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1	IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
2	OF SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO
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4	VICKIE MIGLORE, et al.,
5	Plaintiffs,
6	vs. Case No. 99CV030973
7	DAVID COLA, M.D., et al.,
8	Defendants.
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11	Deposition of TONI MADDEN, called
12	for examination under the statute, taken before
13	me, Barbara J. Watowicz, a Registered
14	Professional Reporter and Notary Public in and
15	for the State of Ohio, by agreement of counsel,
16	at the offices of Dr. Sziraky, 970 E.
17	Washington, Suite 2-C, Medina, Ohio, on
18	Tuesday, October 10, 2000 at 4:00 p.m.
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1	TONI MADDEN, of	lawful age, called f	or
2	examination, as provid	led by the Ohio Rules	of
3	Civil Procedure, being	g by me first duly sw	orn,
4	as hereinafter certif:	led, deposed and said	as
5	follows:		
6	EXAMINATION	N OF TONI MADDEN	
7	BY MR. MISHKIND:		
8	Q. Would you	state your name, ple	ase.
9	A. Toni Madde	en.	
10	Q. Where do	you live?	
11	A. 142 Ohio A	Avenue, Wadsworth 442	81.
12	Q. It's my u	nderstanding that you	are
13	the daughter of Fred?		
14	A. Correct.		
15	Q. Okay. And	d Fred's last name is	ł
16	Anderson?		
17	A. Correct.		
18	Q. You used	to work for Dr. Cola?	I
19	A. Correct.		
20	Q. You have	just recently been	
21	identified as a witne	ss that will be calle	d at
22	the trial which is se	t for next week, so I	'm
23	here to ask questions	as it relates to	
24	potential topics that	you may testify to.	
25	That's the whole reas	on why we're having t	his

Page 4 get together, okay? 1 2 Α. Okav. 3 Ο. Let me ask you first. I noticed that the office that we're at is at a medical 4 5 building attached to Medina General Hospital, 6 is that correct? That's correct. 7 Α. 8 Ο. Tell me, the doctor that you work for, what is his name? 9 10 Α. Oh, no. He specifically said not to get him involved in this. 11 12 MR. FRASURE: He just wants to know who you work for. How long have you worked for 13 14 him. The only question is the name of 15 Ο. the doctor. I could not pronounce his name. 16 It's Sziraky. The Z is silent. 17 Α. 18 Ο. We're not having any intention of 19 getting him involved in this. Don't worry. Is there also another doctor that 20 21 shares office space in here? No, he doesn't. Dr. Torok has not 22 Α. 23 been here for a year. 24Is that the same Dr. Torok that had Ο. seen Vickie? 25

Page 5 Α. I would assume. 1 2 Ο. Okav. Is that --3 Α. I think there is only just the one. Is that Dr. Torok an orthopedic 4 Q. 5 doctor? 6 Α. Is he an orthopedic? I really 7 don't know what he is to be honest with you. 8 0. Okay. Now, how long have you 9 worked in this position here? 10 Α. I've been here over a year. 11 Ο. Before that what were you doing? 12 Α. I lived in Florida and I worked for six ear, nose and throat specialists. 13 14 Ο. Have you talked to your dad at all about this case? 15 16 Α. I haven't talked to him, no. 17 Did you know that his deposition Ο. had been taken? 18 19 Α. No. Have you had a chance to look at 20 Ο. 21 the chart before the deposition started today? 22 MR. FRASURE: Just now she glanced at it. 23 24Α. I just looked at it for one or two seconds. 25

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Page 6 If I ask you questions that require 1 Ο. 2 you to look at the chart please feel free to do 3 so, okay? Α. 4 Okav. 5 Have you ever had your deposition Ο. 6 taken before? 7 A long time ago. Α. 8 Ο. Were you working for Dr. Cola at that time? 9 10 Α. No. It had nothing to do with it. 11 It was personal. 12 Just let me ask you to do a couple 0. of favors. I don't anticipate the deposition 13 is going to be long, but it will help it move 14 15 along if you wait until I'm done with my 16 question and I in turn will wait until you're 17 done with the answer. This way we won't overlap, fair enough? 18 19 Α. Fair. 20 Ο. Okay. Tell me about your 21 educational background, please. 22 I graduated from high school. Ά. Τ 23 took some college courses. Just like speech 24 and anatomy and I don't know, just some off the 25 wall classes. I took accounting classes.

