0. 20 He came by the bedside briefly, and he asked Α. 21 what they were doing or what did he do for it, 22 something in that context, and I said "tPA," and 23 he said "Good" and walked away. 24 You mean he came back again after you Ο. administered the tPA, Dr. Chentow? 25

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| | А. | I am not sure exactly what time it was. |
| 2 | Q. | You testified earlier that he left and never |
| 3 | | came back. |
| 4 | Α. | I don't think so. |
| 5 | Q. | Okay. So you're saying if I understand what |
| 6 | | you've just said correctly, Dr. Chentow came by |
| 7 | | and said "What did his doctor decide to do," and |
| а | | you said "We gave him tPA, " correct? |
| 9 | Α. | Correct. |
| 10 | Q. | And you don't remember when that was? |
| 11 | Α. | I do not. |
| 12 | Q. | Did you discuss tPA with Dr. Chentow prior to |
| 13 | | administering the tPA? |
| 14 | Α. | I do not remember. |
| 15 | Q. | Did you give Dr. Chentow any indication that he |
| 16 | | was reading that EKG to determine whether or not |
| 17 | | the man was a candidate for tPA? |
| 18 | | MR. SCOTT: Objection. |
| 19 | Q. | Go ahead and answer. |
| 20 | Α. | Repeat it one more time. |
| 21 | Q. | Did you tell Dr. Chentow that he was |
| 22 | | interpreting that EKG for the purpose of |
| 23 | | determining whether or not Arthur Grasgreen was |
| 24 | | a candidate for tPA? |
| 25 | Α. | That was not a factor at that time. |

90 It was not a factor. So Dr. Chentow did 1 Q. Okay. 2 not mention tPA to you; is that correct? That's correct. 3 Α. And you didn't mention it to him, correct? 4 Ο. 5 Α. Correct. The first mention of tPA came from Dr. Van Dyke; 6 Ο. 7 is that correct? Α. 8 To the best of my recollection. 9 I'm handing you three sheets now which have been Q. 10 marked Plaintiff's Exhibits 6, 7 and 8. Those 11 are doctor's order sheets. And I would like to 12 ask you to look at Order No. -- the third --13 MR. SCOTT: We need to identify by 14 date and time, if you can. 15 MR. ZUCKER: Well, it does say "5/21." Do you see it? It's on a page 16 17 with three 5/21's. 18 MR. GAUGHAN: So Plaintiff's 19 Exhibit 6, lower third? 20 MR. ZUCKER: Yes. 21 Got it, John? 22 MR. SCOTT: What does it say? 23 MR. ZUCKER: Well, hopefully, we're 24 going to find out. 25 Did you write the order on that panel? Q.

91 1 Α. I'm sorry? 2 Did you write this order in that panel? Is that Ο. 3 your handwriting? 4 Α. That is not my handwriting. 5 MR. SCOTT: Let me see it quickly, 6 if T can. 7 Thanks, Hold on for just a 8 moment. 9 Okay. Thank you. Did you write the order on Exhibit 7 in the Q. first and second and third panels? Did you take 12 that order and write that order? 13 MR. SCOTT: Now, what is Exhibit 7 14 for the record? 15 MR. ZUCKER: It's the next page of 16 the doctor's order sheets. These are three 17 consecutive pages of the doctor's order 18 sheets. 19 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Let me just see 20 it for a moment. 21 All right. Thank you. 22 Q. Is that your handwriting? I'm looking. All of it except for this. 23 Α. 24 "Discontinue dopamine drip"? 0. 25 Yes, sir. Α. Mehler & Hagestrom

| 1 | Q. | Is that your signature? |
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| 2 | Α. | That looks like my signature, |
| 3 | Q. | That looks like your signature? |
| 4 | A. | This does, yes. |
| 5 | Q. | That is your signature? |
| 6 | A. | Yes. |
| 7 | Q. | And on the next page, there's an order at the |
| 8 | | top. Is that your writing? |
| 9 | A. | This top half, top first section is my writing. |
| 10 | Q. | And that is your handwriting? |
| 11 | A. | Yes, it is. |
| 12 | Q. | Why don't you put the times in of any of your |
| 13 | | orders here that you took? |
| 14 | Α. | I have no answer. |
| 15 | Q. | On Plaintiff's Exhibit 6, if you would. |
| 16 | | MR, ZUCKER: Moving around here for |
| 17 | | brevity's sake, gentlemen. It's getting |
| 18 | | late. |
| 19 | Q. | Do you recognize the handwriting of the person |
| 20 | | who took that telephone order? |
| 21 | A. | This? No, I do not. |
| 22 | | MR. SCOTT: Date and time, please. |
| 23 | | MR. ZUCKER: Plaintiff's Exhibit 6, |
| 24 | | third panel down. |
| 25 | | MR, SCOTT: Well, I don't have |
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93 marks on mine. I mean I don't have exhibit 1 2 stickers. 3 All right. Sorry. Do you recognize that signature? 4 0. It says "Telephone order Dr. Van Dyke slash Ann" 5 something. I think it says. I can't read it. б 7 Α. It's probably -- it looks like -- no, I can't read it. 8 9 Q. Ann McGrath came on after you, didn't she? 10 Α. Yes. 11 But that doesn't say "McGrath" there, does it? Ο. 12 I can't read it. Α. Do you see a time that that order was taken? 13 Q. No. 14 Α. 15 Ο. Do you agree that Item 3 of that order says 16 "Discontinue TpA"? This right here says "D/C TpA," yes. 17 Α. You said you took the order to discontinue the 18 0. tPA, didn't you? 19 Uh-huh. 20 Α. 21 Did you write it anywhere in the order sheets, 0. 2.2 in the doctor's orders? 23 I'd have to look. Α. Go ahead. Look. 24 0. 25 This isn't all the orders. Is this all the Α.

94 1 orders? 2 We'll sit here while you go through all the Ο. 3 orders. I mean is this? 4 Α. That's the only place in the chart where it 5 Ο. indicates "Discontinue tPA" and you didn't take 6 7 the order. I want to know why not and who did 8 and when the order was given. And when the 9 order was carried out. 10 MR. GAUGHAN: Why don't we first 11 give him a chance to look at the records to 12 his satisfaction, and then we can ask him 13 one question at a time. 14 MR. ZUCKER: Okay. 15 16 (Thereupon, a discussion was had off 17 the record.) 18 Okay. Let's go back on the record now. Do you 19 Q. 20 want to make a comment about that? 21 Α. Well, I want to finish looking through here 22 first to make sure that --23 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. 24 Do you think I could ask you a question while 0. 25 you're looking through that? Mehler & Hagestrom

95 1 MR. GAUGHAN: I would prefer not 2 just so that -- the record's clean I quess 3 is the rest of that sentence. This is all the orders? 4 Α. Uh-huh. 5 Ο. Okay. Well, then I did not. This could б Α. 7 possibly be Ann Genoveses' signature, who was there that day. 8 My next question is throughout this entire 9 Ο. 10 ordeal, more specifically, throughout the time 11 that you treated Arthur Grasgreen on the 21st of 12 May, 1993, beginning at approximately 4:00 o'clock as you had indicated, did you receive 13 any help from any other nurse? 14 15 Α. Sure. 16 Q. Who? 17 Α. Pat Hawk. What did Pat Hawk do? 18 0. Specifically? 19 Α. 20 Q. Yes. 21 MR. GAUGHAN: And if you recall. I do not remember. 22 Α. Do you know when she did whatever it is you 23 Q. don't remember what she did? 24 I do not. 25 A.

