IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS 1 2 OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO 3 JUNE M. HAYES, Etc., 4 Plaintiff, 5 Case No. 383210 6 vs. JUDSON RETIREMENT Judge Griffin 7 COMMUNITY, et al., 8 Defendants. 9 10 11 DEPOSITION OF ELIZABETH E. O'TOOLE, M.D. Monday, April 10, 2000 12 13 Deposition of ELIZABETH E. O'TOOLE, 14 M.D., called for examination under the statute, 15 taken before me, Elaine S. FitzGerald, a 16 Registered Professional Reporter and Notary 17 Public in and for the State of Ohio, pursuant to 18 notice and stipulations of counsel, at the 19 University Geriatric Care Center, 12200 Fairhill 20 Road, Cleveland, Ohio, on Monday, April 10, 2000, 21 at 11:42 o'clock a.m. 22 23 24 25

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1	ELIZABETH E. O'TOOLE, M.D., of lawful age,
2	called for examination, as provided by the Ohio
3	Rules of Civil Procedure, being by me first duly
4	sworn, as hereinafter certified, deposed and said
5	as follows:
6	EXAMINATION OF ELIZABETH E. O'TOOLE, M.D.
7	BY MS, TOSTI:
8	Q. Hello, Doctor. Would you please state
9	your name for us?
10	A. Elizabeth O'Toole.
11	Q. And your home address?
12	A. 2679 Rochester Road, Shaker Heights.
13	Q. Your zip code?
14	A. 44122.
15	Q. And is that a single family home?
16	A. Yes.
17	Q. What is your current business address?
18	A. 12200 Fairhill Road, Cleveland, 44120.
19	Q. And was that also your business
20	address in November of 1997?
21	A. Yes.
22	Q. Are you currently an employee of a
23	medical group practice?
24	A. I'm an employee of Case Western
25	Reserve University and through that, University

Physicians, Incorporated. 1 Q, And were you so employed in November 2 of 1997? 3 4 Yes. Α. Q. Have you ever had your deposition 5 6 taken before? 7 Α. No. Q. I want to explain a few of the ground 8 rules for you. I'm sure counsel has had a chance 9 to talk with you. 10 This is a question and answer 11 session. It's under oath. It's important that 12 13 you understand the questions that I ask you. Ιf you don't understand them or if I phrase them 14 inartfully, let me know and I'll be happy to 15 repeat the questions or to rephrase them. 16 17 Otherwise I'm going to assume that you understood my question and that you're able to answer it. 18 It's also important that you give all of your 19 answers verbally because the court reporter can't 20 2 1 take down head nods or hand motions. At some point during the deposition 22 the various counsel may choose to enter an 23 objection. You are still required to answer my 24 question unless counsel instructs you not to do 25

1 SO. Do you understand those directions? 2 Α. Yes. And have you been provided with a copy 0. 3 of the medical records by counsel? 4 Α. The record from Judson, yes. 5 0. If at any point during the deposition 6 you'd like to refer to those records to refresh 7 your memory about something, feel free to do so. 8 Thank you. Α. 9 10 Q. Now, aside from your employment with Case Western Reserve University and with 11 University Physicians, Incorporated, in November 12 of 1997, were you employed by any other entity? 13 I was not employed by any other 14 Α. entity. I do work for other institutions through 15 those groups that I mentioned. 16 Now, in November of 1997, was Dr. Lisa Q, 17 Atkinson a member of the same professional group 18 that you were a member of? 19 She was a member of the faculty of 20 Α. 21 Case Western Reserve University, but her group 22 practice was University -- UPCP. And what does UPCP stand for? Q. 23 That's the problem. University 24 Α. 25 Primary Care Physicians. But she was a member

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and still is a member of our geriatric group. 1 2 Ο. What is the name of your geriatric group? 3 The Division of Geriatric Medicine at 4 Α. University Hospitals of Cleveland. 5 Q, The income that you derive from your 6 professional services, were they paid through 7 Case Western Reserve and your medical group that 8 you previously referred to? 9 Α. Right. 10 Q. 11 In November of 1997, what was your relationship with Judson Retirement Community? 12 Their medical director and had Α. 13 attending responsibilities for my own patients. 14 Q. Did you receive any remuneration for 15 the services that you were providing at Judson 16 Retirement Community as the medical director? 17 Support for the medical directorship Α. 18 went from Judson to the University Physicians, 19 Incorporated group and I was paid from that, but 20 21 there was no direct salary. Q. Have you ever been named as a 22 defendant in a medical negligence case? 23 24 Α. No. 25 Q. Have you ever acted as an expert in a

medical negligence case? 1 Α. NO. 2 Q . Have you ever given testimony in any 3 4 case involving medical negligence? NO. 5 Α. 6 0. Have you ever had your hospital privileges called into question, suspended or 7 revoked? 8 Α. No. 9 10 MS. TOSTI: I'm going to mark this as Plaintiff's Exhibit 1. 11 12 (Thereupon, Plaintiff's Exhibit 1 was 13 marked for purposes of identification.) 14 Q. Now, Doctor, I'd ask you to just take 15 a look at Plaintiff's Exhibit 1 and if you would 16 identify that document for us for the record. 17 Α. Yes. That's my CV. 18 Q, I'll have a couple questions for you 19 20 about it in just a minute. There are a number of publications I 2 1 22 believe that you have listed on there. 23 Α. Yes. 24 Q, Do any of those deal with the subject matter of pulmonary emboli or deep vein 25

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thrombosis? 1 2 Α. No. Q. Have you ever written or done a 3 presentation on either of those subject matters? 4 5 Α. No. 0. Tell me what you have reviewed for 6 7 this deposition. I have reviewed the Judson chart. 8 Α. Q. Have you referred to any textbooks or 9 journal articles? 10 11 Α. No. Q, 12 Have you had an opportunity to see any additional records such as the Hillcrest Hospital 13 14 records from William Hayes' bilateral total knee 15 surgery? I only saw what Judson had. 16 Α. No. Q. I'm going to just run through a couple 17 other things, and if you haven't seen them or 18 referred to them, just tell me. 19 Dr. Hissa's office records? 20 21 Α. No. Q. Cleveland Emergency Medical Service 22 report of November 27th for Mr. Hayes? 23 24 Α. If it's not in here, no, I did not see 25 it.