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1	Business classes. The normal standard.
2	Q. Do you have any medical training
3	other than having worked in doctors' offices?
4	A. I was an intermediate advanced
5	intermediate EMT for ten years.
6	Q. Where was that?
7	A. Wadsworth.
8	Q. Did you provide any EMT is
9	emergency medical technician?
10	A. Correct.
11	Q. Did you perform in that capacity in
12	Dr. Cola's office?
13	A. No.
14	Q. What was your job at Dr. Cola's
15	office?
16	A. His front desk secretary.
17	Q. What years did you work for
18	Dr. Cola?
19	A. I don't have a clue. I really
20	don't.
21	Q. Tell me as best as you can remember
22	when you last worked for Dr. Cola.
23	A. Two years ago.
24	Q. Would that be 1998 sometime?
25	A. Let's see. 2000. '99. Yes.

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Page 8 You left Dr. Cola's office for what 1 0. 2 reason? 3 Α. I moved to Florida. 4 And you had been with Dr. Cola I Ο. 5 think you said six years? 6 Α. No, a year. 7 One year? Ο. 8 Α. One year. 9 Ο. Do you remember where you had 10 worked immediately before starting to work for 11 Dr. Cola? 12 Α. No. I don't have a clue. I think 13 I was working at Arby's, but I'm not sure. 14 Ο. Have you talked with Dr. Cola at 15 all about this case? 16 Α. No. 17 Have you had any communication with Ο. 18 anyone from his office and when I ask you about communication with the office, I'm not asking 19 20 about any discussions that you may have had 21 with this young man seated to your left, I'm just asking about any communication either in 22 23 writing or over the phone or in person with 24 anyone from Dr. Cola's office. 25 Α. NO.

Page 9 How is it that you happened to find 1 Ο. out about this case? 2 3 Α. He called me. He being Mr. Frasure? 4 0. 5 Α. Right. Mr. Frasure. 6 Ο. Is this the first time that you 7 have met Mr. Frasure? 8 Α. Yes. 9 Have you reviewed anything before 0. today? In other words, was anything sent to 10 11 you before today? 12 Α. No. 13 Let me ask you first. My client is Ο. Vickie Miglore. Do you remember Vickie? 14 15 Α. No. I don't remember her, no. Not without, you know, seeing her. 16 17 Okay. There is a young lady --Ο. strike that. 18 19 I want to talk to you a little bit 20 about Dr. Cola's office. For the limited time that you were there, for one year, you would 21 have worked probably through some of the 22 holidays being there for a year? 23 24Α. Correct. My understanding from Dr. Cola's 25 Ο.

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Page 10 testimony is that he would from time to time 1 take off between Christmas and New Years. 2 DO 3 you have any recollection one way or another as to whether he took some personal time off? 4 Ι 5 guess that would have been the --6 MR. FRASURE: 1997. -- the December 1997 time period 7 Ο. 8 that you were working there?. I don't remember. 9 Ά. I don't 10 remember. I mean he took vacations, but I 11 couldn't tell you without seeing his schedule what he took. 12 Can you tell me whether, the office 13 0. being a family practice or primary care office, 14 whether you observed Christmas and those 15 16 holidays such that on Christmas Day and New Years Day, things of that nature, that the 17 office would typically be closed? 18 19 Would we be closed on the major Α. holidays you mean? 20 21 Q. Yes. 22 Yes. Ά. Fourth of July I presume the office 23 0. 24 was closed? I think we were closed the Fourth 25 Α.

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Page 11 of July. 1 Okay. I'm trying to think what 2 Ο. 3 other major holidays there are. MR. FRASURE: Labor Dav. 4 5 Ο. Labor Dav? 6 Α. You know, I don't know what 7 holidays he was closed to be honest with you. 8 They are different, all the offices, so I would assume that he probably was, but. 9 10 Q. Okay. Do you ever remember working 11 on the Fourth of July or Labor Day or Christmas or Thanksgiving for that matter? 12 No, I never worked the major 13 Α. 14 holidays. 15 Okay. There is a young lady Ο. identified in the record by the name of Jodi 16 17 Do you have any contact with Jodi at all? Huq. NO. 18 Α. Do you know where she lives now? 19 Q. I have not a clue. 20Α. 21 0. Did you at any time participate in 22 the performance of any of the urine dipsticks on patients in the office? 23 24Α. I don't think. 25 Do you even know what type of urine Ο.