1 Q. Who else helped you?

| 2 | Α. | I don't know who specifically helped physically, |
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| 3 | | but with orders and with lab work and |
| 4: | | correlating a lot of things, Ann Genoveses. And |
| 5; | | probably just about anybody else that was there |
| 6; | | that day. |
| 7' | Q. | Well, when you say "help," like what could they |
| 83 | | possibly have helped you do? |
| 9) | Α. | They could help me do anything from help set up |
| 10) | | IV's to enter lab work in the computer to make |
| 11 | | phone calls to get medications to just about |
| 12? | | anything. |
| 13} | Q. | Would they enter orders from a doctor on your |
| 14 ¹ | | behalf? |
| 155 | Α. | Repeat that, please, |
| 165 | Q. | Would any of these people who you say may have |
| 177 | | helped you and you're not testifying it is |
| 183 | | not your testimony that you recall specifically |
| 19 ³ | | that they helped you? |
| 2 00 | Α. | I do remember getting help, yes. |
| 2 11 | ζ. | From? |
| 2 2 ² | Α. | I know from Pat and Ann. |
| 2 3 ³ | 2. | But you don't remember what they did? |
| 244 | Α. | Specifically, no. |
| 2 55 | 2. | Did Ann McGrath help you? |
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| 1 | A. | Ann McGrath wasn't there. |
| 2 | Q. | Didn't she come on after you? |
| 3 | А. | At 11:00 o'clock I believe, |
| 4 | Q. | If you would look at the nurses' note, which |
| 5 | | is where are the nurses' notes? |
| 6 | | Here they are. This is Plaintiff's Exhibit |
| 7 | | No. 2. Who's got 2? Here it is. |
| 8 | | You stopped charting at 9:00 o'clock. At |
| 9 | | least the narrative notes. Isn't that correct? |
| 10 | A. | No. |
| 11 | Q. | No? Where are the rest of them? |
| 12 | A. | 10:30. |
| 13 | Q. | Okay. You stopped charting at 10:35, correct? |
| 14 | Α. | At 10:35, it was my last well, unless there's |
| 15 | | another page, that was my last notation, yes. |
| 16 | Q. | Did you leave at 11:00 o'clock when your shift |
| 17 | | ended? |
| 18 | Α. | Well, we leave at 11:30. We give report from |
| 19 | | 11:00 to 11:30. |
| 20 | Q. | So you left Mr. Grasgreen's care and treatment |
| 21 | | at 11:00 o'clock; is that correct? |
| 22 | A. | No, sir. At 11:30. |
| 23 | Q. | At 11:30. You were with Mr. Grasgreen as you |
| 24 | | were giving report as you stated? |
| 25 | A. | I don't know if I was specifically at the |
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98 bedside. It could have been possible, but I 1 don't remember. 2 At 7:15, Mr. Grasgreen's blood pressure dropped; 3 ο. is that correct? 4 MR. GAUGHAN: Referencing 5 Plaintiff's Exhibit 2. 6 That's correct. 7 Α. What happened? What did you do when his blood 8 Q. 9 pressure dropped? Well, I -- let me read here and I'll tell you. 10 A. I lowered the head of his bed, raised his 11 feet. Turned off the nitro drip. 12 At that time, that's what I did. 13 You indicated before that after you had started 14 *a* . the tPA administration, Mrs. Grasgreen mentioned 15 something to you about Coumadin. Is that 16 correct? 17 18 7. That's correct. When Mr. Grasgreen's blood pressure dropped at 19). 7:15, did you think anything might have gone 20 21 wrong as a result of Mrs. Grasgreen telling you about the Coumadin and the tPA having been 22 administered? 23 24 No. 1. 25). If Mrs. Grasgreen -- you indicate she never said

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| 1 | | anything to you prior to the tPA administration, | | | |
| 2 | | correct? | | | |
| 3 | A. | Not that I remember. | | | |
| 4 | Q. | If she had told you about that, would that have | | | |
| 5 | | had any bearing on your thinking regarding | | | |
| 6 | | giving Mr. Grasgreen tPA? | | | |
| 7 | Α, | No. | | | |
| 8 | Q. | No. Would you have reflected his PT or his PTT | | | |
| 9 | | prior to giving him the tPA had you known about | | | |
| 10 | | the Coumadin? | | | |
| 11 | A. | Possibly his PT. His PTT would have been | | | |
| 12 | | unaffected. | | | |
| 13 | Q. | And had you looked at his PT and it | | | |
| 14 | | indicated and the result was 72, would that | | | |
| 15 | | have had any bearing on your thinking to give | | | |
| 16 | | him tPA? | | | |
| 17 | Α. | Possibly. | | | |
| 18 | Q. | Why? | | | |
| 19 | Α. | It would not have been my decision. | | | |
| 20 | Q. | What effect would it have had on your thinking? | | | |
| 21 | Α. | On my thinking personally? | | | |
| 22 | Q. | Coumadin I'm sorry. PT was 24. PTT was 72. | | | |
| 23 | | The PT is 24. The wife tells you that the man | | | |
| 24 | | takes Coumadin lifelong. What would that have | | | |
| 25 | | meant to you? | | | |
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| 1 | A. | Nothing. | | | |
| 2 | Q. | Nothing. A result on a PT of 24 of Coumadin | | | |
| 3 | | prior to tPA would mean nothing to you? | | | |
| 4 | Α. | No. | | | |
| 5 | Q. | Why not? | | | |
| б | A. | Because we get PT and PTT's greater than that | | | |
| 7 | | when we're giving the pTA. | | | |
| 8 | Q. | You do? | | | |
| 9 | A. | Yes. Normally. | | | |
| 10 | Q. | Normally? | | | |
| 11 | Α. | Yes. | | | |
| 12 | Q. | Is that right? Is that a high PT or a PTT? | | | |
| 13 | Α. | Slightly. | | | |
| 14 | Q. | Just slightly. Is a PT of 100 high? A PTT, is | | | |
| 15 | | that high, a hundred? | | | |
| 16 | Α. | That is high. | | | |
| 17 | Q. | 39? High? | | | |
| 18 | A. | PTT? | | | |
| 19 | Q. | PT. 39. | | | |
| 20 | A. | There's a big difference. | | | |
| 21 | Q. | Is 39 on a result on a PT of 39 high? | | | |
| 22 | A. | Yes. | | | |
| 23 | Q. | Do you know if Dr. Chentow reviewed | | | |
| 24 | | Mr. Grasgreen's EKG from 1986? | | | |
| 25 | | MR. SCOTT: Objection, | | | |
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| 1 | | MR. ZUCKER: What are you objecting | | | |
| 2 | to? | | | | |
| 3 | MR. SCOTT: Is it in the record? | | | | |
| 4 | MR. ZUCKER.: Yes. It was in the | | | | |
| 5 | record provided to me by the hospital. | | | | |
| б | | MR. SCOTT: 1986? | | | |
| 7 | | MR. ZUCKER: Yes. | | | |
| 8 | Α. | A. I don't know. | | | |
| 9 | Q. | Okay. That's all I'm asking. Did you see the | | | |
| 10 | | EKG from 1986 in Mr. Grasgreen's chart? | | | |
| 11 | Α. | No. | | | |
| 12 | Q. | Did you know Mr. Grasgreen had had a previous | | | |
| 13 | | MI? | | | |
| 14 | Α. | Yes. | | | |
| 15 | Q. | How did you know that? | | | |
| 16 | Α. | I'm not sure. | | | |
| 17 | Q. | Do you know what a cardiovascular accident is, a | | | |
| 18 | | CVA? | | | |
| 19 | Α. | Yes. | | | |
| 20 | Q. | What is that? | | | |
| 21 | Α. | It's a stroke. | | | |
| 22 | Q. | And did you note from reviewing the chart we | | | |
| 23 | | had talked before about reviewing the chart. | | | |
| 24 | | You testified you did not review the chart prior | | | |
| 25 | | to treating Mr. Grasgreen, correct? | | | |
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| 1 | А. | Correct. | | |
| 2 | Q. | Did you at any time prior to giving him the tPA | | |
| 3 | | review the chart? | | |
| 4 | Α. | No. | | |
| 5 | Q. | You didn't review his chart prior to giving a | | |
| 6 | | tPA? | | |
| 7 | Α. | No. | | |
| 8 | Q. | Q. Are you absolutely sure of that? | | |
| 9 | Α. | A. Positive. | | |
| 10 | Q. Dr. Van Dyke, when he said to you "Check for | | | |
| 11 | | contraindications," what did you think he meant? | | |
| 12 | | Where were you going to find these | | |
| 13 | | contraindications? | | |
| 14 | Α. | That was not his wording. | | |
| 15 | Q. | "Look for contraindications. If there are none, | | |
| 16 | | give him tPA." Is that what he said? "Check | | |
| 17 | | for contraindications"? | | |
| 18 | Α. | He asked me if there was any that I was aware | | |
| 19 | | of, and I said "Not that I'm aware of." | | |
| 20 | Q. | Did you tell him you did not review the chart? | | |
| 21 | Α. | No. | | |
| 22 | Q. | How could you become aware of the | | |
| 23 | | contraindications if you don't review the chart? | | |
| 24 | Α. | Personal contact and questioning. | | |
| 25 | Q. | You think that patients are capable of relating | | |
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| 1 | | to you everything that's in a hospital chart in | | | |
| 2 | | nine questions? | | | |
| 3 | A. | Repeat the question? | | | |
| 4 | Q. | Do you think that the Grasgreens were capable of | | | |
| 5 | | giving you enough information to determine | | | |
| 6 | | whether or not there were contraindications to | | | |
| 7 | | tPA in a total of nine questions? | | | |
| 8 | Α. | Yes. | | | |
| 9 | Q. | And that you don't feel you didn't feel it | | | |
| 10 | | was necessary to review the chart yourself for | | | |
| 11 | | any contraindications, correct? | | | |
| 12 | Α. | Correct. | | | |
| 13 | Q. | Is it your testimony then that neither Mr. or | | | |
| 14 | | Mrs. Grasgreen told you that he was on Coumadin | | | |
| 15 | | prior to you administering the tPA? Is that | | | |
| 16 | | your testimony? | | | |
| 17 | Α. | That is the testimony as far as I can remember, | | | |
| 18 | | yes, it is. | | | |
| 19 | Q. | It's your testimony that neither Mrs. or | | | |
| 20 | | Mr. Grasgreen told you that Mr. Grasgreen had a | | | |
| 21 | | bleeding tendency, that he bled easily prior to | | | |
| 22 | | administering the tPA? | | | |
| 23 | A. | That's correct. | | | |
| 24 | Q. | And it's your testimony that you did not review | | | |
| 25 | | the chart to determine these things? | | | |
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| 1 | А. | There was no need to at the time. | |
| 2 | Q. | You never looked at one laboratory finding in | |
| 3 | | this chart prior to giving him tPA, correct? | |
| 4 | Α. | I can't say that, no. | |
| 5 | Q. | Oh, you might have reviewed the chart for | |
| 6 | | laboratory findings? Is that correct? | |
| 7 | A. | You asked a big question. I'm just saying there | |
| 8 | | is a possibility that I did look at some parts | |
| 9 | | of the chart. | |
| 10 | Q. | You have made it perfectly clear every time I | |
| 11 | | asked you that you did not review his chart | |
| 12 | | prior to treating him and then prior to | |
| 13 | | administering the tPA. Is that correct? | |
| 14 | A. | But you asked | |
| 15 | Q. | For anything? | |
| 16 | Α. | Okay. Well, I won't say that then. | |
| 17 | Q. | Did you review it for his blood pressure, to | |
| 18 | | determine what his blood pressure had been since | |
| 19 | | the time he was admitted? | |
| 20 | Α. | I had a report in front of me of his blood | |
| 21 | | pressures from that whole day. | |
| 22 | Q. | Correct. And isn't it true that his blood | |
| 23 | | pressure prior to you giving him tPA was about | |
| 24 | | 180 diastolic? Let's take a look at that. | |
| 25 | Α. | That's not correct. | |