Ο. 1 And any Cleveland Clinic records made after transfer to Cleveland Clinic --2 Α. No. 3 Q, .. from Judson on November 27th of 4 97? 5 Α. No. 6 Q, Have you seen his death certificate? 7 8 Α. No. Q, How about the autopsy that was done on 9 10 Mr. Hayes that was done by Cleveland Clinic? 11 Α. No. Q, Since the filing of this case, have 12 you discussed it with any physicians? 13 Α. I discussed it with Dr. Atkinson and 14 that's all. 15 When did you discuss the case with 16 0. Dr. Atkinson? 17 In the quality review. 18 Α. Q, When was that? 19 20 MR. JONES: Objection. MR, FALLON: Objection. 21 Don't answer. MR. JONES: 22 MS. TOSTI: I think she can tell me 23 24 when it is. I'm not going to ask her what the 25 discussion was. She can tell me when that

occurred. 1 **MR. JONES:** You can know that there 2 was a quality assurance meeting. You can't know 3 anything else. 4 I asked her since the 5 MS. TOSTI: 6 filing of this case and I think she can tell me 7 as to when that discussion occurred. 8 MR. JONES: I'm not sure you said since the filing of this lawsuit. 9 10 **MS. TOSTI:** I specifically did. MR. JONES: 11 Okay. MS. TOSTI: Since the time that the 12 case was filed, have you discussed this case with 13 any physicians. She answered yes. She said with 14 Dr. Atkinson. And I asked her when that occurred 15 and she said in quality assurance meeting. 16 MR. JONES: Correct. 17 MS. TOSTI: And I'm asking when that 18 occurred. 19 20 MR. JONES: I'll let you answer the question when, if you can recall when that 21 quality assurance meeting was. 22 MR. FALLON: 23 Objection. 24 Go ahead. 25 MR. JONES: Go ahead.

1	A. I can't give you a specific time.
2	Q. Approximately.
3	A. When we got notice. It was right
4	around that time.
5	MR, JONES: Doctor, just for
6	clarification, notice of what? This lawsuit, the
7	notice of the letter or the filing of a lawsuit,
8	what?
9	THE WITNESS: We received a letter
10	notifying us of a filing. I believe it's of a
11	filing. I may be misspeaking that because I
12	don't know the terms.
13	MR. JONES: She is talking about the
14	notice letter I think.
15	Q. Okay. Aside from that discussion with
16	Dr. Atkinson, outside of any meetings that you
17	had with quality assurance, did you have any
18	other discussions with Dr. Atkinson regarding
19	this case?
20	A. Only that she mentioned that she had
21	been deposed, the fact that she had been
22	deposed
23	Q. In this case?
24	A or was scheduled for deposition.
25	Yes.

1	Q ,	When did you talk to her about that?
2	Α.	Well, probably a couple months ago.
3	Q ,	Do you work with Dr. Atkinson on a
4	regular ba	sis currently?
5		MR, FALLON: Objection.
6	Α.	Yes.
7	Q.	How often, just approximately, do <b>you</b>
8	see Dr. At	kinson?
9	Α.	Once or twice a week.
10	Q ,	And would that be at this facility
11	that we're	currently at?
12	Α.	Primarily, yes.
13	Q .	And aside from the conversations that
14	you had wi	th Dr. Atkinson, have you discussed
15	this case	with any other physician since it was
16	filed?	
17	Α.	No.
18	Q.	Since it was filed, you haven't had
19	any conver	sations with a Dr. Larry Irvin or a
20	Dr and	I don't know if I'm going to pronounce
21	this right	Fakhur Ahmad?
22	Α.	Dr. Irvin called our office asking for
23	a phone nu	mber, but we did not discuss the case.
24	Q.	Other than with counsel, have you
25	discussed	this case with anyone else that you

haven't already mentioned? 1 2 Α. No details of the case, no. Ο, Have you discussed the case in general 3 with anyone other than counsel? 4 5 Well, my husband knows I'm having a Α. deposition this morning about a case, but that's 6 the level of detail. 7 Q. Do you have any personal notes or 8 personal file on this case aside from what's in 9 10 the Judson Retirement Community records? 11 Α. No. Q, Have you ever generated any personal 12 notes or personal file in this case? 13 14 Α. No. Q, Doctor, is there a textbook in your 15 field of practice that you consider to be the 16 best or the most reliable? 17 18 Α. Well, generally Harrison's for Internal Medicine and Hazzard for Geriatrics 19 which is my real specialty. 20 Q. Do you refer to those texts sometimes 21 in your practice? 22 Α. Yes. 23 24 Q. Do you consider them to be authoritative? 25

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Α. 1 Yes. 0. As you sit here today, are there any 2 publications that you believe have particular 3 relevance to the issues in this case? 4 I'm not sure I understand what you 5 Α. mean. 6 Ο, I'm just inquiring as to whether there 7 is a particular publication that you are 8 currently aware of that you think has a certain 9 10 importance to any of the issues in this case, and if there isn't --11 12 Α. No. Q, -- you just tell me that. 13 14 Α. No. 15 Q, Have you ever participated in any research dealing with pulmonary emboli or deep 16 vein thrombosis? 17 18 Α. No. Q, You are currently licensed to practice 19 in the State of Ohio, is that correct? 20 21 Α. Yes. Ο. And you were also so licensed in 2.2 November of 1997, correct? 23 24 Α. Right. 25 Q. Has your license in this state or any

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other state ever been subject to review, called 1 into question by the state medical boards? 2 Α. No. 3 Q. Have you ever been licensed in any 4 other state besides Ohio? 5 Α. No. 6 Q, Would you describe for me just in 7 general your current clinical practice? 8 My clinical practice involves taking Α. 9 care of patients at Judson Retirement Community 10 and precepting fellows in the clinic here at the 11 Elder Health Center. I intermittently attend in 12 the hospital, the University Hospitals. 13 Q. Is your practice limited to a 14 15 particular population of patients? Adults, primarily older adults. 16 Α. Ο, What percent of your current patients 17 would you say are geriatric patients just 18 approximately? 19 20 Α. Well, with the exception of the patients I attend in the hospital on occasion, 21 100 percent. 22 Q, And, Doctor, I'm going to ask you a 23 24 few questions about your curriculum vitae so you 25 may want to take a look at that.

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1	Are there any corrections or other
2	modifications that you would like to make to
3	that? Let me ask first, is it current and
4	up-to-date?
5	A. It says "Revised October 26th," so
6	there may be additions in terms of presentations
7	and abstracts and that, but otherwise it's
8	substantially unchanged.
9	Q. Are there any corrections or additions
10	that you would like to make?
11	A. No, I don't think <b>so</b> .
12	Q. Now, on your CV under the
13	post-graduate training and fellowship
14	appointment, you have an internal medicine
15	residency listed and that's followed by the
16	letters PGY.
17	A. Yes.
18	Q. What does that stand for?
19	A. Post-graduate years.
20	Q. Was that a three-year residency?
21	A. Right.
22	Q. And did you do any subspecialization
23	in that residency?
24	A. Not during residency, no.
25	Q. Now, you have listed, I believe that