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Page 12 dipstick was used or type of meter Dr. Cola 1 used in his office? 2 I don't have a clue. He used -- I 3 Α. 4 mean, you know, what type of sticks he used, there are different ones on the market. 5 Т 6 don't, I don't, you know, know which one he 7 used. I take it you have no knowledge as 8 Ο. 9 to when he would send a urine specimen to the lab as opposed to checking it himself in the 10 11 office, do you? No, I don't. I worked the front 12 Α. I did front desk duties. 13 desk. 14 Okay. The office though has a lab, 0. 15 don't they? What kind of lab? 16 Α. 17 To do any types of tests or maybe Ο. 18 I'm wronq. Blood tests. Were there any --19 Α. I don't think any office does blood work anymore. It's not profitable. 20 21 Ο. What about standard urine dipsticks? 22 I haven't been there in so long, I 23 Ά. 24 don't know whether they do that or not. And I mean did we used to? I don't know. 25 I don't

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Page 13 know what they did in the back. 1 You have worked in a number of 2 Ο. doctors' offices. I think you said ENT as 3 4 well? Yes. 5 Α. 6 Ο. Do you have any familiarity with how guickly urine dipsticks, the results are 7 available in a doctor's office? 8 9 Α. NO. 10 Okay. There is -- strike that. Q. 11 Take a look at the record if you 12 would, please. You can open up to August of 1997. 13 MR. FRASURE: It's the first page, 14 front and back. 15 16 Can you tell by looking at any of Ο. the entries along the left margin, September 4, 17 September -- excuse me. September 4 --18 19 September -- I did it again. 20 September 4, October 17th or October 24, 1997 whether any of those entries 21 are in your handwriting? 22 23 Α. Okay. What were they again?  $^{24}$ Ο. September 4, October 17th or October 24, 1997. 25

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Page 14 September the 4th is my writing. 1 Α. 2 Ο. Okay. 3 Α. And September -- I mean October the 17th is my handwriting. Part of it. 4 5 Okay. Now, I take it as you sit Ο. 6 here right now, you don't have a recollection 7 of making those entries, true? 8 MR. FRASURE: Fancy word for 9 memory. 10 Α. No, I don't remember writing it 11 down. But it is my handwriting, so I assume I did write it down. 12 I have no doubt that you did do 13 Ο. 14 that. I just want to see if you remember by 15 looking at and I can say does it cause you to remember? And then you can say, oh, yeah, I 16 remember making the referral on this particular 17 patient. Does it prompt you to remember 18 19 anything about this patient at all? 20 Α. NO. Okay. Again, looking at the 21 Ο. 22 September 4 entry and I have a transcription of 23 it. I don't have the actual note with me 24 today. Let me ask you first, can you tell me 25 whether this note of September 1, 1997

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Page 15 identified by J.H., is that, if you know, Jodi 1 2 Hug's notation? 3 Α. Yes. 4 0. Let's talk about the September 4 5 The dark writing is your handwriting or note. the entire thing? 6 7 Α. The dark writing. And the dark writing says, because 8 Ο. 9 my copy is in all black and white, but the part 10 you wrote says? 11 Α. Dr. L. Torok for joint pain. 9-8. Needs referral. 12 13 Ο. Okay. Can you tell me from looking 14 at that note whether Vickie or the patient, 15 let's just refer to her in the third person if 16 you will, whether the patient requested the 17 referral or whether the doctor made the referral? If you can tell from that note. 18 19 Α. I don't have a clue who requested it. 20 Assuming hypothetically the patient 21 Ο. 22 had called up and in the course of the 23 conversation asked perhaps exclusively or as 24 part of the conversation I want to be referred 25 to Dr. Torok, he's a doctor that I have seen

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1	before, is it likely that you would have marked
2	down Dr. L. Torok for joint pain, needs
3	referral? I mean would that would that
4	telephone fact pattern that I have just
5	described, would that likely lead to what you
6	wrote down?
7	A. If the patient called and said that
8	she wanted to be referred, yeah.
9	Q. Okay. Now, the other possibility
10	also is if the doctor had advised you that I'm
11	going to refer the patient to Dr. Torok, would
12	you mark down the same thing or would you mark
13	down something different if Dr. Cola said let's
14	get this patient over to Dr. Torok?
15	A. It would probably be done the same
16	way.
17	Q. Okay. So you can't tell from
18	looking at this note which way it came down,
19	true?
20	A. True.
21	Q. Now, it says September 8th. Does
22	that what does the September 8th mean to
23	you?
24	A. That means that she probably had an
25	appointment that day. That's when her