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1 Ο. I may be wrong. 2 MR. ZUCKER: Will you mark this for 3 me, please. 4 - - -5 (Thereupon, Plaintiff's Jordan Deposition Exhibit 9, 5-21-93 vital signs sheet, 6 7 000088, was marked for purposes of identification.) 8 9 - - -10 Omar, did you ever tell Dr. Van Dyke that the Q. 11 tPA infusion time was less than one-half hour? I'm sorry? 12Α. Do you recall ever telling Dr. Van Dyke that the 13 Q. 14 tPA infusion time was less than one-half hour? 15 No, I don't remember saying that. Α. 16 You say that Dr. Van Dyke had told you to get a Ο. 17 second EKG and fax it to him, correct? After 18 the tPA was begun? 19 Α. I don't remember, no. 20 Well, you testified that you sent him two EKGs, Q. 21 correct? 22 Α. Correct. The one that Dr. Chentow had interpreted and 23 Ο. then a second one, correct? 24 25 The one from the emergency room. Α.

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| 1 | Q. | Oh, the earlier one? | | | |
| 2 | A. | Correct. | | | |
| | Q. | I see. Okay. | | | |
| 4 | | Do you recall if Dr. Chentow reviewed the | | | |
| 5 | | EKG from the time of admission? | | | |
| 6 | Α. | Yes. | | | |
| 7 | Q. | He did? | | | |
| 8 | A. | He did. | | | |
| 9 | Q. | You're absolutely certain of that? | | | |
| 10 | A. | He compared the two EKGs, yes. | | | |
| 11 | Q. | In front of you? | | | |
| 12 | A. | Yes. | | | |
| 13 | Q. | Was there any discussion about those two EKGs? | | | |
| 14 | Α. | Nothing other than what we already said. | | | |
| 15 | Q. | . The changes that you wrote as he spoke? | | | |
| 16 | A. | Nothing more than that. | | | |
| 17 | Q. | . But you do recall him saying that there were | | | |
| 18 | | changes on the second EKG from the first EKG? | | | |
| 19 | Α. | Correct. | | | |
| 20 | Q. | Omar, you're familiar with the term "informed | | | |
| 21 | | consent," aren't you? | | | |
| 22 | Α. | Yes, to a degree. | | | |
| 23 | Q. | To a degree? | | | |
| 24 | A. | Uh-huh. | | | |
| 25 | Q. | Could you explain that? | | | |
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| 1 | Α. | I don't know that I could actually quote you the | | |
| 2 | | whole paragraph of informed consent. | | |
| 3 | Q. | You know what the concept is though, don't you? | | |
| 4 | A. | Yes. | | |
| 5 | Q. | Could you tell me what your concept of informed | | |
| 6 | | consent is? | | |
| 7 | Α. | From the patient? | | |
| 8 | Q. | Yes. | | |
| 9 | Α. | It would have to be a consent based on | | |
| 10 | | information given. | | |
| 11 | Q. | Did you explain the risks associated with tPA to | | |
| 12 | | the Grasgreens before you administered the tPA? | | |
| 13 | A. | I told them that a major side effect is | | |
| 14 | | bleeding, that's why I was asking the questions. | | |
| 15 | Q. | And it's your testimony that they did not | | |
| 16 | | mention the Coumadin or that Mr. Grasgreen | | |
| 17 | | bleeds easily to you when you said that to them? | | |
| 18 | Α. | That's correct. | | |
| 19 | Q. | Did you in fact as per your concept of informed | | |
| 20 | | consent obtain informed consent from | | |
| 21 | | Mr. Grasgreen to give him tPA? | | |
| 22 | Α. | There was no objection to it. | | |
| 23 | Q. | I'm handing you what's been marked Plaintiff's | | |
| 24 | | Exhibit No. 9. You indicate that this is a | | |
| 25 | | sheet showing his blood pressures for a good | | |
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| 1 | | portion of the day; is that correct? |
| 2 | Α. | That is correct. |
| 3 | Q. | What was his blood pressure right before you |
| 4 | | gave him the tPA? |
| 5 | A. | 179/94. |
| 6 | Q. | Are you aware that transient high blood pressure |
| 7 | | is a Contraindication to tPA? |
| 8 | Α. | No. |
| 9 | Q. | So obviously, you weren't aware of it then? |
| 10 | A. | Can you define "transient"? |
| 11 | Q. | As opposed to uncontrolled high blood pressure, |
| 12 | | transient would be where in my thinking, |
| 13 | | where there is a high blood pressure from time |
| 14 | | to time. Is that the same understanding that |
| 15 | | you have of transient high blood pressure? |
| 16 | A. | Okay. |
| 17 | Q. | The answer is yes, we have a similar |
| 18 | | understanding? |
| 19 | Α. | You'd have to repeat the question. I'm sorry. |
| 20 | Q. | Why don't you tell me what you think transient |
| 21 | | high blood pressure is. |
| 22 | A. | I don't feel that this is transient high blood |
| 23 | | pressure. |
| 24 | Q. | To you, what is transient high blood pressure? |
| 25 | Α. | It would be elevated blood pressure like you |
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| 1 | | said from time to time without a cause. |
| 2 | Q. | Would a blood pressure of 193 over 115 be a high |
| 3 | | blood pressure to you? |
| 4 | A. | 193 over. |
| 5 | Q. | 115? |
| 6 | A. | Yes, it would. |
| а | Q. | However, you did not review the chart prior to |
| a | | giving Mr. Grasgreen tPA. Isn't that what you |
| 9 | | testified to? |
| 10 | | MR, GAUGHAN: Objection. I think |
| 11 | | you're mischaracterizing the testimony. |
| 12 | Q. | You wrote this, didn't you? You wrote this |
| 13 | | blood pressure, 179 over |
| 14 | Α. | 94. That's correct. |
| 15 | Q. | But you didn't look anywhere else in the chart |
| 16 | | to see if there were instances of high blood |
| 17 | | pressure? |
| 18 | Α. | Other than the |
| 19 | Q. | Other than what you wrote? |
| 20 | Α. | The flow sheet of the day, correct. |
| 21 | Q. | For example, you didn't look on the admission |
| 22 | | sheet to see that Mr. Grasgreen had a blood |
| 23 | | pressure of 193 over 115 on the admission, did |
| 24 | | you? |
| 25 | A. | That's correct. |