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you were a fellow in the division of general 1 medicine with a concentration in clinical ethics 2 on page 2 of your resume, your CV. Did that 3 4 particular fellowship have a clinical component 5 to it? Α. Yes. 6 Q. What did that entail? 7 We did work at the Student Health Α. 8 9 Center for the University and also at the VA General Medicine Clinic. 10 Q, 11 And what were you doing in your clinical component? 12 At the Student Health Center, I was 13 Α. taking care of students who came into the clinic. 14 At the VA Clinic, I was supervising residents. 15 Because that particular fellowship 0. 16 says a concentration in clinical ethics, so I was 17 just interested in how that was integrated into 18 19 your clinical component. The clinical ethics piece was -- it's Α. 20 not technically clinical that you act as a 21 It's an interdisciplinary thing. physician. 22 Ι was doing teaching and consultation with my 23 2.4 mentors. Q, 25 That was a two-year fellowship, is

that correct? 1 2 Α. Right. Ο. You also have listed a fellowship with 3 the Division of Geriatric Medicine at University 4 Hospitals, is that correct? 5 6 Α. Yes. 7 Q. Was that a one-year fellowship? 8 Α. Yes. Ο. And would you describe what you did 9 10 during that fellowship? Α. That fellowship involved rotations at 11 the VA in their inpatient geriatric service, 12 rehabilitation, working as a fellow under an 13 14 attending at Judson and inpatient consults at University Hospitals under an attending as well 15 as working in the Elder Health Center here with 16 an attending. 17 Q, 18 Now, when you worked as a fellow at Judson Retirement Community, what were your 19 duties and responsibilities? 20 21 I had a panel of patients I came to Α. see once a month, again supervised by an 22 attending, and I can't recall now how many months 23 24 of time was spent working with the attendings 25 just taking care of their patients for a month at

a time. Q. The duties and responsibilities that 2 you had at Judson, did they go through the entire 3 year; in other words, every month you did 4 something at Judson? 5 We had a panel -- I had a panel 6 Α. Yes. of patients I came to see every month. 7 0. How much time per week or month did 8 you usually spend at Judson when you were in your 9 10 geriatric fellowship just approximately? Α. It would be a guess. I really can't 11 I know I spend a half day a month in recall. 12 seeing my longitudinal patients that I just 13 described, and any months that I was assigned 14 15 there, I would have spent several half days there, but I can't tell you right now. 16 I can't recall how many. 17 Q, 18 Now, your CV also indicates from 1994 through '95 you were a consultant physician in 19 20 geriatrics and in extended care. At the VA. 21 Α. Ο. From 1994 through '95, that was at the 22 VA? 23 24 Α. Yes. 25 Q, And it also indicates that you were a

staff physician at Judson Retirement Community 1 from **1994** through to the present. Is that 2 correct? 3 Α. Yes. 4 Ο, As a staff physician, did you admit 5 patients to Judson Retirement Community under 6 your medical management? 7 Α. Yes. 8 0. And in 1997 when you were serving as 9 10 the medical director, you were also admitting patients under your medical management, is that 11 12 correct? 13 Α. Yes. What does the CCRC after Judson 14 0. Retirement Community stand for On your CV? 15 16 Α. Continuing care retirement community. Q. And what does that mean? It means that Judson provides care Α. that runs the spectrum from independent living 19 through assisted living and nursing care. 20 Q, 21 At Judson Retirement Community, do they provide skilled nursing services? 22 23 Α. Yes, they do. And at Judson Retirement Community, 0. 24 25 are there various therapies available, such as

occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech 1 2 therapy, for patients? 3 Α. Yes. Q. Now, your CV indicates that you became 4 medical director of Judson Retirement Community 5 in **1996** I believe. When in **1996** did you receive 6 7 that appointment? Α. a February. Q. And who made the appointment? 9 I believe it was agreed upon by the 10 Α. division chief of geriatric medicine at the time 11 and the CEO of Judson. 12 Q, And you have held that position as 13 medical director since the time of your 14 appointment, is that correct? 15 Yes. 16 Α. Q. Now, you mentioned several levels of 17 care that are available at Judson Retirement 18 19 Community and if you could just be a little bit more descriptive as to, I'm looking to know the 20 various areas that Judson Retirement Community 21 has and the type of care that's provided in those 22 If you could just describe that in a areas. 23 little more detail for me. 24 You mean medical care? 25 Α.

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1 Q . Yes. 2 Α. The medical care that Judson has, Judson doesn't provide medical care but they 3 contract with our group to provide it or to be 4 available to provide it. There is a clinic where 5 residents of independent living or assisted 6 living can come and receive care if they choose. 7 There is a nursing care center where the 8 physicians in our group who work at Judson attend 9 patients, but patients also may have attendings 10 11 from outside our group. 12 Does that answer the question? 13 Q, Now, I understand that there is a 14 skilled nursing area at Judson. 15 Α. Right. 16 Q. How large is that skilled nursing 17 area, just in bed numbers or census? Α. In **1997** or now? 18 19 0. Yes. I believe in '97 there were 31 skilled 20 Α. 21 beds. 22 Q. Now, did you have other areas of lower level care at Judson? 23 24 There is other nursing care Α. Yes. 25 that's not skilled nursing care.

1	Q. What do you refer to those areas as?
2	A. Intermediate care is one description.
3	Q. How many beds are in the intermediate
4	care area?
5	MR. JONES: You're talking about <b>'97</b>
6	now?
7	MS. TOSTI: Yes.
8	MR. JONES: If you can recall. Go
9	ahead.
10	A. You know, I'm not exactly sure of the
11	numbers. I believe there are <b>120</b> beds in all, so
12	it would be what's left after <b>31's</b> subtracted. I
13	think they have 120.
14	Q. And aside from the skilled and the
15	intermediate care, are there any other care
16	areas?
17	A. Can you tell me what you mean by care
18	areas?
19	Q. Where people would be inpatients
20	receiving nursing care on a regular basis.
21	A. No.
22	Q. And then aside from those areas that
23	we just described, that's our approximately 120
24	beds, they also have areas that are residential?
25	A. Right.

Q. That may be assisted living or 1 something like that? 2 Α. Yes. 3 Q. As medical director, do you have 4 responsibilities over those additional areas such 5 6 as the residential assisted living areas? 7 Α. Yes. Q. How many patients or what's the 8 population in the other area? We have 120 in the 9 nursing areas that are skilled or intermediate. 10 11 Α. I can't give you an answer on that. Q. So would it be fair to say that as 12 medical director, you oversee all the medical 13 care that is provided at Judson Retirement 14 Community regardless of the area? 15 Well, for patients who have their own 16 Α. private physicians, I don't necessarily oversee 17 the medical care, but I am available if there are 18 problems or concerns. 19 Q. What were your duties and 20 21 responsibilities as medical director of Judson Retirement Community? And I'm speaking of 22 November of 1997. 23 24 My responsibilities were to support Α. 25 the nursing staff in providing adequate care, to

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be available to assist with concerns about 1 medical care and to provide medical care when 2 3 necessary. 4 0. How did you support the nursing staff? 5 Policies and procedures, questions Α. about them I would help with, providing 6 7 educational programs as needed, discussing care 8 concerns. 0. 9 Did you oversee the policies and procedures that were utilized at Judson 10 11 Retirement Community? 12 Α. I did not have primary responsibility 13 for oversight, but I did review when requested. 14 Do you know who did have primary 0. responsibilities for oversight on policies and 15 16 procedures for the nursing staff? 17 Α. I would assume it was the director of 18 nursing. As medical director, did you have a 19 0. written job description for your position? 20 21 Α. Yes. 22 Q, And aside from what you've already told me, were there any other duties or 23 responsibilities contained in your written job 24 25 description?