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Page 17 1 appointment was and she needed a referral. 2 So am I correct thus far that Ο. 3 September 4th either Vickie called or Dr. Cola 4 indicated that the patient was being referred to Dr. Torok and an appointment was set for 5 6 September 8th? 7 Α. Correct. Now, when it says needs referral, 8 Ο. 9 tell me what that note then would prompt you to What was your responsibility at that 10 do. 11 juncture? 12 Basically it just means that that Α. 13 patient needs a referral. I did not really do 14 a lot of the referrals. I just filled in, you know, once in a while when there was a need for 15 16 it. So quite apparently I didn't do that 17 referral. 18 Can you tell me what the procedure Ο. 19 would be or was back in September of 1997? 20 Let's assume that the patient called on 21 September 4th and said I'm going to be seeing Dr. Torok, I have an appointment on September 22 8th, I need a referral. Are you -- can you 23 24 tell me what the policy and procedure and the 25 practice was in Dr. Cola's office as to how

Page 18 that mechanically would be handled? 1 2 Α. We would take the note. It would 3 go back to whomever was doing the referrals. 4 They would fill out a three-page -- at the time 5 they were written. They were all written 6 They would fill out, I believe from referrals. 7 seeing this, it was a three-page Summa form. It was a carbon copy. One copy would go to the 8 9 doctor that she was going to see. One copy 10 would go to Summa and one copy would be in a 11 file. 12 Ο. What involvement if any would Dr. Cola have in approving that referral? 13 14 You don't just refer somebody Α. without his approval. I mean it has to be done 15 by the primary care if you have an HMO. 16 It 17 just can't be done just by anybody. So is it fair to say, again, even 18 Ο. 19 though you don't remember this patient, that on 20 September 4th if in fact Vickie called, spoke 21 to you and said she was going to see Dr. Torok, 22 she had an appointment on September 8th, she needed a referral, that information about the 23 request for the referral would have had to have 24 been approved by Dr. Cola before any of these 25

Page 19 documents left your office? 1 2 I would assume so. But like I Α. said, I don't have anything to do with the 3 4 referrals, so. 5 But you understood that that was Ο. 6 the normal practice in the office? I would assume. 7 Α. Okay. And again, I'm just here to 8 Ο. 9 find out what can you testify to and you were 10 only there for a limited period of time, but 11 that was your basic recollection and 12 understanding, true? For the referrals? 13 Ά. 14 0. Yes. 15 Α. Yes. 16 Ο. Okay. Now, Dr. Cola then I presume 17 as the primary care doctor could either approve or decide for whatever reason that the referral 18 19 would not be approved. He ultimately had the 20 final say before those documents went out to 21 the referral doctor, to Summa, et cetera, true? 22 I would assume so, yes. But see, I Α. 23 didn't really do the referrals, so I don't really know to be honest with you. 2425 All right. What was the office Q.

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Page 20 policy in terms of how promptly the referrals 1 were to be handled in terms of processing them? 2 How promptly they had to be done? 3 Α. They were normally done right away just for the 4 5 simple fact that's the way it was done. Like I 6 said, I really don't know. I didn't do the 7 referrals. I can't tell you too much about the referrals. 8 9 Now, the next note after needs 0. referral says Summa referral done 9-8-97 and 10 faxed? 11 12 Α. Yes Is that your dad's handwriting? 13 0. Yeah, it looks like it. 14 Α. Who would the referral be faxed to? 15 Ο. 16 Α. I don't know. It doesn't say on 17 there who it was faxed to. I don't know if 18 they faxed it. I would assume it was. 19 Probably. I don't know. Okay. You have no recollection of 20 Ο. 21 any conversations with Vickie prior to her scheduled appointment on September 8th, 1997, 22 23 correct? 24 Α. The appointment being with 25 Dr. Torok?