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| 1 | Q. | And really, it wouldn't have mattered to you |
| 2 | | what his blood pressure was because as you |
| 3 | | stated, you had no idea that high blood pressure |
| 4 | | was a contraindication to tPA, correct? |
| 5 | Α. | That's not what I said. |
| 6 | Q. | You're right. You didn't. You said transient |
| 7 | | high blood pressure? |
| 8 | Α. | That's correct. |
| 9 | Q. | But you were aware that high blood pressure was |
| 10 | | an uncontrolled high blood pressure was a |
| 11 | | contraindication, correct? |
| 12 | Α. | That's correct. |
| 13 | Q. | Did you do the actual faxing of the EKGs to |
| 14 | | Dr. Van Dyke? |
| 15 | Α. | No. |
| 16 | Q. | Do you know who did? |
| 17 | Α. | The secretary. |
| 18 | Q. | So did you conduct did you perform the second |
| 19 | | EKG? |
| 20 | Α. | I performed an EKG at $5:45$, which was the first |
| 21 | | one that I did. |
| 22 | Q. | Did you do a second one that evening? |
| 23 | A. | I do not recall. |
| 24 | Q. | How many times did you fax EKGs to Dr. Van Dyke? |
| 25 | A. | Once. I believe. Once as far as I can recall. |
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| 1 | Q. | Did you fax him both EKGs, the one upon |
| 2 | | admission and the one that Dr. Chentow |
| 3 | | interpreted? |
| 4 | Α. | That's correct, |
| 5 | Q. | Both at the same time? |
| 6 | Α. | That's correct. |
| 7 | Q. | Did you fax Dr. Van Dyke any other part of this |
| 8 | | man's chart? |
| 9 | A. | Not to my recollection. |
| 10 | Q. | Did Dr. Van Dyke mention to you that he didn't |
| 11 | | know anything about this patient that he was |
| 12 | | covering for Dr. Grinblatt? |
| 13 | Α. | I believe so, yes. |
| 14 | Q. | He made that clear to you? |
| 15 | Α. | Yes, I think so. |
| 16 | Q. | Did Dr. Van Dyke know how old Mr. Grasgreen was? |
| 17 | | MR. GAUGHAN: Objection. |
| 18 | Q. | To your knowledge? |
| 19 | Α. | I feel certain that I told him. |
| 20 | Q. | You did tell him that he was how did you know |
| 21 | | how old he was? |
| 22 | Α. | Because it's on the chart. |
| 23 | Q. | What portion of the chart did you read that off |
| 24 | | of? |
| 25 | Α. | "Age, date of birth, 74-year-old male." |
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112 1 Ο. You testified you didn't read the chart prior to 2 giving him the tPA. Can we make a clarification? 3 Α, 4 Q. If it's all right with your attorney. 5 MR. GAUGHAN: Please. б Q. Go ahead. 7 There's two, quote, "charts." There's one chart Α. like that that has his medical records, 8 9 histories, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera, 10 which is kept at the nurses' station. There's a 11 bedside chart which contains most of these --12 The flow sheets, the intervention, plan, Q. Right. 13 all that, correct? 14 That's correct. Α. 15 Ο. Those forms don't indicate the patient's age? 16 Yes, they do. Right here. 74-year-old, date of Α. birth. 17 But this computer printout, the patient care 18 Q. 19 profile, which is the master chart at the nurses' desk --20 The old -- anything 21 Α. No, that's not correct. 22 past a day is put into the master chart. Had you ever seen the thrombolytic therapy 23 0. 24 guidelines prior to that evening? 25 Α. Yes. Mehler & Hagestrom

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| 1 | Q. | You had used them with other patients; is that |
| 2 | | correct? |
| 3 | А. | Yes. |
| 4 | Q. | Had you ever completed them over the phone with |
| 5 | | another doctor? |
| 6 | A. | No. |
| 7 | Q. | Whenever you had done it, you had done it in the |
| 8 | | hospital; is that correct? |
| 9 | Α. | Or it had already been started. Correct. |
| 10 | Q. | On Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 1, I can't make that |
| 11 | | out. Could you tell me what that says? |
| 12 | A. | "2 milligrams MS, "morphine sulfate," given, IV |
| 13 | | per order." |
| 14 | Q. | Dr. Van Dyke was in the car when you contacted |
| 15 | | him regarding Mr. Grasgreen, correct? |
| 16 | Α. | That's correct. |
| 17 | Q. | So he did not have the benefit of reading the |
| 18 | | EKG for himself, correct? |
| 19 | Α. | That's correct. |
| 20 | Q. | He was relying on what you told him the house |
| 21 | | officer, Dr. Chentow, had said, correct? |
| 22 | | MR. SCOTT: Objection as to what he |
| 23 | | relies upon. |
| 24 | | MR. GAUGHAN: Objection. Go |
| 25 | | ahead. Answer. If you know. |
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114 1 In terms of EKG interpretation, Dr. Van Dyke was Q. 2 relying on Dr. Chentow's interpretation of the EKGs; is that correct? 3 4 Α, That's correct. 5 Q. Have you worked with Dr. Chentow much in the б past? Or had you prior to May the 21st worked with Dr. Chentow? 7 Seldom. 8 Α. 9 Ο. Seldom? 10 Uh-huh. Α. 11 Q. Do you know what kind of a doctor he is, if he 12 has a specialty? I do not know that. 13 Α. 14 (Thereupon, Plaintiff's Jordan 15 Deposition Exhibit 10, 3-91 Thrombolytic Therapy 16 17 In Acute MI, was marked for purposes of identification,) 18 19 (Thereupon, Plaintiff's Jordan 20 Deposition Exhibit 11, later withdrawn, was 21 marked for purposes of identification.) 22 23 Omar, on Page 1 of the thrombolytic therapy 24 Ο. 25 guidelines, Plaintiff's Exhibit 3, whose Mehler & Hagestrom

115 initials are "EI" on Page 1 of this sheet? 2 Α. Where do you see that at? 3 I haven't the faintest idea. Is that your handwriting? 4 0. 5 Α. No. б Q. That is not your handwriting? 7 Α. That is not. MR. SCOTT: Are you looking at the 8 9 top of the page? MR. ZUCKER: At the top of the 10 11 page, yes. Do you have any idea who wrote this sheet out? 12 Ο. Probably the secretary. 13 Α. 14 Q. The secretary. So that would most likely be the secretary; is that correct, the "EI"? 15 Α. 16 That's possible, yes. And then are you testifying that when you 17 Q. received this sheet that it had already been 18 filled in at the top? 19 I can't say whether it was or not. 20 Α. 21 0. Both Page 1 and Page 2 of the guidelines were completed by you prior to tPA administration; is 22 that correct? 23 24 That's correct. Α. No part of either of those two pages or no 25 0. Mehler & Hagestrom

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| 1 | | portion of the guidelines was done at a later |
| 2 | | date, at a later time? |
| 3 | Α. | Not to my knowledge. |
| 4 | Q. | I want to get the timing of the completion of |
| 5 | | the thrombolytic therapy guidelines down if I |
| 6 | | may. You had indicated that you didn't do them |
| 7 | | at the same time, correct? |
| 8 | Α. | That's not what I said. |
| 9 | Q. | Okay. Will you clarify me on that? |
| 10 | Α. | These are completed these are checked off per |
| 11 | | doctor's order. This was done at the bedside |
| 12 | | with the family. So those are two different |
| 13 | | times. |
| 14 | Q. | But they were both done in between 6:30 and |
| 15 | | 6:40; is that correct? |
| 16 | Α. | I would think so, yes. |
| 17 | Q. | You would think so. What does that mean? |
| 18 | A. | I do not have the specific time that that was |
| 19 | | done. |
| 20 | Q. | Well, they were done both sheets were |
| 21 | | completed prior to the tPA administration, |
| 22 | | weren't they? |
| 23 | Α. | That's correct. |
| 24 | Q. | I still don't follow you when you say this was |
| 25 | | done with the family at bedside and this was |
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117 1 done at another time, They were both done 2 between 6:30 and 6:40, is that correct, both of these sheets? 3 4 They were done prior to tPA administration. Α. 5 Ο. Well, you have testified, and your notes confirm, that no thought of tPA existed prior to 6 7 6:30? 8 Α. That's correct. 9 MR. GAUGHAN: 6:30?10 MR. ZUCKER: 6:30. 11 MR. GAUGHAN: Referencing 12 Plaintiff's Exhibit 1? 13 MR. ZUCKER: Right. 14 6:30, this paragraph states that I received the Α. 15 orders and that this portion of the form --16 Was completed at 6:30. When were Items 2 Q. 17 through 11 completed? And by whom? 18 Secretary. Secretary. This is the lab, the Α. 19 lab. The secretary puts all this in the 20 7 would be started computer. Lab. Lab. Lab. 21 by a nurse. Repeat EKG would be done. This is 22 standard protocol. This is done by me, and this 23 is done by me. You went over the Page 1 of 2 of the guidelines 24 Ο. 25 with the doctor, correct, over the phone? Is Mehler & Hagestrom

