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                IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
                  OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO
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     NADIRAH D. MALIK, etc.,
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          Plaintiff,
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                                  Case No. 443949
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                VS
                                  Judge Russo
     MERIDIA HEALTH SYSTEMS,
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     et al.,
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           Defendants.
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            DEPOSITION OF LEKITA NANCE, L.P.N.
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                    FRIDAY MAY 31, 2002
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          Deposition of LEKITA NANCE, L.P.N., a
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     Witness herein, called by counsel on behalf of
     the Plaintiff for examination under the statute,
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     taken before me, Vivian L. Gordon, a Registered
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     Diplomate Reporter and Notary Public in and for
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     the State of Ohio, pursuant to agreement of
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     counsel, at the offices of Huron Road Hospital,
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     13951 Terrace Road, East Cleveland, Ohio,
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     commencing at 10:50 o'clock a.m. on the day and
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     date above set forth.
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| 1 | LEKITA NANCE, L.P.N., a witness herein, | |
| 2 | called for | examination, as provided by the Ohio |
| 3 | Rules of (| Civil Procedure, being by me first duly |
| 4 | sworn, as | hereinafter certified, was deposed and |
| 5 | said as fo | ollows: |
| 6 | EXAMIN | ATION OF LEKITA NANCE, L.P.N. |
| 7 | BY MR. MIS | SHKIND: |
| 8 | Q. | State your full name for the record, |
| 9 | please. | |
| 10 | Α. | Lekita L. Nance. |
| 11 | Q. | I understand you are an LPN; is that |
| 12 | correct? | |
| 13 | A. | Yes. |
| 14 | Q. | And you are employed by whom? |
| 15 | Α. | Cleveland Clinic Health System, |
| 16 | Meridia Sy | rstem. |
| 17 | Q, | Tell me where you live, your |
| 18 | residence | address, please, Lekita. |
| 19 | Α. | 1111 East 145 Street. |
| 20 | Q. | East Cleveland? |
| 21 | A. | Cleveland. |
| 22 | Q. | Zip? |
| 23 | Α. | 44110. |
| 24 | Q. | How long have you worked here at |
| 25 | Huron Road | l? |

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| 1 | A. | Since December of '99. |
| 2 | Q. | So you had only worked here a month |
| 3 | prior to M | r. Edwards' death? |
| 4 | Α. | Yes. |
| 5 | Q. | Where did you work before Huron Road? |
| 6 | А. | I worked at the post office. |
| 7 | Q. | You weren't working as an LPN, were |
| 8 | you? | |
| 9 | Α. | No. Huron was my first nursing job. |
| 10 | I had just | graduated. |
| 11 | Q. | From where? |
| 12 | Α. | Central School of Practical Nursing. |
| 13 | Q. | Where is that? |
| 14 | Α. | 4600 Carnegie. |
| 15 | Q. | Ever had your deposition taken |
| 16 | before? | |
| 17 | Α. | No. |
| 18 | Q. | The court reporter is going to take |
| 19 | my questio | ns down and she is going to take your |
| 20 | answers do | wn. |
| 2 1 | Α. | Okay. |
| 22 | Q. | Pretty simple. If you don't |
| 23 | understand | my question, tell me you don't, okay? |
| 24 | Α. | Yes. |
| 25 | Q. | I'll wait until you are done |