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Page 21 1 In other words, after September 4 0. 2 you have no recollection of having any communication or any conversation with Vickie 3 4 from the fourth up until the time that 5 something was faxed on the 8th, do you? 6 Α. No. I mean I don't remember, so. 7 Now, the records would Ο. Okav. suggest that Vickie's appointment did not take 8 9 place on September 8th. In your experience 10 having worked at the doctors' offices and 11 again, if you don't know tell me, but in your 12 experience if referrals were not forwarded to 13 the doctor that was going to see the patient, 14 were appointments cancelled by the referring 15 doctor? 16 Α. It just depended on the doctor. 17 Most of them would call and say, you know, your patient is here, I need a referral. 18 19 The normal process however was to Ο. take care of the referral as soon as possible 20 21 so that appointments wouldn't be cancelled, 22 true? 23 Α. Yes. 24Ο. And so that doctors didn't have to 25 call and say I've got your patient here, the

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Page 22 referral has not arrived, fax it, true? 1 2 Α. Yeah. 3 Okay. Now, October 17th, I think Ο. 4 you said that you wrote that also? 5 Α. Correct. 6 MR. FRASURE: She said part of it. Part of it. I didn't mean to imply 7 0. that you wrote the whole thing. 8 9 What part did you write, ma'am? I wrote refer doctor -- refer 10 Α. doctor -- oh, I don't know what his name is. 11 S 12 CHARCK. For follow-up esophagitis. Ten 24 of 1997. 13 14 And then it looks like you may have Ο. 15 crossed out the name and written it again. Perhaps you spelled it wrong the first time or 16 17 thought you did? 18 Right. I crossed it out, put an Α. 19 arrow and then it's down here correctly. 20 Was the normal process in terms of Ο. 21 recordkeeping to leave a line between? I'm 22 just noticing most of the entries have lines 23 between them. Was that the doctor's practice? That was his way of doing it 24 Ά. 25 because then it divided it up into different

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Page 23 things. 1 2 Ο. Okay. He used, you know, an SOAP type 3 Α. thing where he did his stuff. 4 5 And then he would -- then you would Ο. 6 have a line in between each appointment, space in between each appointment? 7 8 Α. I don't really know how he did his to be honest with you. By looking at this, it 9 10 appears to be that way, yeah. 11 Ο. Let's qo back to October 17th. 12 Follow-up esophagitis. Based upon this note 13 are you able to tell me based upon the practice 14 in the office what likely took place during 15 that conversation that prompted you to make that note? 16 17 Somebody would have either Α. called -- either she would have called or 18 19 Dr. Cola would have said that she needed a 20 follow-up. 21 Ο. And again, once you make that notation, whether it was the patient calling 22 for a referral to Dr. Schierak or Dr. Cola 23 24 saying the patient needs to be seen, Dr. Cola 25 would have to approve the referral, true?

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Page 24 Α. If he -- yeah. I mean if he said, 1 2 you know, I want to see this patient. I mean 3 there is not anywhere on there yes, I approve of that. If that's what you're asking. 4 Ι 5 mean --I'm not suggesting that it 6 NO. Ο. 7 should be marked on there. But the referral form itself which we don't have would have to 8 9 be approved by Dr. Cola. The form, not, not 10 noted on the record? 11 Not the form either. It was just a Α. handwritten where you said this patient was 12 13 going to see this doctor for this reason, you know, and then they would, you know, there is 14 15 an authorization number up top and that would be your number. Your referral number. 16 17 Would it be presented to the Ο. doctor, Dr. Cola, before it was sent out to 18 Dr. Schierak or to someone else? 19 20 Δ. The actual referral form you NO. 21 mean? 22 Yes. Ο. 23 Α. NO. 24A moment ago we talked about that Q. 25 Dr. Cola had the prerogative to say if a

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Page 25 patient wanted to be referred to someone he had 1 2 the prerogative as that patient's doctor not to 3 approve the referral? 4 Α. Correct. I thought you meant 5 did -- could he say, you know, no, I don't want 6 this patient referred. I want him, you know, 7 I don't want them referred to this whatever. 8 doctor. I didn't know you meant the referral 9 form itself. 10 Ο. Would the referral form itself be, a copy of it, be placed in the file? 11 12 Α. NO. They had separate charts for 13 it I think. Separate files. I read this to say that on October 14 Ο. 17th you were advised that the patient had 15 scheduled an appointment for October 24th to 16 see Dr. Schierak, true? 17 18 Α. That's what appears. 19 Ο. And the referral appears to have 20 been done on that same day? 21 Α. Correct. And that's my handwriting. 22 23 Q. In the red ink? 24Ά. Correct. So you immediately -- do you know 25 Q.