Α. I think we generally covered it. The 1 job description has more specifics about it 2 probably. 3 Q, Do you have a copy of your job 4 description? 5 Yes. I have it. 6 MR. JONES: 7 MS. TOSTI: Okay. I'm going to make a request for her job description. 8 9 MR. JONES: Okay. In November of **1997** as medical 10 Q. 11 director, did you have a contract for service with Judson Retirement Community? 12 13 Α. Personally? Q, 14 Was there a document that you 15 signed --16 Α. No. Q, -- that would form the basis of your 17 understanding of your responsibilities at Judson 18 Retirement Community? 19 Α. I can't remember whether in 1997 I was 20 21 signing contracts or not. The contracts were with our group. The head of our group would have 22 signed it. I can't tell you in **1997** I had any 23 signature on it or not. 24 25 Q. What was your responsibility in regard

to geriatric fellows that affiliated at Judson
 Retirement Community? And my questions are
 referring to November of 1997.

A. Fellows who came to Judson reported to
myself and the other attendings who were working
there depending upon whose patient they were
working with. I also provided some specific
education to them about long-term care.

9 Q. And what form? If you could just
10 describe that in a little more detail for me.

A. Well, the fellows who were doing their month-long experiences at Judson had a component of education where we went over information about regulations and infection control and other topics that they need to know about long-term care specifically. They were responsible to me for that component of their education.

18 Q. Did the fellows have someone that was 19 clinically supervising their experience at Judson 20 Retirement Community?

A. They had -- I as a medical director
would be responsible for them and also the
attendings of the patient they gave care to were
responsible for that.

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Q. The geriatric fellows, were they

1	assigned to specific patients at Judson
2	Retirement Community in November of '97?
3	A. There are two ways that fellows had
4	patients at Judson. In speaking of the groups of
5	patients they followed from month-to-month, that
6	responsibility was the attending's
7	responsibility, was whoever that patient was
8	assigned to. On their month-long responsibility,
9	they were also to report to the attending
10	responsible for the patient that they saw, but
11	they could be seeing a number of different
12	attendings' patients.
13	Does that answer your question?
14	Q. Why would they be seeing a number of
15	different attendings' patients?
16	A. If the attending was not on site and a
17	patient needed to be seen, the fellow would see
18	that patient.
19	Q. And then report back to the attending?
20	A. Either the attending or myself.
21	Q. And in that time period, for any
22	particular fellow, how much time were they
23	spending at Judson Retirement Community in this
24	geriatric fellowship experience?
2 5	A. I don't know. I don't know the

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1	schedules. They each spent at least one month
2	there plus their monthly half days.
3	Q. When you say they spent one month
4	there plus one-half day a month, was that eight
5	hours a day?
6	A. No. It was probably six half days a
7	week, six to seven half days a week.
8	Q. And that would be during the month
9	that they were there on a continuous basis,
10	correct?
11	A. Correct.
12	Q. Now, the months that they weren't
13	there on a continuous basis, how often would they
14	be at Judson?
15	A. One-half day a month.
16	Q. One-half day a month.
17	And when they were there in that
18	capacity, they would see the patients that they
19	were assigned to and would they also see patients
20	that may have had a problem and the attending
21	wasn't available?
22	A. Not on their monthly visits.
23	Q. That would fall to whoever was
24	assigned for that continued month of experience?
25	A. Correct.

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Q, 1 Doctor, in November of **1997**, how much time were you spending at Judson Retirement 2 3 Community approximately? I honestly don't know. At least 50 4 Α. percent of my time. 5 Q, And in regard to the time that you 6 spent at Judson during November of 1997, could 7 you give me a breakdown as to what you were doing 8 in the time that you spent there? 9 10 Α. Largely I was doing tasks involved 11 with medical direction, what we went over, and 12 additional, I would be seeing my own patients. Q. What type of tasks would you be doing 13 as a medical director? 14 Meeting with nursing staff, meeting 15 Α. with administration, participating in quality 16 improvement projects, infection control, working 17 with the nurse practitioners and doing the other 18 things that we talked about in terms of 19 supporting policies and working to develop 20 policies when a need arose. 21 22 0. And as a medical director of Judson in **1997**, did you personally become involved in the 23 medical management of individual patients who 24 25 were not admitted under your name?

1 Α. Occasionally, yes. 2 0. So if the nurses had a question, they could come to you if the attending wasn't 3 available and you would assist with whatever 4 their concern was? 5 6 Α. Correct. 7 Q, In November of 1997, approximately how many physicians were on staff at Judson 8 9 Retirement Community? 10 Α. I don't know off the top of my head. 11 Q. How many are there currently on staff 12 approximately? 13 Α. Approximately ten credentials, active credentials. 14 Q. 15 In **1997**, was that number grossly different from what you currently have on staff? 16 17 There may have been more. Α. 18 Ο, And were all of the people that were on staff in November of **1997** allowed to admit 19 20 patients under their names? They all had admitting privileges for Judson Retirement 21 Community? 22 23 Α. That would be my definition of staff. Q, In November of **1997**, did Judson 24 25 Retirement Community have any written policies or

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1 procedures for staff physicians regarding the clinical management of patients; in other words, 2 describing how often patients had to be seen, how 3 often orders had to be written or reviewed, those 4 types of things? 5 Α. Well, yes. The state supplies much of 6 7 that and Judson's policies reflect that. Q, 8 Is this in some type of a manual or a 9 booklet, these policies? 10 Α. I can't tell you how they were 11 presented in 1997. I believe they were in like a 12 binder. 13 Ο, Now, aside from the staff physicians that we've just talked about and the geriatric 14 fellows, were there any other physicians that 15 16 were providing care at Judson Retirement Community in November of 1997? 17 I don't believe. 18 Α. Ο. 19 Judson Retirement Community didn't employ what's commonly called house officers? 20 21 Α. No. 22 Q, Now, who was the sponsor of the 23 geriatric fellow program? 24 Sponsor as in who funds it? Α. Q. 25 And who manages it and directs it?

1	A. Division of Geriatric Medicine.
2	Q. At Case Western Reserve University?
3	A. Correct.
4	Q. Does anybody else co-sponsor that with
5	Case Western?
6	A. University Hospitals and VA.
7	Q. So the VA also?
8	A. The fellowship is based here at
9	University Hospitals and incorporates the VA as
10	well.
11	Q. So it would be University Hospitals of
12	Cleveland, Case Western Reserve University and
13	the VA Hospital?
14	A. Right.
15	Q. Was these any written document between
16	Judson Retirement Community and the sponsors of
17	the geriatric fellowship program that formed the
18	basis of an understanding or agreement as to the
19	scope of the geriatric fellows' duties and
20	responsibilities at Judson Retirement Community?
21	A. Yes, I believe there was an agreement,
22	a signed agreement.
23	Q. As medical director, did you have any
24	responsibility for the terms of that agreement?
2 5	A. No.