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| 1 | answering | and you wait until I am done asking. |
| 2 | Okay? | |
| 3 | A. | Okay. |
| 4 | Q. | What have you reviewed for today's |
| 5 | depositio | n, ma'am? |
| 6 | A. | Reviewed? |
| 7 | Q, | What records have you reviewed? |
| а | Α. | I have seen this chart. |
| 9 | Q. | Did you maintain any notes at all |
| 10 | about Mr. | Edwards or your involvement in the |
| 11 | care of M | c. Edwards? |
| 12 | Α. | No. |
| 13 | Q. | Do you remember meeting any family |
| 14 | members? | |
| 15 | Α. | No. |
| 16 | Q. | Do you remember Mr. Edwards? |
| 17 | A. | Yes. |
| 18 | Q. | Tell me how you remember him. |
| 19 | Α. | Our first meeting? |
| 20 | Q. | Yes. Tell me your first meeting, |
| 21 | what you i | remember. |
| 22 | Α. | I was going in to assess Mr. Edwards. |
| 23 | Q. | What time was that? |
| 24 | Α. | Roughly maybe 12:00 or so. |
| 25 | Q. | That would be 12:00 midnight? |
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| 1 | A. | Yes. |
| 2 | Q. | ${\it so}$ we are going from the 28th into |
| 3 | the 29th c | f January; true? |
| 4 | Α. | Yes. |
| 5 | Q. | Prior to this time, where are you |
| 6 | going in t | o assess him? Had you ever |
| 7 | encountere | d Mr. Edwards before? |
| 8 | A. | No. |
| 9 | Q. | This is the telemetry unit that you |
| 10 | were worki | ng on; correct? |
| 11 | Α. | Yes. |
| 12 | Q, | Had you worked in the telemetry unit |
| 13 | on any eve | nings prior to January 28th to January |
| 14 | 29th? | |
| 15 | Α. | Yes. |
| 16 | Q. | When you started at Huron Road, were |
| 17 | you assign | ed to the telemetry unit from the very |
| 18 | beginning? | |
| 19 | Α. | Yes. |
| 20 | Q. | Were you in some type of a training |
| 21 | period? | |
| 22 | Α. | I don't understand. |
| 23 | Q, | Fair enough. Probably poorly worded. |
| 24 | I was just | wondering what type of a period of |
| 25 | orientatio | n you have to go through when you |

- 1 started, when you are going through orientation.
- 2 A. Yes, at that time, I was -- well, you
- 3 go through a series of classes and I was on my
- 4 IV therapy class. I hadn't started training for
- 5 the telemetry yet.
- 6 Q. So on January 28th, 2000, going into
- 7 January 29th, 2000, you were an orientee in the
- 8 telemetry unit; true?
- 9 A. I was still in the probationary
- 10 period, yes.
- 11 Q. Then that lasts, is it, 90 days?
- 12 A. Four months, mostly, for a new grad.
- 13 Q. You had not had any telemetry
- 14 training from the standpoint of reading
- 15 telemetry strips?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Did you know how to operate the
- 18 telemetry equipment?
- 19 A. I just knew how to place leads. I
- 20 wasn't involved in the monitor or anything like
- 21 that.
- 22 Q. Did you know how to hook up or
- 23 disconnect the monitor from the leads?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Did you know how to set alarms?

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| 1 | A. No | |
| 2 | Q. Die | d you know the thresholds that |
| 3 | needed to be | set for the alarms to sound? |
| 4 | A. No | |
| 5 | Q. Die | d you know the protocol to be |
| 6 | followed in t | he event that an alarm sounded on |
| 7 | the telemetry | unit on any given patient? |
| 8 | A. Yes | S. |
| 9 | Q. Wha | at was the protocol that you were |
| 10 | to follow? | |
| 11 | A. At | that time well, any time, you |
| 12 | are supposed | to go and see the patient and |
| 13 | assess the pat | tient. |
| 14 | Q. You | ur shift would have started at what |
| 15 | time on the 28 | 3th? |
| 16 | A. 11 | :00. |
| 17 | Q. 11 | :00 p.m.? |
| 18 | A. Yes | 3 . |
| 19 | Q. Dic | d you work through your shift that |
| 20 | day? I mean, | into the following morning. |
| 21 | A. Yes | ∃. |
| 22 | Q. Unt | til 7:00 a.m.? |
| 23 | A. 7:3 | 30, yes. |
| 24 | Q. Wei | re there other LPNs that were |
| 25 | working on the | e telemetry unit floor that evening |