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Page 26 why you did it on that day as opposed to your 1 2 dad? 3 Α. I probably wasn't there that day. So you would have filled out the 4 0. Summa referral and you would have sent a copy 5 of the referral to Dr. Schierak's office? 6 7 Α. Correct. 8 Ο. And you would have sent a copy to 9 Summa? 10 Α. Correct. 11 And the third, I'm sorry, would Ο. 12 have been kept? Α. In a file. 13 MR. FRASURE: In a file. 14 In a referral file? 15 Q. 16 Α. Right. 17 Got you. Now, the next note you had Ο. 18 nothing to do with, true? 19 Α. True. On October 24th, correct? 20 Ο. 21 Α. Correct. 22 Below where it says Summa referral Ο. 23 done it says Dr. Schierak and a telephone number for the office. Is that your 24 25 handwriting?

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Page 27 Α. No. Dr. Schierak is my 1 2 handwriting. The phone number is not my handwriting. 3 4 Ο. Whose handwriting is that? 5 Α. That's Ruth's. Can you explain to me why the 6 0. doctor's name is there and the phone number 7 8 written by Ruth? 9 I don't have a clue unless she --Α. 10 you know. MR. FRASURE: Don't quess if you 11 12 don't know. I don't know. 13 I don't know. Α. You filled out the form. 14 Ο. Is it 15 reasonable to conclude that someone was determining where Dr. Schierak's office was 16 17 located to send the referral form to him? Α. I don't know to be honest with you. 18 I don't know what the number is there for. 19 20 In any event, you filled out the Ο. 21 form and it was ready to go October 17th? 22 Α. Correct. 23 Now, is there anything else that 0. you can conclude from looking at the October 2417th note other than Ruth marked down the 25

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Page 28 telephone number for Dr. Schierak after you had 1 2 filled out the referral to Summa on the 17th? 3 Α. I don't think I understand what 4 your question is. 5 Is there anything else that you can Ο. derive from this note other than what we have 6 7 talked about? 8 Ά. No. 9 0. Now, on October 24th it appears 10 that someone was spoke with on phone, whether 11 it was the patient was spoken to or someone from Dr. Schierak's office was spoken to on the 12 13 phone on the 24th, true? 14 MR. FRASURE: Objection. She doesn't know anything about the 24th. 15 I think it's unfair to ask her that. 16 17 MR. MISHKIND: That's fine. Your 18 objection is noted. 19 It says SWOP. That's spoke with on Ο. 20 phone, correct? 21Α. Yes. 22 By looking at the note you can't Ο. 23 tell who it was that was spoken to on the phone 24 on that date, can you? 25 Α. NO.

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Page 29 Ο. It does say needs referral faxed, 1 correct? 2 3 Α. Correct. And I will represent to you that 4 Q. 5 that telephone number on the record happens to 6 be Dr. Schierak's fax number. Do you have any 7 explanation if the referral was sent on the 17th why it was not received by Dr. Schierak's 8 9 office before the 24th or on the 24th? 10 I don't have a clue. Α. 11 Ο. Normally if a patient gives you the kind of notice that she did and you have a 12 13 week's notice, normally the referral forms are 14 sent so that they are there before the patient's appointment, true? 15 16 Α. True. 17 And in this particular situation Ο. because you don't have any recollection of it, 18 19 you can't tell me why apparently the referral form had not been received by the 24th, true? 20 21 Α. True. Okay. I will tell you that Vickie 22 Ο. will testify that she had difficulty with a 23 24 number of people in the office in terms of 25 getting referrals done and getting information.

Page 30 But with regard to referrals she has identified 1 2 you as one of the people that she had 3 difficulty with. You don't have any recollection of having any conversations with 4 5 her at all, do you? 6 Α. I don't even remember who she is to 7 be honest with you. Okay. So there is -- did you from 8 Ο. 9 time to time have people that perhaps were more difficult to, to please than others? Patients 10 I should say that are more difficult to please 11 12 than others? It was a doctor's office. 13 Α. Yes. 14 As to whether or not Vickie was Ο. 15 unhappy with the manner in which the referrals were handle, you don't remember one way or 16 17 another? 18 Ά. I don't remember. 19 Okay. You can't say that she was Ο. not and complained about it, you just don't 20 21 remember one way or another, true? 22 MR. FRASURE: I object to that 23 question. Go ahead. 2425 Is that true? Q.