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| 1 | | that what you stated? |
| 2 | Α. | That's correct. |
| 3 | Q. | Those are your checkmarks? |
| 4 | Α. | That's correct. |
| 5 | Q. | These aren't your checkmarks, are they? |
| 6 | Α, | Those are. |
| 7 | Q. | Those are also? |
| 8 | A. | Yes. |
| 9 | Q. | They're distinctly different checkmarks? |
| 10 | | MR. GAUGHAN: Which checkmarks are |
| 11 | | you referring to just |
| 12 | Q. | Well, Page 1 of 2. You actually did that |
| 13 | | physically with the doctor, right, over the |
| 14 | | phone? |
| 15 | A. | Uh-huh. |
| 16 | Q. | Went over these items? |
| 17 | Α. | Uh-huh. |
| 18 | Q. | And made checkmarks in front of the numbers, |
| 19 | | right? |
| 20 | A. | Uh-huh. |
| 21 | Q. | Those are yours. These are distinctly different |
| 22 | | checkmarks. I'm asking you whose checkmarks |
| 23 | | these are on Page 2 of 2 of the guidelines? |
| 24 | | MR. GAUGHAN: I would object to the |
| 25 | | description of them being distinctly |
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| 1 | | different. |
| 2 | Q. | Go ahead and answer. |
| 3 | Α. | To the best of my knowledge, these are all mine. |
| 4 | Q. | Do these checkmarks $look$ to be the same as these |
| 5 | | checkmarks to you? |
| 6 | A. | Some of them do, yes. |
| 7 | Q. | They do? |
| 8 | Α. | Uh-huh. |
| 9 | Q. | Okay. |
| 10 | | At 6:30, Dr. Van Dyke says to check for |
| 11 | | contraindications? |
| 12 | Α. | That's correct. |
| 13 | Q. | So you go over Items 1-a through i with the |
| 14 | | Grasgreens? |
| 15 | Α. | That's correct. |
| 16 | Q. | And you indicate where it says "Date," you |
| 17 | | put in the word "No" and an arrow instead of the |
| 18 | | date, correct? |
| 19 | Α. | The date would go here. |
| 20 | Q. | The date would go under where it says "Date," |
| 21 | | wouldn't it? |
| 22 | Α. | ${\tt I}$ would take it as the date would go here. |
| 23 | Q. | Why didn't you date this form? |
| 24 | Α. | Well, because it's stamp dated and it's dated |
| 25 | | other places. |

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| 1 | Q. | Are you absolutely certain you did this form the |
| 2 | | evening that you gave Arthur Grasgreen the tPA |
| 3 | | and not at a later date? |
| 4 | Α. | Yes, I am, |
| 5 | Q. | You're absolutely certain you didn't do it at a |
| 6 | | later time as well. Is that correct? |
| 7 | Α, | This sheet was done in front of the family. |
| 8 | | This portion, And this portion was completed at |
| 9 | | the same time as these. |
| 10 | Q. | "These" referring to Items 2 through 11 on |
| 11 | | Page 2 of 2 of the guidelines and 1 through 11 |
| 12 | | on Page 1 of 2 of the guidelines, correct? |
| 13 | А. | Uh-huh. |
| 14 | Q. | When were these done, after you finished doing |
| 15 | | that? |
| 16 | A. | That I do not remember. Whether specifically I |
| 17 | | went and did this and then got the orders or |
| 18 | | whether I got the orders and got all this, did |
| 19 | | this. |
| 20 | | MR. SCOTT: This record will be one |
| 21 | | of the mysteries of the world. I mean you |
| 22 | | guys talk about "these" and "that" and |
| 23 | | "these checks" and every other damn thing, |
| 24 | | and nobody's going to understand what the |
| 25 | | deposition says. |
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121 Ο. I don't follow you when you say Item 2 through 1 11 and Items 1 through 11 were done at a time 2 you don't remember when, These things are 3 4 obviously -- aren't these guidelines for 5 administering tPA? This is the guideline for administering tPA. 6 Α. 7 This page. Right. Page 1 of 2. 8 Q. 2 through 11 are subsequent tests to be done 9 Α. 10 after the administration of tPA. 11 Q. Oh, is that right? Okay. 12 They will start with an initial blood draw, and Α. this is continuing. 13 14 Okay. Did you order these tests to be done Ο. after you began the tPA administration? 15 16 These tests are put in the computer, 2 through Α. 11, by the secretary. The times are correlated 17 18 with 24 -- 6, 12, 18 and 24 hours after infusion begins and for whatever time is stated on the 19 20 specific order. 21 But you took the order from Dr. Van Dyke to Q. 22 perform those tests, correct? That is correct, 23 Α. 2.4 So what did you do with these two sheets after 0. 25 you completed them? Mehler & Hagestrom

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| 1 | A. They go into the main chart that is at the |
| 2 | nurses' desk, |
| 3 | Q. Is that your handwriting and your initials on |
| 4 | that document? |
| 5 | A. That is. |
| б | MR. SCOTT: Wait a minute. Please |
| 7 | identify that for the record. Can you do |
| 8 | that? |
| 9 | MR. ZUCKER: This is the patient |
| 10 | care profile, Page No. 3 from May 21st, |
| 11 | 1993 at 6:56 a.m. |
| 12 | MR. SCOTT: Thank you. How else |
| 13 | are we going to be following this record? |
| 14 | It's going to be a secret to you and God. |
| 15 | |
| 16 | (Thereupon, Plaintiff's Jordan |
| 17 | Deposition Exhibit 12, 5-21-93 Patient Care |
| 18 | Profile #3, 000251, was marked for purposes of |
| 19 | identification.) |
| 20 | |
| 21 | Q. I'm handing you Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 12, |
| 22 | which is a page from the patient care profile |
| 23 | from Friday, March 21st, 1993 marked 6:56 a.m. |
| 24 | Under the word "Treatments" you have |
| 25 | well, it is written "TPA protocol, 01:29 a.m. " |
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| 1 | Α, | I don't see what you're seeing there. |
| 2 | Q. | Is that your handwriting? It says "TPA |
| 3 | | protocol"? |
| 4 | A. | That's not my handwriting, no. |
| 5 | Q. | That's not your handwriting? |
| 6 | Α, | No. |
| 7 | Q. | Do you have any idea who wrote that? |
| 8 | Α. | No. |
| 9 | Q. | Is any of that handwriting in the "Treatment" |
| 10 | | box yours? |
| 11 | Α. | It does not appear to be, no. |
| 12 | Q. | Is that your signature and your initials at the |
| 13 | | bottom of the page? |
| 14 | A. | Yes, it is. |
| 15 | Q. | Do you see any of your handwriting in the first |
| 16 | | panel? |
| 17 | Α. | My initials, |
| 18 | Q. | Those are your initials throughout? |
| 19 | A. | For these certain lines. |
| 20 | Q. | Referring to Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 8, the |
| 21 | | doctor's order sheet we talked about earlier, |
| 22 | | you had indicated that that is your handwriting |
| 23 | | and that is your signature; is that correct? |
| 24 | A. | The first section of it is, yes. |
| 25 | Q. | The first panel? |
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| | A. | The first panel, |
| 2 | Q. | Correct? |
| 3 | Α. | Correct. |
| 4 | Q. | Would you read what that says to me, please. |
| 5 | Α, | "Call if hematocrit less than 35 orthostatic |
| 6 | | blood pressure, pulse in a.m. Telephone order |
| 7 | | Dr. Van Dyke." |
| 8 | Q. | What time did you write that order? |
| 9 | | MR. GAUGHAN: I believe that |
| 10 | | question was asked and answered, which was |
| 11 | | he didn't know, if I'm |
| 12 | Q. | Is that your answer? You don't know what time |
| 13 | | you wrote that? |
| 14 | Α. | I did receive orders at 8:10 from Dr. Van Dyke |
| 15 | | according to my nurses' note. I'm not sure |
| 16 | | exactly what time this was. |
| 17 | Q. | You testified earlier that Plaintiff's Exhibits |
| 18 | | 6, 7 and 8, doctor's order sheets, various |
| 19 | | orders on each one of these sheets were taken |
| 20 | | and written by you, correct? Is that correct? |
| 21 | Α. | No. Not this page. |
| 22 | Q. | That's not your handwriting on 6? |
| 23 | A. | No. |
| 24 | Q. | 7 and 8, correct? Plaintiff's Exhibits 7 and 8? |
| 25 | Α. | There's none of mine on 8. |
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125 Only on Plaintiff's Exhibit 7 and 8? 1 Ο. 2 Α. The first two panels on 7. And the first panel on No. 8. 3 4 Ο. The orders that you have taken and written on 5 Plaintiff's Exhibits 6 and 7 -- I'm sorry -- 7 and 8, are they not -- where's that last 6 7 exhibit -- the same orders that indicate -- the same orders that are indicated on Plaintiff's 8 9 Exhibit 12, the patient care profile at 1:29 10 a.m.? That is not -- that's not what you're reading. 11 Α. It's not your handwriting? 12Q. This time is not what time this was No. 13 Α. 14 written. Tell me what I'm reading. 15 0. 16 Α. This is a computer-generated time of when this 17 was published, treatments. Okay? This was entered into the computer by the secretary. 18 This is freehand, and it does not have a time on 19 This is written here so that when the 20 it. 21 person on night shift updates the computer that it is put in the computer under "Treatments." 22 23 That's the only reason that it is there. But that time is not when this was written. 24 Q. I got you. I got you. 25

126 1 2 (Thereupon, Plaintiff's Jordan 3 Deposition Exhibit 13, Routine And Stat Medications, 000245, was marked for purposes of 4 5 identification,) 6 7 Ο. I'm going to be asking you some questions about 8 Plaintiff's Exhibit 13, the medication 9 administration record that you completed. Is 10 that correct? Is that your signature? 11 This is my signature. Α. 12 For the -- what shift is indicated there? 0. 13 Α. This is -- my initials is for 5-21. 14 Why are the entries made from the bottom --0. 15 chronologically from the bottom of the page up? 16 Α. These are routine and stat medications. 17 0. Right. 18 Α. If you have a stat medicine that's only going to 19 be a one-time emergent order, you put it on the 20 bottom. 21 You go from the bottom up? Q. 22 Α. For your stat medications. And then your 23 routine medications go from -- and it doesn't 24 really matter what order they are in. 25 MR. GAUGHAN: Top down.