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| 1 | during your shift? |
| 2 | A. I don't remember. |
| 3 | \mathbb{Q} . As an LPN, would you work under the |
| 4 | direction of a nurse? |
| 5 | MS. REID: An RN you mean? |
| 6 | A. An RN, yes, we do. |
| 7 | \mathbb{Q} . And who was the RN that you were |
| 8 | assigned to work with? |
| 9 | A. The staff RN that night I believe was |
| 10 | Bill Bagi. |
| 11 | Q. That's B-A-G-I? |
| 12 | A. I think so, yes. |
| 13 | \mathbb{Q} . I want to jump ahead for a moment and |
| 14 | then go back to what went on when you went into |
| 15 | his room, but after Mr. Edwards died, did you |
| 16 | have any communication with his daughter when |
| 17 | she arrived? |
| 18 | A. No, I did not. |
| 19 | Q. Did you have any communication with |
| 20 | Dr. D'Hue when he arrived? |
| 2 1 | A. No. |
| 22 | Q. Do you remember Dr. D'Hue and |
| 23 | Mr. Edwards' daughter arriving at or around the |
| 24 | same time to the hospital? |
| 25 | A. I remember seeing them. Whether they |

- 1 came at the same time, I don't know.
- 3 though you didn't talk to the daughter, what do
- 4 you remember observing about her state of being,
- 5 if you will, when she arrived?
- 6 A. I remember her being upset, but I
- 7 went into the back and I was trying to get my
- 8 notes and stuff together. I wasn't at the front
- 9 desk.
- 10 Q. What notes were you trying to get
- 11 together?
- 12 A. There is paperwork that you have to
- 13 fill out, and I was trying to get that paperwork
- 14 and put to together.
- 15 Q. Is that part of the chart, this
- 16 paperwork that you are referring to?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Aside from the paperwork that's part
- 19 of the chart, did you prepare any other
- 20 paperwork concerning this event?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. At any time prior to Mr. Edwards'
- 23 body being removed from the floor, being
- transferred out from the hospital, things being
- 25 cleared after his death, do you have any

- 1 recollection of any interaction with
- 2 Mr. Edwards' daughter or any family or friends
- 3 that may have come to the hospital?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. Are there any observations that stand
- 6 out in your mind in terms of anything that you
- 7 saw after you finished your paperwork in terms
- 8 of Mr. Edwards' daughter's interaction with
- 9 Dr. D'Hue or her talking with Dr. Bagi --
- MS. REID: Mr. Bagi.
- 11 MR. MISHKIND: Dr. Bagi.
- MS. REID: He is a nurse.
- 13 Q. -- I'm sorry, with Bill Bagi, do you
- 14 recall anything of that?
- 15 A. They were all up front, so they might
- 16 have been carrying on a conversation.
- 17 Q. What do you mean by up front?
- 18 A. See, there is the nurses' station and
- 19 then there is a lounge and a hall, a solarium on
- 20 each end, so they were all up front. I mean,
- 21 this was all pretty new, so I wasn't up there
- 22 with all that.
- 23 You weren't invited into the
- 24 conversation?
- 25 A. Well, it wasn't that. I just

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| 1 | didn't there was nothing for me to say, so I |
| 2 | wasn't involved in anything that was going on up |
| 3 | there. |
| 4 | Q. Sherry Edwards was Mr. Edwards' nurse |
| 5 | from 3:00 to 11:00. Apparently, Bill took over |
| 6 | at 11:00? |
| 7 | A. As charge nurse or as |
| 8 | Q. Was he Mr. Edwards' nurse from 11:00 |
| 9 | to 7:00? |
| 10 | A. No, I was. |
| 11 | Q. Was there an RN assigned to |
| 12 | Mr. Edwards from 11:00 to 7:00? |
| 13 | A. For his primary nurse? |
| 14 | Q. Yes. |
| 15 | A. No. |
| 16 | Q. Do you remember meeting Sherry? |
| 17 | A. Yes. |
| 18 | Q. She was apparently an agency nurse? |
| 19 | A. Right. |
| 20 | Q. Did she give you report? |
| 2 1 | A. The report is taped, so |
| 22 | Q. Did you listen to the report? |
| 23 | A. Yes. |
| 24 | Q. Do you have any recollection of what |
| 25 | the report consisted of? |