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1	A. I don't no, I don't remember
2	talking to her. I don't remember any well,
3	you know, her complaining or anything, no.
4	Q. But you can't say that she didn't
5	complain, can you?
6	MR. FRASURE: Objection.
7	Q. You just don't remember one way or
8	another?
9	A. I don't really remember one way or
10	another.
11	Q. Okay. There has been some
12	suggestion that the office was, Dr. Cola's
13	office, was contacted and there was some
14	reeducation provided by Summa on the importance
15	of the referral procedure. Assuming that to be
16	the case for purposes of this question, did you
17	have any such knowledge of Summa contacting
18	Dr. Cola's office to reeducate on the
19	importance of the referral procedures?
20	A. No.
21	Q. Would you agree even though you
22	were not intimately involved you at least on
23	this particular day, the 17th, helped out your
24	dad when he wasn't there, that the referral
25	procedure was an important process in the

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Page 32 doctor's office? 1 2 Α. Was it an important process? 3 Ο. Yes. Α. Yes. 4 Did you have anything to do with 5 0. communicating information to patients about 6 test results in Dr. Cola's office? 7 8 Α. NO. 9 Whose responsibility was it to Ο. provide answers to results of any blood work 10 11 tests or ultrasound tests that may have been ordered at a hospital that the patient was 12 13 calling about? I don't really know who did that. 14 Α. You don't know whether that would 15 Ο. 16 be something that could be communicated by 17 someone other than Dr. Cola to the patient? I'll be honest with you, I don't 18 Α. 19 I just know that that was not part of my know. 20 job. 21 0. Okay. Did you have anything to do with forwarding medical records from one doctor 22 to another? 23 Sometimes we did.  $^{24}$ Α. Tell me what the process would be 25 Q.

Page 33 in terms of forwarding the records from one doc 1 2 to another? MR. FRASURE: To a new doctor or to 3 a specialist, a referral? 4 5 Under any circumstances was there a Ο. procedure that was to be followed? 6 7 Α. They had to sign a medical release form. 8 Okay. And the medical release form 9 Q. is supposed to be retained in the file, is it 10 not? Or maybe I'm wrong. 11 12 Α. I assume it is, yes. Okay. Do you know why the referral 13 0. forms weren't kept in the files? 14 I have no idea. 15 Α. 16 Do you know how long the Ο. 17 authorizations were kept in the file if the patient asked for a part of the records or all 18 19 of the records to be sent to a particular doctor? 20 I don't have a clue. 21Δ. 22 Okay. Let's go off the record for Q. 23 just one second. 24(Discussion off the record.) 25 MR. MISHKIND: Let's go back on the

Page 34 1 record. 2 Did you work full-time? Ο. 3 Α. Yes 4 How many receptionists were there? Q. 5 I'm hearing about a Ruth. I'm hearing about 6 Toni. I'm hearing about a Jodi. Who else was 7 there? MR. FRASURE: I don't know that 8 9 Jodi was a receptionist. 10 Α. No. She wasn't. Ruth and I were the only receptionists. 11 12 What was Jodi's position? Ο. She was the MA. Medical assistant. 13 Α. 14 Okay. Assuming a telephone call Ο. 15 was made by Jodi on September 1, 1997 to --16 well, it just says no answer. But assuming a 17 telephone call was made by Jodi to someone and there was no answer, do you know who it was 18 19 that advised Jodi to make such a telephone 20 call? 21Α. No, because I don't even know what the telephone call was about. 22 Fair enough. I will tell you that 23 Ο. 24 Vickie's testimony is that she called on three or four occasions wanting to speak to Dr. Cola 25