127 But that's why it's --1 Α. Okay. This Plaintiff's Exhibit 13 is a 2 Ο. medication administration record? 3 Α. Uh-huh. 4 5 Ο. And there are three entries on this form, four, for 5-21 regarding tPA, correct? 6 7 Α. Correct. 8 Ο. Two of them have been dated, the 6:40 dose and the 6:45 dose? 9 10 Correct. Α. 11 And the tPA, the third dose, has not been Q. It just says "Held" where it asks for a 12 dated. date. Why is that? 13 Well, it's all dated because it's all in the 14 Α. column of the --15 I'm sorry. The time. Why is the time missing 16 Q. 17 on the 35 milligram maintenance dose? Because it wasn't given. 18 Α. Why didn't you indicate that time that it was 19 Q. 20 held? That's not a standard to do. 21 Α. What did you do with the tPA that was left over 22 Q. 23 after you discontinued it? 24 Threw it away. Α. Threw it away. That's the standard procedure? 25 Q. Mehler & Hagestrom

128 Uh-huh. Α. 1 2 Ο. Yes? ፖ 3 Yes. I'm sorry. 4 MR. GAUGHAN: You have to answer verbally. 5 If you took the order from Dr. Van Dyke to 6 0. 7 discontinue the tPA, why isn't there any indication of that in the doctor's order sheets? 8 9 MR. GAUGHAN: Objection. That's 10 speculative. Go ahead and answer. Well, this very well could possibly be that in 11 Α. 12 question. It does not have to be written by me, 13 Q. The order came in to -- well, how would you know \dot{k} to discontinue the tPA if the order wasn't given 14 15 to you? 16 Because I was told to discontinue it. Α. 17 0. Who told you to discontinue it? 18 Α. Dr. Van Dyke. Then why didn't you enter the order? 19 Ο. MR. SCOTT: He said he doesn't have 20 21 to. Somebody else might do it. Did you have somebody else enter the order to 22 0. discontinue the tPA? 23 Objection. 24 MR. GAUGHAN: 25 I don't remember. It's very normal when you're Α. Mehler & Hagestrom

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| 1 | | very, very busy and a lot of things going on for |
| 2 | | other people to help you, and part of that help |
| 3 | | is in writing orders and transferring orders to |
| 4 | | your MARs, those types of things. |
| 5 | Q. | To your what? |
| 6 | A. | To your medication records. These things. |
| 7 | | MR. GAUGHAN: Referring to |
| 8 | | Plaintiff's Exhibit 13. |
| 9 | | THE WITNESS: Sorry. |
| 10 | Q. | Is there a possibility that you didn't |
| 11 | | discontinue the tPA and that you did administer |
| 12 | | the 35 milligram maintenance dose? |
| 13 | A. | That's not possible. |
| 14 | Q. | That's not possible? |
| 15 | A. | No, sir. |
| 16 | Q. | Did you tell Mr. and Mrs. Grasgreen that you |
| 17 | | were discontinuing the tPA? |
| 18 | A. | Yes. |
| 19 | Q. | And what did you tell them? |
| 20 | A. | I do not recall my exact words. |
| 21 | Q. | Do you remember what they responded to your |
| 22 | | words, whatever they may have been? |
| 23 | Α. | No. |
| 24 | Q. | I mean you were giving them the clot buster |
| 25 | | you were giving Mr. Grasgreen the clot buster |
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| 1 | | for a half-hour, and then you discontinued it, |
| 2 | | correct? |
| 3 | Α. | Correct. |
| 4 | Q. | And you don't recall any conversation that you |
| 5 | | may have related to them regarding the |
| 6 | | discontinuance of the clot buster? |
| 7 | Α. | Not in exact words, no. |
| 8 | Q. | Are you familiar with a program here at Meridia |
| 9 | | Hillcrest Hospital, a cardiac program wherein |
| 10 | | the clot buster is advertised to the public? |
| 11 | A. | No. |
| 12 | Q. | No? You don't know anything about a program, a |
| 13 | | clot buster program here at the hospital? |
| 14 | Α. | Not that's advertised to the public, no. |
| 15 | Q. | You were never made aware of that by anybody at |
| 16 | | the hospital? |
| 17 | Α. | I might have heard mention of it. It's nothing |
| 18 | | that is |
| 19 | Q. | What was it that you had heard mention of? |
| 20 | A. | I said I might have heard mention of something |
| 21 | | like that, but it is not anything that really |
| 22 | | stuck in my mind, |
| 23 | Q. | Is there any indication in the chart that you |
| 24 | | administered heparin to Mr. Grasgreen? |
| 25 | Α. | I would have to look. |
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| 1 | Q. | Do you recall administering heparin? |
| 2 | Α. | I do not recall, no. But I'm not saying I |
| 3 | | didn't. I would have to look at the chart. |
| 4 | Q. | Didn't you testify that you recalled telling |
| 5 | | Mrs. Grasgreen that you were using heparin |
| 6 | | instead of Coumadin because it was easier to |
| 7 | | control? |
| 8 | Α. | Yes. |
| 9 | Q. | So you did tell her that you were giving him |
| 10 | | heparin; is that correct? |
| 11 | Α. | I would have to look in the chart to see whether |
| 12 | | it was administered. |
| 13 | Q. | But you did tell her you were going to |
| 14 | | administer that as opposed to Coumadin, correct? |
| 15 | A. | I remember something like that, yes. |
| 16 | Q. | Wasn't it your testimony that you went over |
| 17 | | Page 1 of 2 of Plaintiff's Exhibit 3, the |
| 18 | | thrombolytic therapy guidelines, with |
| 19 | | Dr. Van Dyke? |
| 20 | | MR. GAUGHAN: Objection. That's |
| 21 | | been asked and answered a number of times. |
| 22 | | MR. SCOTT: Yes. We've gone |
| 23 | | through those guidelines about 40 percent |
| 24 | | of the time involved here. Surely, we have |
| 25 | | all questions answered in this record. |
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132 1 MR. ZUCKER: Okay, John. 2 MR. SCOTT: Let's cut it short. 3 MR. ZUCKER: Well, you wanted to 4 stay, John. 5 MR. SCOTT: Well, I wanted to stay б but not all night. 7 Did Dr. Van Dyke tell you to give this man 0. 8 aspirin? 9 Α. Yes. 10 MR. SCOTT: Isn't there a record? 11 Do you recall giving him aspirin? 0. It's on the medication record. 12 Α. 13 That you gave him aspirin? Ο. 14 Yes. We looked at it earlier. Α. 15 Objection for the MR. GAUGHAN: 16 record. That's been asked and answered 17 previously. When Dr. Van Dyke asked you to fax him the EKGs, 18 Ο. 19 did he tell you that he was doing so for the 20 purpose of reviewing them himself to determine whether he wanted to discontinue the tPA? 21 22 Α. No. 23 You did not know that he was thinking of Ο. 24 discontinuing the tPA until he called you and 25 said to discontinue the tPA; is that correct?