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| 1 | A. No. |
| 2 | Q. Not necessarily all the specifics, |
| 3 | but anything relative to what the report was? |
| 4 | A. No. |
| 5 | Q. Did you have any face-to-face |
| 6 | communication with Sherry? |
| 7 | (Discussion off the record.) |
| 8 | Q. Did you have any face-to-face |
| 9 | communication with Sherry before she left and |
| 10 | you assumed responsibility for her to |
| 11 | Mr. Edwards? |
| 12 | A. Before she left, she mentioned |
| 13 | something about an IV that she was hanging or an |
| 14 | antibiotic that she had hung. |
| 15 | Q. Did she give you any indication at |
| 16 | all about the status of a transfusion order that |
| 17 | had been written that morning that had been |
| 18 | entered into the computer at 12:15 that |
| 19 | afternoon, that at least as of 11:00 p.m. had |
| 20 | not been implemented at all? |
| 2 1 | A. No. |
| 22 | MR. LENSON: What is Sherry's last |
| 23 | name? |
| 24 | MS. REID: Edwards. |
| 25 | Q. Were you familiar enough with the |

- 1 nursing process to be able to go back and read a
- 2 chart and realize what orders were outstanding
- 3 on a particular patient?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. So you would have been aware that
- 6 there was an order for transfusion that had been
- 7 given on January 28th and had been entered into
- 8 the computer at around 12:15 that afternoon, but
- 9 had never been implemented?
- 10 A. Right.
- 11 Q. When you saw that, when you came on
- 12 at 11:00 p.m., what did you do when you saw
- 13 that?
- 14 A. At that time, I wouldn't have seen it
- 15 yet. 11:00 to 7:00 does a complete chart check
- 16 for the whole day, and that's done maybe in the
- 17 middle of a shift. After you have seen all your
- 18 patients, then you go back and look at all the
- 19 charts and make sure all the orders have been
- 20 taken off.
- 21 Q. Had Mr. Edwards already died by the
- 22 time you saw that order?
- 23 A. I never got a chance to see the
- 24 order.
- 25 Q. Just in looking at the chart, in

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Page 15 preparing for the deposition, you saw the order; 1 2 correct? Α. Right. 3 But between the time you arrived and Q., the time he was found and the code was called, 5 is it your testimony that you did not see that 6 7 order? No. Α. Q. That's an accurate statement? 9 10 Α. Yes. Q. 11 Do you know whether Bill Bagi was aware of the status of the transfusion order? 12 13 Α. No. 14 Q. No, he wasn't? 15 Α. No, I don't know, I'm sorry. 16 Q, Do you know who it was that called Mr. Edwards' daughter to let her know that 17 something had happened to her dad? 18 19 No, I don't. Α. Q. What time is the first entry that you 20 2 1 made in the nurse's notes, Lekita? 22 Α. 2429. 12:29. Q, Is that to mean that the first time 23

that you would have seen Mr. Edwards would have

been at 12:29 a.m. on January 29?

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| 1 | A. Yes. |
| 2 | Q. Your shift started at 11:00 p.m.? |
| 3 | A. Right. |
| 4 | Q. So for an hour and 29 minutes, you |
| 5 | were not in to see him; true? |
| 6 | A. Correct. |
| 7 | Q. Do you know what you were doing |
| а | during that hour and 29 minutes as it relates to |
| 9 | any patients? |
| 10 | A. Well, I probably got report, |
| 11 | depending on if I was first or second to listen, |
| 12 | probably just starting the shift off. Maybe |
| 13 | seeing other patients before him, I'm sure. |
| 14 | Q. How many patients would you have been |
| 15 | assigned to see? |
| 16 | A. Anywhere from four to seven. |
| 17 | Q. 12:29 you went in to Mr. Edwards' |
| 18 | room for the first time; true? |
| 19 | A. True. |
| 20 | Q. Was an RN in the room already when |
| 21 | you arrived? |
| 22 | A. No. |
| 23 | Q. Can you explain to me what your |
| 24 | note I can read it. Just for the record, it |
| 25 | says, in room to assess patient when ${\tt RN}$ notified |