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1 0. Did Judson Retirement Community pay 2 the sponsors any amount of money for the services that were being provided by the geriatric fellows 3 at Judson Retirement Community? 4 5 No. Α. Ο, So this was a free service that was 6 being provided by the geriatric fellowship 7 program, is that correct? 8 9 Α. The fellows worked with an attending. They weren't independently providing service. 10 Well, they were at Judson Retirement 11 Q. 12 Community and they were providing some services 13 in regard to seeing patients when attendings weren't available or following attendings 14 physicians, and so what I'm asking is, of those 15 16 types of services that they provided, was the program being reimbursed in any way for that? 17 No, because the fellows didn't even --18 Α. the fellows didn't operate independently. 19 Thev were always operating -- I shouldn't say operate 20 21 when I'm talking about doctors. The fellows didn't work without an attending in a supervisory 22 role. 23 24 Did the geriatric fellows take weekend 0. 25 and night call at Judson Retirement Community?

1 Α. Yes. And when they were taking weekend and 2 0. night call, what were they supposed to do? 3 Α. The call system is set up so that the 4 fellows get the first call, meaning that they get 5 referred the call first, and they would follow up 6 on it. If they had any questions or concerns, an 7 attending was available to back them up. So 8 depending on what the call is about, their 9 10 responsibility was to respond to it. Q, 11 Now, we've talked a little bit about the geriatric fellows. Could you just describe 12 for me what their function was at Judson 13 Retirement Community? You mentioned that they 14 would take weekend and also night call and that 15 they were there sometimes for an extended period 16 of time, one month out of their experience, and 17 then the rest of the time they were visiting for 18 perhaps a half a day once a month. While they 19 were at the Judson Retirement Community, what 20 would they be doing? Let's talk first as to that 21 half day that they would do once a month. 22 Α. Yes. 23 Q. What were their duties and 24 25 responsibilities during that half day?

1 Α. They would go and see the residents on their list, perform a monthly visit, assess the 2 patient -- the resident, review their medications 3 and their treatment plan, any interval changes, 4 document a note in the chart and discuss that 5 with the supervising attendant. 6 7 Q, So they were required to report back to the attending after they made their visits а during that --9 That was the policy. 10 Α. Q, Now, when they were there for the 11 12 extended period of time, that one-month segment that we talked about where they might be there 13 six half days a week, what would they be doing? 14 Part of the time would be spent in Α. 15 rotating the educational components that I talked 16 about, so they would go to the rehab center and 17 work with the therapists. They participated in 18 infection control rounds, skin rounds, watched, 19 observe the nurses pass medications. For new 20 admissions, they would help with performing the 21 22 admissions, histories and physicals, and they would see sick patients if that happened, if that 23 need arose. 24 Q. When a new patient would come into 25
1 Judson Retirement Community, how would the 2 attending physician for the patient be 3 determined?

Α. If the admissions coordinator knew in 4 advance about a patient coming in, she would 5 usually discuss it with myself or call the 6 attending who was due in the appropriate day to 7 admit the patient so that our attendings had 8 assigned days they would be in. If a patient 9 came in on Monday, we would call the Tuesday 10 doctor. 11

12 Q. Now, if the patient's coming from an acute care hospital and that attending physician from the acute care hospital doesn't have staff privileges at Judson Retirement Community, how are arrangements made for an attending at Judson Retirement Community?

A. Well, the arrangements aren't quite
now -- they're different now from what they were
in '97.

21 Q. My questions for the duration of this 22 deposition are going to refer to what was 23 occurring in November of 1997, so in case I 24 forget to mention that --

A. I'm just paying attention.

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1 Q. \_\_ I'm speaking of November of **1997** for the balance of this deposition. 2 3 Okay. My recollection of 1997 was as Α. I described, that the admissions coordinator 4 would contact the doctor who was due in to see 5 6 patients on the appropriate day or myself for an 7 assignment. 8 0. So the staff physicians, did they have 9 like assignments when they were supposed to 10 rotate through Judson Retirement Community? 11 Right, right. Α. 12 Q, And if a patient was admitted on a particular day when an attending physician was 13 assigned to come in, the patient would be 14 probably assigned to that attending? 15 16 Right. Α. 17 0. If a patient's being transferred from 18 an acute care hospital to Judson Retirement Community, could you just describe for me what 19 the usual procedure was for that type of an 20 admission? 21 22 Α. In what aspect of it? 23 Q, Well, just how it would be organized and what would occur after the patient would come 24 25 to Judson Retirement Community?

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1	A. I don't have direct involvement with,
2	most of the time, with the pre-transfer
3	organization, but I can once the patient's
4	transferred, the nurses usually go over the
5	transfer information, patient comes with orders
6	and some other information from the acute care
7	hospital. The nurses transcribe the orders to
8	the Judson order sheets and then those orders are
9	gone over with who will be whoever will be the
10	attending physician if they're available on site
11	or over the phone. If it's after hours, they may
12	be gone over with the fellow.
13	Q. So if patients normally would come in
14	with a transfer sheet, that would indicate
15	specific orders for the patient?
16	A. Correct.
17	Q. Was it necessary then to verify those
18	transfer orders with either the attending
19	physician or at least one of the geriatric
20	fellows?
21	A. Right.
22	Q. Were the geriatric fellows permitted
23	to generate additional admitting orders aside
24	from what might come with the patient from the
25	transferring hospital?

1 Α. Yes. 2 Q., **So** if they felt that perhaps laboratory tests were indicated or a change in 3 the diet or something to that effect, the 4 geriatric fellow had the authority to make those 5 changes in the orders? 6 7 Α. Yes. 8 Q. Now, when orders came from a 9 transferring hospital for a diagnostic study or rather on admission if there were orders for a 10 diagnostic study, whose responsibility was it to 11 12 arrange for the scheduling of the diagnostic studies? 13 14 The nurses. Α. 15 Would the geriatric fellows at Judson Q. 16 have any responsibility for scheduling diagnostic 17 studies ordered by staff physicians? 18 Α. No. If an order was written for a 19 Ο. 20 diagnostic study, whose responsibility would it be to make sure that the diagnostic study was 2 1 22 actually scheduled and carried out? 23 Α. Who would be -- it would be the 24 nurses' responsibility to schedule it. 25 Q, Would it also be the nurses'

responsibility to make sure that it actually was 1 carried out? 2 3 Α. Yes. 0. Would you expect that if it wasn't, 4 that the nurses would report back to the 5 attending physician if there was a problem in 6 scheduling it --7 8 Α. Yes. Q. -- or for some reason it was canceled 9 or a date was changed? 10 11 Α. Yes. 12 Q , In November of '97, who made out the 13 assignments for the geriatric fellows? 14 Patient assignments do you mean? Α. 15 0. Yes. 16 Well, there, are you speaking of their Α. month-long? 17 Q, 18 Well, let's start with when they were assigned to a particular attending and would be 19 visiting that one-half day during the month. Who 20 21 would make that assignment? 22 Α. I'm just trying to remember who was doing it in '97. I think I was. 23 24 Q. And then the month-long period of time when they would be there frequently, who would 25

1 | make that assignment?