133 MR. GAUGHAN: Objection. You're 1 2 mischaracterizing his testimony. 3 Q. Is that correct? MR, GAUGHAN: You can answer. 4 Α. That's correct, 5 б Ο. Did Dr. Van Dyke expressly order you to discuss 7 the tPA with the Grasgreens? Α. No. 8 Did he tell you to obtain their informed consent 9 Ο. 10 before giving Mr. Grasgreen the tPA? No. 11 Α. 12 Did you call a doctor when Mr. Grasgreen's blood Q. pressure fell to 60 over 24 at 7:15? 13 MR. GAUGHAN: Objection. May he 14 15 look at the chart? 16 MR. ZUCKER: He may. MR. GAUGHAN: Anywhere in 17 18 particular? MR. ZUCKER: Well, yes. It would 19 be Plaintiff's Exhibit 2 I believe. 20 21 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. He's got it. 22 23 (Thereupon, a discussion was had off the record.) 2.4 25

134 Can I look at that sheet there? 1 Α. 2 MR. GAUGHAN: Which sheet? At your note sheet? 3 Ο. 4 Α. At this sheet, 5 MR, GAUGHAN: That's this one, isn't it? 6 7 THE WITNESS: Oh. Yes. What time was that at now? 8 0. 7:15. The doctor was notified at 7:50. 9 Α. 10 Ο. 7:50? 11 Α. Correct. So when the blood pressure fell to 60 over 24, 12 0. you didn't think it was necessary to contact the 13 a doctor? 14 It was very necessary. It's more necessary to 15 Α. get the blood pressure up. 16 17 Ο. And you felt confident that you were able to do 18 that without any intervention by a physician? We have standing --19 Α. MR, GAUGHAN: Objection. Go ahead 20 and answer. 21 22 We have standing orders. Α. You have standing --23 Ο. For certain things, yes. 24 Α. 25 Now, would those be the standing orders in the Ο.

chart, the coronary care guidelines that are 1. 2 done when a patient is admitted right away? 3 A. I'd have to look through the whole file of notes 4: to answer that, of meds to answer that. 5; Knowing the risk of bleeding with tPA and after Ο. 6; administering 65 milligrams of the drug to your 7^{\prime} patient who by this time you knew was on 8} Coumadin I assume, did you consider when his blood pressure fell that he may have been 9) 10) bleeding? Not at all. 11- A. 12^{2} What did you think was going on? Q. Nitroglycerin and morphine sulfate. 13} Α. 14!0. Would lower his blood pressure? 15⁵ A. Yes, sir. What did you do to get his blood pressure back 16^{5} 0. 177 up? Exhibit 2, first line. Lowered the head of his 183 Α. 19) bed and raised his feet. The patient was awake. No complaints. Fluid bolus of normal 20) 211 saline, 250 cc's times two at 7:24 and started a dopamine drip. 2 22 How long did it take you to restore the blood 2 33 Ο. 244 pressure? 7:24, he had a blood pressure of 85 over 49 and 2.55 Α.

136 7:25, 106 over 55. 1 14 minutes, correct? Approximately 14 minutes? 2 0. 3 Α. Ten. Ten minutes, 4 0. Did you ask Mr. or Mrs. Grasgreen prior to ᄃ administering the tPA whether or not Mr. Grasgreen had a history of CVA? 6 7 MR. GAUGHAN: Objection. I think that's been asked and answered. Go ahead. 8 9 Answer. This question - I don't know what exhibit. 10 Α. Go ahead. 11 Q. 12 Exhibit 4, Question 1-e states "History of Α. cerebrovascular accident or known intracranial 13 neoplasm" and has a few more things. 14 This sentence was broken down to include the words 15 16 "stroke, weakness, paralysis," basic English. 17 Q. And you asked them? 18 Α. Yes, sir. In basic English, you broke it down for them, 19 Ο. and they told you that he did not have a history 20 21 of CVA? That's correct. 22 Α. Did they tell you that he had a history of 23 Q. seizures? 2.4 I do not recall that. 25 Α. No.

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| 1 | Q. | Had they told you that he had a history of |
| 2 | | seizures, would that have affected your thinking |
| 3 | | regarding the tPA? |
| 4 | Α, | No. |
| 5 | Q. | You don't equate a seizure with a CVA? |
| 6 | Α. | No. Not necessarily. |
| 7 | Q. | Did you break down Item 1-i of Exhibit 4? |
| 8 | Α. | I believe so. |
| 9 | Q. | A known bleeding diathesis? |
| 10 | A. | I believe so. |
| 11 | Q. | You testified before you don't know what it |
| 12 | | means. |
| 13 | A. | I did not. |
| 14 | | MR. GAUGHAN: Objection. |
| 15 | Q. | Do you know what it means, "known bleeding |
| 16 | | diathesis"? |
| 17 | Α. | It's a bleeding disorder. I believe that's what |
| 18 | | we came up with earlier. I broke that down into |
| 19 | | not only hemophilia, bleeding, GI bleeding, any |
| 20 | | type of ulcers, bleeding ulcers, that type of |
| 21 | | stuff. |
| 22 | Q. | Did you break that down for them? |
| 23 | Α. | The known bleeding diathesis? Yes. |
| 24 | Q. | And they didn't tell you that Mr. Grasgreen |
| 25 | | bleeds easily. Is that your testimony? |
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138 That's correct. 1 Α. 2 Are you aware that Mr. Grasgreen had a pulmonary Ο. embolism? 3 I found that out later, yes. 4 Α. 5 How did you find that out? Q. By his wife. б Α. 7 That evening? Q. Uh-huh. 8 Α. 9 Yes. l'm sorry. Yes. 10 0. I'm handing you what has been marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 10. 11 12 MR. ZUCKER: Do you have a copy of the hospital policy manual, John? 13 MR. SCOTT: T do not. 14 MR. ZUCKER: John, here. 15 Take a 16 quick look. I don't think there are any 17 copies. That's the policy manual that was provided to me. He said he sent you a 18 19 copy. Sorry if we didn't. MR. GAUGHAN: 20 21 Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 10 is a copy of the Q. Meridia Hillcrest Hospital hospital policy 2.2 23 manual on thrombolytic therapy in acute MI. 24 Have you ever seen this document? Probably. 25 Α. Mehler & Hagestrom

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| 1 | Q. | Where would you have seen it? |
| 2 | A. | In orientation. |
| 3 | Q. | You wouldn't have received a copy of it, would |
| 4 | | you? |
| 5 | A. | No. |
| 6 | Q. | On Page 2 of this document, would you tell me |
| 7 | | what it says right there? |
| 8 | Α, | This "Additional" |
| 9 | Q. | I'm sorry. On Page 1, it talks about |
| 10 | | contraindications, and it continues on Page 2. |
| 11 | | Contraindications on Page 2 goes to relative |
| 12 | | contraindications to the use of tPA , correct? |
| 13 | Α. | Correct. |
| 14 | Q. | What does that say right there? |
| 15 | A. | "Current anticoagulant therapy (prothrombin time |
| 16 | | greater than 15 seconds). |
| 17 | Q. | What does that mean to you in the context of |
| 18 | | this case? |
| 19 | Α. | That means |
| 20 | Q. | "Current anticoagulant therapy." Isn't Coumadin |
| 21 | | an anticoagulant? |
| 22 | Α. | Yes. |
| 23 | Q. | And wasn't Mr. Grasgreen's PT greater than 15 |
| 24 | | seconds? |
| 25 | Α. | I don't know. |
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140 Well, we talked about it before, and it was 29, 1 Ο. 2 wasn't it? I'd have to see the date and the time that it 3 Α. 4 was drawn. 5 Excuse me. It was 24. 0. MR. ZUCKER: Didn't we make that an 6 7 exhibit? MR. GAUGHAN: I don't think we have 8 9 on that one. 10 0. Well, if Mr. Grasgreen's prothrombin time was 24 and you had read that in the chart and you were 11 12 aware of the hospital policy manual that says it's a contraindication to give a person tPA 13 when they're on current anticoagulation therapy, 14 15 would that have had some effect on your 16 decision? I believe 17 MR. GAUGHAN: Objection. It's a relative 18 you have misquoted. 19 contraindication, whatever that means. Okay. The record will 20 MR. ZUCKER: 21 so state. 22 Would that have had any influence on your Q. 23 decision to recommend tPA or to indicate to the doctor that there were no contraindications? 24 25 I didn't recommend. All I did was go through Α.

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| 1 | | the check sheet. |
| 2 | Q. | Okay. You've testified that the doctor told you |
| 3 | | to check for contraindications and that there |
| 4 | | were none to give the tPA, correct? |
| 5 | Α, | No. |
| 6 | Q. | No? |
| 7 | Α, | No. |
| 8 | Q. | What did this doctor tell you to do? |
| 9 | A. | He asked me to go down this sheet here. |
| 10 | Q. | And if there were and what? |
| 11 | A. | When there was none, to proceed with the tPA. |
| 12 | Q. | I'm sorry. And if there were none? |
| 13 | A. | With no contraindications to these questions on |
| 14 | | this list, then proceed with the tPA. |
| 15 | Q. | So he told you to check for contraindications |
| 16 | | and if there were none, to proceed with tPA, |
| 17 | | correct? |
| 18 | ·A . | With this list, yes. |
| 19 | | MR. SCOTT: Which list? |
| 20 | | MR. GAUGHAN: Plaintiff's Exhibit |
| 21 | | 4. |
| 22 | | MR. SCOTT: No, that's not what he |
| 23 | | said, not the entire thing. |
| 24 | Α. | 1-a through i. |
| 25 | Q. | The doctor did not order you to call him back |
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142 and let him know whether or not there were any 1 contraindications, correct? He left it up to 2 3 you? I'm not certain. 4 Α. Well, did the doctor tell you to call him back 5 Q. after you reviewed that sheet? б I don't remember. 7 Α. Q. You don't remember something like that? 8 9 MR. GAUGHAN: Asked and answered. Objection. 10 THE WITNESS: What's that? 11 12MR. GAUGHAN: Move to strike. And please don't badger the witness. 13 Did you make any incident reports in this case? 14 Ο. MR. SCOTT: Objection. 15 16 MR. GAUGHAN: Objection. 17 Ο. Go ahead. MR, GAUGHAN: You can answer. 18 I do not think so. I do not remember. 19 Α. Are you aware of any investigation here at the 20 Q. 21 hospital regarding this matter? MR. SCOTT: Objection. 22 23 MR. GAUGHAN: Objection. MR. SCOTT: That inquiry cannot 24 lead to anything that's admissible, and 25