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| to check m | onitor on patient. Is that the full |
| sentence? | |
| Α. | Yes. |
| Q. | And the next sentence is patient |
| found unre | sponsive without rhythm and code was |
| called? | |
| Α. | Right. |
| Q. | Can you explain to me what you mean? |
| A. | What we were doing? |
| Q. | Yes. |
| A. | We were in the hallway. |
| Q. | Who is we? |
| A. | Me and the other nurse that was |
| working on | that side of the hall with me. |
| Q. | That would be who? |
| A. | I believe that was another agency |
| nurse, Ms. | Marshall. |
| Q. | Ms. Marshall? |
| A. | Uh-huh. |
| Q. | Okay. |
| Α. | We were in the hall, and as I was |
| going in t | he room, she was down at the other end |
| of the hal | l. And she said, could you go in |
| there and | check his monitor. He is off or |
| | sentence? A. Q. found unrecalled? A. Q. A. Q. A. Q. A. working on Q. A. nurse, Ms. Q. A. going in toof the hal |

whatever, whatever she said. And I went in

- 1 there to check and he didn't have a pulse, so
- 2 immediately a code button was pressed.
- 3 Q. She said would you go in and check,
- 4 he is off, were her words?
- 5 A. Her exact words, I can't remember.
- 6 She said something, hollered down to me
- 7 something to that effect, as to could you check
- 8 the monitor.
- 9 Q. And where was she standing when she
- 10 called to you?
- 11 A. She was probably maybe three rooms
- 12 down. There are two monitors, two TV's in the
- 13 hallway. So she probably had looked up.
- 14 Q. When you went in to his room, did you
- 15 hear anything in the room?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Is there a monitor in Mr. Edwards'
- 18 room?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. What did you do when you got into
- 21 Mr. Edwards' room?
- 22 A. I was walking over to him to check
- 23 the box. I think I grabbed his arm or
- something, and then I felt for a pulse and he
- 25 didn't have one. I think his arm might have --

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| 1 | something r | made me feel for a pulse. |
| 2 | Q. | Was he lying on his back or his |
| 3 | stomach? | |
| 4 | A. | He was actually in an upright |
| 5 | position. | |
| 6 | Q. | Was he in bed or was he sitting in a |
| 7 | chair? | |
| а | A. | He was in bed. |
| 9 | Q. | But propped up? |
| 10 | A. | Yes. |
| 11 | Q. | That's a yes? |
| 12 | A. | Yes. |
| 13 | Q. | Eyes closed, eyes open? |
| 14 | Α. | Closed. |
| 15 | Q. | You tried to obtain a pulse? |
| 16 | A. | Correct. |
| 17 | Q. | Check for a pulse? |
| 18 | Α. | Correct. |
| 19 | Q. | And was he pulseless? |
| 20 | A. | I couldn't feel one. |
| 2 1 | Q. | Do you remember, did he react in any |
| 22 | way to any | contact by you, either touch or |
| 23 | otherwise? | |
| 24 | Α. | No. |
| 25 | Q. | Did you call out his name? |
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- 1 A. I don't remember.
- 2 Q. Tell me what you do remember doing.
- 3 MS. REID: Other than what she
- 4 already told you.
- 5 Q. Other than what you have already told
- 6 me, when you went into the room.
- 7 A. That was basically it. I went in
- a there to check on the box, and as I went towards
- 9 him to check for the box, like I said, I think I
- 10 maybe grabbed his arm or something and something
- 11 made me feel for a pulse. Maybe his arm fell or
- 12 something and I didn't feel, I couldn't feel a
- 13 pulse. And I hit the code button on the wall.
- 14 Q. Did you try to assess him in terms of
- 15 looking at his nail beds or looking at his skin
- 16 to try to get a sense as to how long he appeared
- 17 to have been pulseless or unresponsive?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. This box that you are referring to,
- 20 what is that?
- 21 A. It's the telemetry box, the actual
- 22 box that monitors the heart.
- 23 Q. Where was the box located?
- 24 A. It should have been on his chest. I
- 25 never got a chance to even go for the box.