They would work with me to decide when 2 Α. they were going to go to rehab and those other 3 When they weren't assigned to someplace places. 4 5 else, they would be on the floors and there would be no specific assignment unless one of the 6 attendings was concerned about somebody and 7 called them or any new admission would have been 8 on their list. 9 Q, And who was the one that decided when 10 their month would be? Did that come from Case 11 Western Reserve, the sponsors? 12 That came from our division office. Α. 13 Q, Now, as medical director, when you 14 were at Judson, did you routinely make rounds on 15 all the patient care areas? Was that part of 16 your responsibilities as medical director? 17 Α. I routinely went to all the areas. Т 18 didn't round on all the patients. 19 Q, How often were you going to each area? 20 21 Α. At least once a week. Q, And when you would go to the various 22 areas, what would you do? 23 I would see any patients that were 24 Α.

25 mine who needed to be seen. I would usually

1 check in with whoever the nurse in charge was or the nurse practitioners who -- well, no. 2 Let's scratch the nurse practitioners. 3 I'm not sure how many we had there in '97. I would check in 4 5 with the nurses who were there, see how things were going. 6 7 Q, Would they tell you about any particular problems they had with certain 8 patients where you would go into the various 9 clinical areas? 10 11 Often they would, or if they had a Α. concern, they would have called me before I got there. 14 0. Now, I believe William Harrison Haves was a patient at Judson Retirement Community from 15 November 23rd through November 27th of 1997. 16 Did 17 you have any contact with him during his admission? 18 No, I didn't. 19 Α. 20 Q, Do you have any independent recollection of him, perhaps discussing him with 21 2.2 one of the nurses or a physician at that time? 23 Α. No, I don't. 24 Q, Did you at any time, either before or after his death, have any conversations with his 25

family? 1 2 Α. No. Ο, Now, at the time that William Hayes 3 was admitted to Judson Retirement Community, were 4 you assigned as his attending physician 5 initially? 6 Not to my recollection. 7 Α. 8 MS. TOSTI: Would you put a sticker on that? 9 10 (Thereupon, Plaintiff's Exhibit 2 11 was marked for purposes of identification.) 12 (Discussion had off the record.) 13 Q. 14 Doctor, what you have been handed has been marked as Exhibit Number 2. Could you tell 15 16 me, is that a form that typically appears in the Judson Retirement Community charts? 17 18 Α. Yes, it is. Q, The top of that sheets marked Resident 19 Information and you'd agree that that is the 20 resident information form for William Hayes, 21 correct? 22 23 Α. Yes. 24 Q, Now, down near the bottom I believe is 25 listed an area for the physician and your name is

1	listed in that area, is that correct?
2	A. Yes.
3	Q. Can you tell me how it is that your
4	name came to be listed as the physician on this
5	particular document?
6	A. I could tell you how that might be. I
7	can't tell you how it did happen.
8	Q. Well, why don't you tell me what you
9	think might have happened to cause you to be
10	listed on that sheet?
11	A. If it was not clear to the admissions
12	coordinator when they typed this out who would be
13	the doctor, they at times have used my name as a
14	default.
15	Q. Now, the patient's chart, you've had a
16	chance to look through the patient's chart,
17	correct?
18	A. Right.
19	Q. From my review, I see that there is a
2 0	letter from I believe utilization management,
21	Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield, that's addressed
22	to you regarding William Hayes and that also on a
23	good number of the therapy notes, physical
24	therapy evaluation, rehabilitation treatment
25	record, the nutritional screening and assessment

1	and also on all of the laboratory tests that were
2	ordered, your name is listed as the attending
3	physician. Why would your name appear on those
4	additional documents as his attending physician
5	if you were in fact not initially assigned as his
6	attending physician?
7	A. Because all of those forms obtain
8	their information from this sheet (witness
9	pointing).
10	MR. JONES: When you say this sheet,
11	Doctor, you're referring to Exhibit Number 2?
12	THE WITNESS: Yes, I am.
13	Q. Thank you.
14	Is it your understanding that
15	Dr. Atkinson was Mr. Hayes' attending physician
16	in this case?
17	A. Yes.
18	Q. Because your name initially appeared
19	on this, did you have any contact with Dr. Hissa
20	in regard to Mr. Hayes, Dr. Hissa being the
21	physician that was his attending at Hillcrest
22	Hospital from where he was transferred?
23	A. No, I did not.
24	Q. At any point in time was there any
25	transfer information provided to you at the time

of his transfer? 1 2 Α. To me personally? Q, 3 Yes. Α. No. 4 Q. Did you ever discuss Mr. Hayes' care 5 with anyone while he was a patient at Judson 6 7 Retirement Community? Α. No. 8 Q. At the time of his admission, which I 9 believe was on November 23rd, did the nurses ever 10 contact you regarding admission orders for this 11 patient? 12 13 Α. No. 14 Q, Okay. I'd like you to take a look at the Admission Physician Order form for Mr. Hayes 15 there contained in the Judson Retirement 16 Community chart. If you notice on the bottom of 17 the Admission Physician Orders, under the 18 Physician's Name at the very bottom of the page, 19 it has E. O'Toole, Is that information filled 20 21 out by the nurses at the time of admission? 22 Α. Yes. Q. Wouldn't the nurses call the attending 23 physician that they list on the admitting orders 24 in regard to a new admission? 25

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1 Α. Yes. Q, And in this instance, you don't have 2 any recollection of them calling you in regard to 3 William Hayes at the time he was admitted? 4 If they had called after hours, then I 5 Α. was not on call and they would not have gotten me 6 7 even if they had intended to get me. Q. And I noted that it appears that 8 Dr. Atkinson then came in and signed these orders 9 but it was the day after the admission. How did 10 11 Dr. Atkinson end up to be Mr. Hayes' attending if in fact initially your name appears on this 12 patient information sheet? 13 MR. FALLON: Objection. 14 Q, How did it transition to Dr. Atkinson, 15 if you know? 16 MR. FALLON: Objection. 17 Q, 18 You may answer. MR. JONES: Go ahead. 19 20 Α. Sorry. 21 The Resident Information Sheet, that Exhibit 2, is a print date of the 21st, so it may 22 not have been clear who the attending would have 23 been. Dr. Atkinson was assigned a certain half 24 day at Judson and she took the admissions, and 25