143 even the question as to whether there's an 1 2 investigation is objectionable. 3 Q. Are you aware of any investigation at the 4 hospital of Arthur Grasgreen's case? MR. GAUGHAN: I'm going to have to 5 б object. 7 MR. ZUCKER: Tyes versus St. Luke's, 12-93, says I can inquire into the а 9 existence of it. MR. GAUGHAN: Well, just so the 10 record's clear, I can honestly state I do 11 12not know what citation you're talking 13 about. On your representation --MR. ZUCKER: Are you going to let 14 15 him answer the question? 16 MR. GAUGHAN: On your 17 representation that that's what the case 18 says. MR. ZUCKER: I just want to know --19 MR. GAUGHAN: On your 20 21 representation --22 MR. ZUCKER: Right. 23 MR, GAUGHAN: Go ahead, if you 24 know. Q. Are you aware of an investigation that took 25

144 1 place regarding the Grasgreen case? This investigation? 2 Α. MR. GAUGHAN: Are you aware of 3 whether there was one? 4 I'm not understanding the full question. 5 Α. When Dr. Van Dyke told you to administer the tPA 6 Ο. 7 if there were no contraindications, how did you 8 go about ordering the tPA up from the pharmacy? 9 Will you tell me that procedure? We have it stocked in the coronary care unit. 10 Α. 11 0. Did you mix it? I don't remember. 12 Α. You don't remember if you mixed it or somebody 13 Ο. 14 else mixed it? 15 It could have been. I don't remember. Α. Have you ever been sued before? 16 Ο. 17 Α. No. 18 Q. Have you provided any expert testimony in a 19 medical malpractice case? You'll have to clarify that. 20 Α. 21 Have you ever testified as an expert? Q. 22 Α. No. 23 Ο. On behalf --MR. GAUGHAN: Can we take a short 2.4 25 break.
1451 2 (Thereupon, a recess was had.) 3 4 MR. ZUCKER: I have no more 5 questions, MR. GAUGHAN: Omar, ordinarily, 6 7 after the transcript has been typed up, the witness has an opportunity to read it and 8 sign it. 9 THE WITNESS: Am I the witness? 10 MR, GAUGHAN: You're the witness. 11 If you like, you can waive signature, in 12 which case, it'll be done without your 13 further review. I would suggest that you 14 actually sign it just to look over the 15 16 transcript, but it's your call. If you 17 want to waive signature, go ahead. THE WITNESS: No. I would like to 18 read it. 19 20 21 OMAR P. JORDAN, R.N. 22 23 2.4 25 Mehler & Hagestrom

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| 9 | administer oaths and to take and certify depositions, do hereby certify that the above-named OMAR P. JORDAN, R.N., was by me, |
| 10 | before the giving of his deposition, first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole truth, and |
| 11 | nothing but the truth; that the deposition as above-set forth was reduced to writing by me by |
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| 15 | the aforementioned time, date and place, pursuant to notice or stipulations of counsel; that I am not a relative or employee or attorney |
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| 18 | IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my |
| 19 | hand and seal of office, at Cleveland, Ohio, this day of, A.D. 19 |
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| 21 | Lynn D. Thompson, Notary Public, State of Ohio |
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THROMBOLYTIC THERAPY IN ACUTE MI

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I. PURPOSE: Infuse thrombolytic agent IV in acute MI patient safely and appropriately.

1. Can be administered by an R.N. in ER, ICU, CCU.

2. Physician will determine if patient is appropriate candidate:

- CANDIDATES

Patients presenting in the Emergency Department with chest pain of at least 30 minutes duration, but less than 4 hours from onset or 6 hours with persistent pain.

ST segment elevation of at **least 0.1mv in** a precordial lead or 2 contiguous limb lads.

Coronary spasm ruled out via lack of relief from one sublingual nitroglycerin tablet and/or nifedipine 10mg., sublingual.

No contraindications to thrombolytic therapy as outlined below:

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

- History of cerebrovascular event (stroke, TIA, intracranial neoplasm, AV malformation, aneurysm, etc.).
- Recent (within 2 months) crarial or spinal injury or trauma.
- _____ Severe, uncontrolled hypertension (clastolic grater than 110mm, systolic greater than 180mm).
 - Known bleeding diathesis.
- ____ Active internal bleeding within the previous 10 days (i.e., GI bleed).
- Recent (within 10 days) trauma or major surgery at a non-compressible site. (Organ biopsy, intra-abdominal surgery, coronary artery bypass, graft, obstetrical delivery, prolonged CPR.)
- ____ Known or suspected pregnancy.

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II. POLICY:



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RELATIVE CONTRAINDICATIONS:

- Recent (within 10 days) puncture of a non-compressible blood vessel.
 Poorly controlled hypertension.
- Diabetic hemorrhagic retinopathy, or hemorrhagic ophthalmic condition.
- Y Current anticoagulant therapy (prothrombin time greater than 15 seconds).
- ____ Advance hepatic or renal disease.
- Predisposition to bleeding (aspirin use within 72 hours, ulcerative colitis, vascular tun or, active peptic ulcer disease).
- Recent serious traum a including prolonged (greater than 5 minutes) or traumatic external cardiac compression or traumatic endotracheal intubation.
- Known or suspected left heart thrombus (e.g., mitral stenosis and atrial fibrillation).
- ____ Infective endocarditis.
- ____ Septic thrombophlebitis.

ADDITIONAL RELATIVE CONTRAINDICATIONS WITH STREPTOKINASE;

- ____ R ant streptokinase therapy (6 months or less).
- ____ Renal or hepatic failure.
- Current therapy with other thrombolytic agents.
- **3.** Pharmacy will mix and supply medication as follows:

Eminase - 30 units mixed in 5cc of sterile water to be administered by direct IV injection over 2-5 minutes. (Must be used within 30 minutes of reconstitution.)

Streptokinase - 1.5 million units in 100cc, D5W or NS, over 1 hour. tPA

1 - An initial bolus of 10mg will be given IV push and followed by a 50 mg infusion over the first hour. An additional infusion at

20mg/hour will continue over the next two (2) hours (a total of 100mg over three hours).

2 - Front end loading protocol - 15 mg bolus, 50 mg over the first $\frac{1}{2}$ hour and 35 mg over the next hour.

III EQUIPMENT

IV. PROCEDURE:

WHAT: 1. Preparation

HOW: la. Explain therapy to patient and family.

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- lb. Obtain initial lab work and **EKG** do <u>not</u> delay administration of the drug waiting for lab results.
- **1c.** Obtain informed consent if possible.
- 1d. Establish a minimum of 2 IV sites (3 are preferable).
- 1e. Obtain baseline systems assessment including glascow coma scale and pupil check.
- 1f. Set up arterial line if ordered by physician.
- 1g. Before administration of streptokinase give Benadryl and corticosteroid as ordered by physician.

WHAT: 2. Infusion

HOW: 2a. Infusion medication at rate ordered via a volumetric infusion pump.

- 2b. Monitor heart rl ythm in diagnostic lead to observe ST segment (see policy on tPA leads).
- 2c. Evaluate, document and treat all chest pain.
- 2d. Assess and document vital signs every 15 min. X4, every 30 min. X2, then every 1 hour x4.
- 2e. Assess and document neuro status every 1 hour during infusion, then every 2 hours **X4**, then PRN, utilize glascow coma scale, notify physician of any changes
- 2f. ^{xxn} en tPA infusion is complete, add 30cc of IV saline into the IV container and infuse.

WHAT: 3. Maintenance Care

- **HOW:** 3a. Continuous cardiac monitoring (monitor and evaluate reprofusion arrhythmias and treat as ordered).
 - **3b.** Begin and maintain heparin infusion as ordered.
 - **3c.** Obtain serial EKG and lab work as ordered, utilize A-line or heparin lock for blood sampling (see procedure for drawing blood from hep lock).
 - 3d. No IM injections or deep nee le sticks after thrombolytic therapy or if receiving coumadin or heparin.
 - 3e. Monitor all puncture/IV sites for evidence or bleeding.
 - 3f. Place a sign at the bedside "blee ing precautions," check with nurse prior to venipuncture."
 - **3g.** Monitor ail stool, urine, sputum and emesis for evidence of flank or occult blood for 72" or as ordered.

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