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- 1 Q. So you don't know whether or not the
- 2 box was actually on his chest?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. And then there are wires that go from
- 5 his chest to the box?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. And you don't know whether those
- 8 wires were connected from the box to his chest;
- 9 is that correct?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. Did anyone give you any indication --
- 12 strike that.
- 13 What did you do then? Did you call
- 14 out to someone? Did you call back to this
- 15 nurse? Tell me what you did next.
- 16 A. Well, after you hit the code button,
- 17 it's really loud. So she, as a matter of fact,
- 18 I believe she was the first one that came,
- 19 because she was originally the one who said
- 20 could you check. So we were in there together
- 21 for maybe all of three seconds.
- 22 Q. This is Ms. Marshall?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. So she came into the room?
- 25 A. She came back into the room. And we

- 1 were doing -- we were starting a code with the
- 2 02 and chest compressions and next thing the
- 3 code team came.
- 4 Once the code team came, did you step
- 5 aside?
- 6 A. I switched off with -- I don't even
- 7 know who I switched off with. But, yes, I moved
- and I started the paper.
- 9 Q. Do you remember the names of any **of**
- 10 the residents that came in responding to the
- **11** code?
- 12 A. I think Dr. Kuivinen was there, I'm
- 13 not sure. I am trying to think of the faces.
- 14 Q. That's K-U-I-V-I-N-E-N?
- 15 MS. REID: K-U-I-V-A-N-E-N. I don't
- 16 know if that's what you said or not.
- 17 MR. MISHKIND: I think that's what I
- 18 said.
- 19 Q. Dr. Kuivinen was a resident; is that
- 20 correct?
- 21 A. Yes,
- 22 Q. Do you know where Dr. Kuivinen was
- 23 prior to the code?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 Q. Did you ever talk to Dr. Kuivinen

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- 1 about the code?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. Dr. D'Hue made a note in the chart at
- 4 2:45 a.m. after he arrived and after Mr. Edwards
- 5 had expired. That still would have been within
- 6 your shift; correct? And in his note he
- 7 indicates that no nurse's notes were recorded on
- 8 the patient after 5:00 p.m. on December 28th.
- 9 Now, those nurse's notes that he is
- 10 referring to would have been during the shift
- 11 that Sherry Edwards had been caring for
- 12 Mr. Edwards. I say that to you only in
- preparation for this question, and that is, when
- 14 you came on at 11:00 o'clock and assumed
- responsibility for this patient, it was an hour
- and 29 minutes before you actually went in to
- 17 see him.
- Did you, besides getting the report
- 19 that was recorded, did you look back at the
- 20 chart looking for some information on what had
- 21 been going on with this patient during the
- 22 evening?
- 23 A. No. And at 11:00 to 7:00, we start a
- 24 new sheet, so it was blank for me. I would
- 25 never see the other nurse's notes until I go

- 1 back and read and see what has been going on.
- 2 Q. So the fact that this nurse had not
- 3 made any nursing notes after 5:00 p.m.,
- 4 according to Dr. D'Hue, and no telemetry strips
- 5 were recorded during the 3:00 to 11:00 shift,
- 6 you would not have been aware of that because
- 7 you were dealing with a new set of sheets for
- 8 the next day?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. And you don't recall anything from
- 11 Sherry Edwards' report that gave you any
- 12 information as to what Mr. Edwards' condition
- 13 was that evening, do you?
- 14 MS. REID: Objection. I think she
- 15 said she doesn't recall the specifics.
- 16 Q. Do you remember anything from a
- 17 general standpoint in terms of what she said
- 18 about his condition that evening?
- 19 A. No, I don't remember any -- nothing
- 20 negative stands out.
- 21 Q. Do you remember anything at all about
- 22 what she said negative or positive concerning
- 23 what his condition was in terms of whether or
- 24 not he was hemodynamically stable, what he had
- 25 been doing, what his vital signs were, what the

- 1 nursing flowsheet had shown in terms of his
- 2 cardiothoracic status, anything of that nature?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Do you know how long the verbal
- 5 reports that are recorded are kept at the
- 6 hospital?
- 7 A. We use one tape and we keep taping
- 8 over them. We don't save them.
- 9 Q. So I presume that her words that you
- 10 heard in your ear at around 11:00 o'clock had
- 11 long been recorded over?
- 12 A. Yes. If not the tape destroyed,
- 13 anyway.
- 14 Q. After the death, and on the days
- 15 after his death, on the 30th, et cetera, did you
- 16 ever talk with Sherry about what had happened
- 17 during her shift?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Did you ever talk with Dr. D'Hue
- 20 about his note that he wrote about the lack of
- 21 any nurse's notes that evening or the lack of
- 22 telemetry strips that day in the chart?
- 23 A. This is my first time seeing this.
- 24 Q. Got it. So I guess the answer would
- 25 be no.