when she came on the 24th, this was one of the 1 2 admissions. In long-term care, the physician -the regulations state that the physician needs to 3 see the patient within 48 hours of admission, so 4 5 she would see patients from the day prior as well as the day she came in. 6 7 Q, So you don't have any recollection of 8 being contacted at the time of this patient's admission, correct? 9 10 Α. Correct. 11 Q. And that it's likely that Dr. Atkinson 12 was assigned the particular admission time that this patient came in and, therefore, she became 13 Mr. Hayes' attending physician? 14 15 Α. Correct. 16 Q., Now, on the admission sheet, near the 17 bottom it indicates Orders Verified and then it has Nurse and then there is a signature line 18 19 there. Do you see that? 20 Α. Yes. 21 You had previously mentioned that the 0. 2.2 patients frequently when they come from an acute care hospital come with transfer orders. 23 Would 24 this be where the nurses would record that they 25 had contacted a physician and verified those

transfer orders? Is that what that line is used 1 for? 2 3 Α. Yes. 0. So is it likely that the orders that 4 are written on this page were orders that came 5 with the patient? 6 7 That's what it should be. Α. Q. That's all I'm asking, Doctor, just 8 what the usual routine is. 9 Yes. 10 Α. 11 Q, And you indicated that if the attending wasn't available, that the nurses could 12 verify orders with the geriatric fellow, is that 13 correct? 14 Right. After hours, the answering 15 Α. service would call the fellow with any call from 16 the nursing home. 17 Q. Now, this particular patient, the 18 19 nurse has orders verified at 3:40 p.m. What do you consider to be after hours? 20 3:40 p.m. is not after hours. 21 Α. Q, So it's likely these orders were 22 verified then with an attending physician? 23 24 MR. FALLON: Objection. 25 MR. JONES: And again, you're asking

her what the routine would be? 1 MS, TOSTI: 2 Correct. MR. JONES: Okay. 3 Q, Let me rephrase this question. 4 At 3:40 p.m., the usual routine would 5 be to verify orders with the attending physician 6 rather than with a geriatric fellow, correct? 7 Α. If this was a weekday, yes. 8 What if it was a weekend? 0. 9 10 That would have been the on-call Α. 11 person. That might have been a fellow. Q. Do you know a Dr. Fakhur Ahmad? 12 13 Α. Yes. Q, Was he a geriatric fellow at Judson 14 Retirement Community in November of '97? 15 Yes. 16 Α. Q. Do you know a Dr. Tasaddaq Ahmed? 17 18 Α. Yes. Q, Was he a geriatric fellow at Judson 19 Retirement Community in November of '97? 20 Α. 21 No. MS. ROLLER: I'm sorry. 22 No? THE WITNESS: No. 23 24 MS, ROLLER: Thank you. 25 Q, And, Doctor, in regard to the

1	admission order sheet, it's broken down into
2	various areas. There is an area marked Ancillary
3	Orders and under that area there is about
4	half-way down a line that says Miscellaneous
5	Orders. Do you see that?
6	A. Yes.
7	Q. And that says I believe, "A DVT study
a	11:25 to rule out DVT. Call," and then it has a
9	number, "vascular lab and then follow up with
10	Dr. Hissa in three weeks." Do you see that
11	order?
12	A. Yes.
13	Q. What procedures would be followed to
14	carry out this order? This order that appears on
15	the order sheet, what steps would be taken to
16	carry out that order?
17	A. Well, it would be a nursing function.
18	I can tell I don't know exactly what they do.
19	We, the physicians, write the order in, then it
20	becomes the responsibility of the nurse taking
21	the order off to do what the order says.
22	Q. Would the nurses be responsible for
23	calling and making arrangements such as sending a
24	requisition or whatever information would be
25	required for those types of tests?

1 Α. Yes. 2 And would they also be responsible for 0. arranging transportation for the patient --3 4 Α. Yes. 5 0. \_\_ if it had to be done off site? 6 Α. Correct. 7 Would the geriatric fellows have any 0. responsibility for scheduling that type of a 8 test? 9 10 Α. No. 11 Ο, In Mr. Hayes' case, do you know of any reason why the order for DVT study was not 12 carried out? 13 I have no personal information about 14 Α. 15 why that didn't happen. Q, If the nurses had some type of a 16 problem in scheduling that test, would it be the 17 expectation that they would report back to the 18 attending physician? 19 20 Α. Yes. Q.. And would you agree that if the 21 nursing staff failed to schedule and to arrange 22 for the DVT study, that that would be substandard 23 24 care? 25 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Objection.

Q. You may answer. 1 Could you repeat it for me? 2 Α. Q, Yes. 3 Would you agree that if the nursing 4 staff failed to schedule and to arrange for the 5 DVT study, that that would be substandard care? 6 MR, GOLDSTEIN: 7 Objection. Α. Yes. 8 Q, Now, William Hayes I believe was 72 9 years old and had bilateral full knee 10 11 replacement. Would you agree that he was at risk for deep vein thrombosis? 12 MR. FALLON: 13 Objection. I'm sorry. 14 Α. Q. You may answer. 15 I need to hear it again. 16 Α. Q. 17 I said William Hayes was 72 years old and he had had bilateral total knee replacement 18 just days prior to admission to Judson Retirement 19 20 Community. Would you agree that he was at risk for deep vein thrombosis? 2 1 Yes. 22 Α. Q. And would you agree that the 23 24 physicians responsible for William Hayes' care 25 had a duty to closely monitor him for DVT because

of his recent bilateral total knee replacement 1 2 surgery? 3 MR. FALLON: Objection. 4 Α. Yes. Q, 5 Was it reasonable and prudent considering his risk for deep vein thrombosis to 6 7 have a DVT study ordered on his fifth postoperative day? 8 9 I'm going to object. MR. JONES: She has not seen the prior treatment 10 records which resulted in this order being placed 11 in the chart, so she has no basis to have an 12 opinion as to whether that was a reasonable order 13 under the circumstances or not. 14 Well, I'm asking the 15 MS. TOSTI: Doctor and so she can tell me if she has an 16 opinion or not. 17 MR. FALLON: Objection. 18 MR. JONES: I still object. 19 Well, that's fine. MS. TOSTI: 20 Q, You may answer, Doctor. 21 I think it seems reasonable to get a 22 Α. DVT study. I can't say anything about the timing 23 24 or the other parts of your question. When a patient dies unexpectedly at 25 0.