Page 35 about information that had been provided to her 1 2 over the phone about abnormal liver results and that she wanted to talk to the doctor about her 3 condition on August 27th as described in the 4 5 records. And that she called on the 27th and she called back three or four times thereafter 6 7 and never got a return telephone call from the You are not in a position to testify 8 doctor. 9 that that couldn't have happened, are you? 10 MR. FRASURE: Objection. 11 Ά. I'm --Are you in a position to say under 12 Ο. 13 oath that it's not possible for a patient to have called three or four times, that that just 14 15 never happened? 16 MR. FRASURE: Objection. I mean from what I remember I 17 Α. NO. never had a patient call, you know, and say 18 that they were upset with the doctor because he 19 didn't call him or her back or whatever. 20 But I know I couldn't sit here and, you know, swear 2122 to that. 23 So it's conceivable that she Okav. Ο. 24 may have called on three or four occasions and 25 spoke to one or more people and for whatever
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Page 36 1 reason never got a return telephone call from 2 Dr. Cola, true? MR. FRASURE: Objection. Go ahead. 3 4 Α. If a patient called in, the 5 procedure would be for them -- for a note to be 6 sent back in the back. So I couldn't say. 7 A note to be sent back, sent in the Ο. back. What --8 9 If a patient called in and wanted Α. something, a prescription refill, whatever it 10 may be, we would just write a note and set it 11 12 back there and it was addressed by Dr. Cola at 13 the end of the day it. 14 Would it be like a little telephone Ο. 15 note or something? 16 Α. It just depended on what you were 17 writing it on. 18 It wouldn't necessarily be attached Ο. 19 to a file, would it? 20 We normally did not take a note Ά. back without the chart. It was not procedure. 21 22 If the chart was already in the Ο. 23 doctor's offices though waiting for a response it wouldn't be uncommon to leave the note for 2425 the doctor though, would it?

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1	A. Actually, we went looking for
2	charts.
3	Q. If could you find it?
4	A. Yeah. Actually, they weren't that
5	fair away. There were only two places they
6	could be, so nine times out of ten a note did
7	not go back without the actual chart.
8	Q. What was the procedure, if you
9	know, in terms of follow-up of patients where
10	important information needed to be conveyed or
11	appointment important appointments needed to
12	be setup? Was there a procedure as to the
13	follow-up that was to take place?
14	A. I don't think I understood that.
15	Q. Were you aware of what your duties
16	and responsibilities were as employees of
17	Dr. Cola in terms of following up a patient to
18	either schedule a test that the doctor wanted
19	to have done or get the patient to a particular
20	doctor that the doctor wanted the patient to be
21	seen or something that was important with
22	regard to their medical well-being, their
23	health? What was your responsibility in terms
24	of follow-up with the patient?
25	A. We actually didn't do that. If he

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Page 38 said he wanted a follow-up appointment, then 1 2 somebody would call and tell them that they 3 wanted a follow-up appointment. Who would that be? 4 Ο. 5 Α. Either the office manager or Jodi. And what happens if hypothetically 6 Ο. 7 a message was left as a suggested in this case 8 and the patient did not call back? Was there other -- were there additional efforts made to 9 10 your knowledge to get ahold of that patient or 11 were the efforts stopped at that point? 12 I don't really know what their Α. policy was for that. 13 MR. MISHKIND: Okay. Mark, we 14 15 discussed off the record, and just back on the 16 record, because of this witness being 17 identified as late as she was, I want to make 18 sure that I have covered the areas that you 19 anticipated --20 (Telephone interruption.) 21 MR. FRASURE: I plan to ask her at 22 trial while she was there did she have any memory of anybody, regardless of whether she 23 24 remembers their name, calling and complaining, 25 saying he or she can't talk to a doctor. Ι

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1	think she has already answered that basically
2	in response to your questions.
3	MR. MISHKIND: All right. Very
4	good. I don't believe I have any other further
5	questions for you.
6	MR. FRASURE: We'll waive
7	signature.
8	(Signature waived.)
9	(Deposition concluded at 4:41 p.m.)
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1	CERTIFICATE
2	The State of Ohio, )
3	SS:
4	County of Cuyahoga. )
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6	I, Barbara J. Watowicz, a Notary
7	Public within and for the State of Ohio, duly
8	commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify
9	that the within named witness, TONI MADDEN, was
10	by me first duly sworn to testify the truth,
11	the whole truth and nothing but the truth in
12	the cause aforesaid; that the testimony then
13	given by the above-referenced witness was by me
14	reduced to stenotypy in the presence of said
15	witness; afterwards transcribed, and that the
16	foregoing is a true and correct transcription
17	of the testimony so given by the
18	above-referenced witness.
19	I do further certify that this
20	deposition was taken at the time and place in
21	the foregoing caption specified and was
22	completed without adjournment.
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Page 41 I do further certify that I am not 1 2 a relative, counsel or attorney for either party, or otherwise interested in the event of 3 this action. 4 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto 5 set my hand and affixed my seal of office at 6 Cleveland, Ohio, on this // day of 7 Maber , 2000. 8 9 10 11 12 Barbara J. Watowieg 13 Barbara J. Watowicz, Notary Public 14 within and for the State of Ohio 15 16 My commission expires March 20, 2002. 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 2425

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