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| 1 | A. No. |
| 2 | Q. Is there anything that you recall |
| 3 | being said by anyone during the code that you |
| 4 | remember? |
| 5 | A. As to what? |
| 6 | \mathbb{Q} . As to Mr. Edwards' status, or any |
| 7 | comments about how he got to be in the condition |
| 8 | that he was in. |
| 9 | A. No. |
| 10 | Q. Did anyone comment to you as to how |
| 11 | long they felt that he had been unresponsive |
| 12 | before you came in and found him at 12:29? |
| 13 | A. No. |
| 14 | Q. And you personally don't know how |
| 15 | long he had been unresponsive, because you |
| 16 | didn't see him? |
| 17 | A. Until 12:30, yes. |
| 18 | Q. Do you have any knowledge that anyone |
| 19 | had been in to see him between 11:00 and 12:29 |
| 20 | before you went in to see him? |
| 21 | A. Well, I don't know well, no. I |
| 22 | know she was there late. Whether she went back |
| 23 | in the room or not, I don't know. |
| 24 | Q. This is Sherry? |
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A. Yes.

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- 1 Q. Anything else you recall about your
- 2 involvement -- I recognize it was limited --
- 3 other than what you have told me?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 You didn't keep any private notes at
- 6 all about this event?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. Were you ever required to give any
- 9 type of a statement at any meetings that were
- 10 held at the hospital concerning this event?
- 11 MS. REID: Objection. You mean other
- 12 than her talking to me?
- MR. MISHKIND: I'm talking about
- 14 any -- I'm not going to ask her about the
- 15 substance, but was she asked to give any type of
- 16 a statement at any time.
- 17 MS. REID: A formal written
- 18 statement?
- MR. MISHKIND: Verbal or otherwise,
- other than to counsel, but to any nurses or
- 21 supervisors, in terms of what you recall
- 22 happening?
- MS. REID: I'm going to object. You
- 24 can answer yes or no.
- 25 A. No.

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| 1 | Q. No, you didn't have to give any |
| 2 | statements? |
| 3 | A. No. |
| 4 | Q. That's an accurate statement that you |
| 5 | didn't have to give any statements? |
| 6 | MS. REID: Just say I did not give |
| 7 | any statements. |
| 8 | A. I did not give any statements. |
| 9 | Q. Got it. |
| 10 | MR. MISHKIND: Thanks, Lekita. I |
| 11 | have no further questions for you. |
| 12 | MS. SEACRIST: Nothing. |
| 13 | MR. LENSON: I just have one |
| 14 | question. |
| 15 | EXAMINATION OF LEKITA NANCE, L.P.N. |
| 16 | BY MR. LENSON: |
| 17 | Q. During the course of the |
| 18 | resuscitation efforts, was there ever an |
| 19 | occasion that you observed in which Mr. Edwards |
| 20 | regained consciousness or had any type of |
| 21 | response? |
| 22 | A. No. |
| 23 | MR. LENSON: Thank you. |
| 24 | MS. REID: We will read it, as well. |
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| 8 | I, Vivian L. Gordon, a Notary Public within and for the State of Ohio, duly commissioned and |
| 9 | qualified, do hereby certify that the within named LEKITA NANCE, L.P.N. was by me first duly |
| io | sworn to testify to the truth, the whole truth |
| 11 | and nothing but the truth in the cause aforesaid; that the testimony as above set forth |
| 12 | was by me reduced to stenotypy, afterwards transcribed, and that the foregoing is a true |
| 13 | and correct transcription of the testimony. |
| 14 | I do further certify that this deposition was taken at the time and place specified and |
| 15 | was completed without adjournment; that I am not a relative or attorney for either party or |
| 16 | otherwise interested in the event of this action. I am not, nor is the court reporting |
| 17 | firm with which I am affiliated, under a contract as defined in Civil Rule 28 (D). |
| 18 | IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my |
| 19 | hand and affixed my seal of office at Cleveland, Ohio, on this 5th day of June, 2002. |
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| 23 | Vivian L. Gordon, Notary Public Within and for the State of Ohio |
| 24 | My commission expires June 8, 2004. |
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