Judson Retirement Community, and I'm speaking in 1 November of 1997, are you as the medical director 2 notified of that death? 3 4 MR. JONES: Objection. He didn't die at Judson Retirement 5 Community in this case, so I don't see the 6 relevance of the question, but go ahead, Doctor. 7 Α. I am generally notified of any sudden 8 change in condition. 9 Q, So if a patient had a cardiac arrest 10 11 unexpectedly at Judson Retirement Community, you would be notified of that event, correct? 12 (Witness nods head affirmatively.) 13 Α. 14 MR. JONES: You need to answer out loud, Doctor. 15 16 Α. Yes. 17 MR. JONES: Thank you. Q, Would you do any type of an 18 19 investigation after you were notified of that type of event? Is there anything that you would 20 do routinely in that regard after you were 21 notified? 2.2 23 MR. JONES: Objection. Α. Of a cardiac --24 MR. JONES: Go ahead. 25

Q, 1 Yes, of an unexpected cardiac arrest at Judson Retirement Community. 2 MR. JONES: Objection. 3 Routinely those cases are reviewed. 4 Α. Q, Would that be part of your quality 5 assurance program? 6 7 Α. Yes. 0. In this case, were you notified when 8 Mr. Hayes suffered cardiac arrest at Judson 9 Retirement Community? 10 11 Α. After the fact, yes. 0. When were you notified? 12 Α. I can't say exactly. It was within a 13 I believe Thanksgiving was around that 14 few days. time, so I don't know what exact date, but it was 15 16 within a few days. 17 Q, So you were notified after he died, correct? 18 19 Α. Right. Q. Were you notified that he had had an 20 21 autopsy done? I believe **so**. 22 Α. Q. Did you receive the results of that 23 24 autopsy? Α. No. 25

Q. Did you have any conversations with 1 anyone at Cleveland Clinic regarding William 2 Hayes after the time that he was transferred 3 there? 4 Α. No, no. 5 Q. 6 You said that you have never spoken with any of the Hayes family, is that correct? 7 Not to my knowledge. Α. 8 Q. 9 What is your understanding as to William Hayes' cause of death? 10 11 I have not seen the autopsy. Α. Q . 12 I just need to know, Doctor, whether you have any understanding as to what caused his 13 death, and if you don't know, that's fine. 14 Т just need you to tell me that. 15 16 Α. I don't know for a fact. Q. You have never requested to see a copy 17 of the autopsy in this case? 18 It never occurred to me that I had a 19 Α. right to see a copy of his autopsy. 20 Q, Well, I would like you to assume that 21 William Hayes died of multiple pulmonary emboli 22 in all lobes of his lungs, and assuming that to 23 24 be true, would you agree that the most likely 25 source of those pulmonary emboli was deep vein

thrombosis in his lower extremities? 1 2 MS. ROLLER: Objection. 3 MR. FALLON: Objection. 4 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Objection. 5 MR. JONES: She has no basis to any 6 such opinion. She's already testified to that. Α. I did not see the patient. I can't 7 make a clinical judgment. 8 Q, I'm going to ask you a series of 9 10 questions, Doctor, and if you have no opinion, just tell me that. I just need to ask you. 11 Do you have an opinion as to whether 12 William Hayes' death was preventable? 13 14 MR. JONES: Objection. 15 MR, FALLON: Objection. 16 MS. ROLLER: Objection. 17 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Objection. 18 Α. No opinion. Q, And I would assume, Doctor, that you 19 have no opinion as to any particular point in 20 time when his condition was irreversible, 2 1 22 correct? 23 Α. Correct. 24 Q. Do you have any opinion if Mr. Hayes had not died in the manner that he did on 25

1 November 27th what his reasonable life expectancy would have been? 2 3 MR. JONES: Objection. 4 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Objection. I don't have any idea. 5 Α. Q, Do you have any criticisms of the б nurses regarding the way in which the order for 7 the DVT study in this case was handled? 8 9 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Objection. 10 Α. I don't know how it was handled, so I can't criticize it. 11 Well, Doctor, didn't you indicate that 12 Q, 13 there was some type of an investigation done in regard to this case? 14 15 MR. JONES: Objection. 16 She's not answering any of those 17 questions. She's already indicated that's all 18 quality assurance. We're not answering any of that. 19 20 So you don't answer, Doctor. MS. TOSTI: Well, I think I can ask 21 her as to what her knowledge is. She said that 2.2 there was an investigation, so obviously she has 23 24 gone through some of these materials. 25 Q. I'm asking you whether or not you have

any criticisms of the nursing care in this case. 1 She's indicated she has 2 MR. JONES: reviewed the Judson Retirement Community records. 3 She's answered questions from those records. 4 She 5 is not going to answer any guestions that attempt to elicit information she may have learned within 6 the quality assurance process. 7 8 Ο, Doctor, do you have any criticisms of the nurses in this case? 9 10 MR. JONES: Objection. 11 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Objection. THE WITNESS: 12 Is that objection, answer, or objection, don't answer? 13 The question is the same 14 MR. JONES: 15 one she's asked before. Do you have any criticism from what you know of the case of the 16 17 nursing care in the case? I can't criticize what I don't know 18 Α. what I did -- I don't know what the nurses did. 19 20 Q . Now, you've had an opportunity to review the medical records though, correct? 21 22 Α. Right. Q. And you don't find any problems with 23 24 anything that you have reviewed in the medical 25 records?

Α. I see an order for a DVT study. 1 Ι don't know what became of that order. 2 3 0. Do you see any indications in the records that that DVT study order was ever acted 4 5 upon by the nurses? 6 MR. JONES: I think I better object as to what you mean by acted upon. There is an 7 indication that they were verified. She 8 testified to that, so --9 MS. TOSTI: Well, she can testify as 10 to what her understanding is. 11 Ο. What was done from your review of the 12 records in regard to the DVT study order? 13 14 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Objection. Α. This record would not necessarily 15 reflect what had been done. 16 0. What record would? Do you find any 17 18 indication of a report on a DVT study in the records that you reviewed? 19 20 Α. No. Did you find any indication in that 21 Ο, record that a DVT study ever was done for William 2.2 Haves? 23 24 Α. No. 25 Q. Do you find any problem with that in

1 regard to the nursing care? 2 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Objection. Α. 3 Because it's not in the record, I 4 don't know for a fact that it doesn't exist. 5 Q. Wouldn't you expect that there would be a report there if it was done? 6 7 Not necessarily. Α. Q, Where would the report go if there was 8 9 a report done? 10 Α. Written reports aren't always 11 generated given the date was 11-25. Q, Would you expect there would be at 12 least a progress note that refers to the DVT 13 study if it was done? 14 Α. It's possible. I don't know if I'd 15 16 say it was required. Q., Well, Doctor, what I'm trying to find 17 out is what would you expect to see if in fact 18 that DVT study was scheduled and completed. What 19 would we look for in that regard to determine 20 21 that? At some point I would expect to find a 22 Α. report, but given this record stops on the 27th, 23 I don't know that that means that it hadn't been 24 25 generated. I do not see it here. It's not here.

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1	Q. Well, even if the patient expired,
2	wouldn't you expect that a report would still be
3	put in the record if you received a report?
4	A. Yes.
5	MS. TOSTI: I don't think I have any
6	further questions for you. The other defense
7	attorneys may have some additional questions.
8	(Discussion had off the record.)
9	MS. ROLLER: No questions.
10	MR. JONES: Any questions?
11	MR. FALLON: No questions.
12	MR. GOLDSTEIN: No.
13	MR. JONES: The Doctor will read it.
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15	(Deposition concluded at <b>1:05</b> p.m.)
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