1 The State of Ohio, ) ) SS:County of Lorain. 2 3 IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS Robert Ray Lee, et al, 4 5 Plaintiffs, 6 Case No. 00CV125489 vs. 7 Glen Whitted, M.D., et al, Defendants. 8 9 10 Deposition of a Defendant, GLEN WHITTED, M.D., 11 12 called by the Plaintiffs as upon cross-examination, taken before Kathleen A. Hopkins Durrant, a Notary 13 14 Public within and for the State of Ohio, at the 15 Offices of Kolczun & Kolczun Orthopaedics, 5800 Cooper 16 Foster Park Road, Lorain, Ohio, on Thursday, the 9th day of November, 2000, at 6:15 p.m., pursuant to 17 18 agreement of counsel. 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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1 **APPEARANCES:** On behalf of the Plaintiffs: 2 Howard Mishkind 3 Becker & Mishkind Co., LPA 4 Skylight Office Tower 1660 West Second Street 5 Cleveland, Ohio 44113-1454 On behalf of the Defendants: б 7 Forrest A. Norman, III Weston, Hurd, Fallon, Paisley & Howley LLP 2500 Terminal Tower 8 50 Public Square Cleveland, Ohio 44113-3241 9 ÷ \* 10 \* \* \* 11 12 CURRICULUM VITATE MARKED PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT 1 13 FOR IDENTIFICATION. 14 MRI INTERPRETATION MARKED PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT 2 FOR IDENTIFICATION. 15 OPERATIVE REPORT MARKED PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT 3 16 FOR IDENTIFICATION. 17 PHOTOS MARKED PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT 4 THRU 11 FOR 18 IDENTIFICATION. 19 \* 20 21 22 23 24 25

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1	GLEN WHITTED, M.D.,
2	of lawful age, a Defendant herein, called
3	by the Plaintiffs for the purpose of
4	cross-examination as provided by the Ohio Rules
5	of Civil Procedure, being by me first duly
6	sworn as hereinafter certified, deposed and
7	said as follows:
8	CROSS-EXAMINATION OF GLEN WHITTED, M.D.
9	BY MR. MISHKIND:
10	Q. State your name for the record, please.
11	A. Glen Whitted, M.D.
12	Q. Dr. Whitted, my name is Howard Mishkind. We
13	were just introduced before the deposition started.
14	As you know, I represent Mr. Lee in connection with
15	the lawsuit that is pending against you.
16	I'm going to ask you some questions and the
17	Court Reporter is going to take your answers down.
18	The fact that it's about 20 after 6:00 now, let's both
19	do the courtesy to each other in terms of I'll wait
20	until you're done with your answer, wait until I'm
21	done with my question. Even though we may both be
22	tired, we'll resist the urge to cut off each other.
23	Fair enough?
24	A. That's fair enough.
25	Q. Okay. Before I start questioning you what I'd

like to do is just take a moment to go off the record 1 and take a look at the original of the chart that you 2 3 have there. That is your original chart on Mr. Lee? 4 Α. This is a copy for the --5 THE WITNESS: This is not your 6 copy? 7 MR. NORMAN: That's my copy. Yeah, okay. 8 Α. Q. Where would the original be? 9 10 Α. It's probably with Mrs. Schoop. Let me see. 11 12 (Thereupon, a discussion was had off the record.) 13 0. Okay. Doctor, I'm going to hand you what I've 14 had marked for identification as Plaintiff's Exhibit 15 Would you take a look at that and tell me what 16 1. 17 that is? 18 This is my curriculum vitae. Α. 19 Q. Two pages, true? 20 Α. Yes. 21 Q. Is that a current and updated version of your 22 CV? 23 A ' Yes. Anything that needs to be added or corrected to 24 Q. 25 make it entirely current and updated?

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1 Α. Not material. When you say not material, is there something 2 0. immaterial that should be added? 3 Not that would substantially change the 4 Α. information in it, no. 5 Let's come at it from a different way. What is б 0. 7 different about the CV, whether it's insubstantial or 8 otherwise? Oh, I might list other employments and other 9 Α. 10 hospital staff appointments. Q. What are they? 11 12 Α. Fisher-Titus Medical Center, Elyria Memorial 13 Hospital, the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. And the 14 name of a hospital listed here has changed, so that 15 would be Community Health Partners Hospital. 16 Ο. Any other changes, whether they're material or 17 immaterial? 18 Α. No. Q. Are you an employee of the Cleveland Clinic 19 Foundation? 20 21 Α. Yes. 22 Q. How long have you been an employee of Cleveland Clinic? 23 24 Nearly two years. Α. Q. In looking at your CV, I'm curious with regard 25

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to your medical education. You started your medical 1 2 education in Germany, true? 3 Yes. Α. 4 Q. And then came back to the U.S. and obtained a medical degree from the Medical College of Ohio, true? 5 6 Α. That's true. 7 Ο. Why did you go to medical school in Germany 8 initially? Well, I happened to be working as a technical 9 Α. translator in Germany at the time and I had wanted to 10 11 go to medical school, had been a goal before, but 12 while living oversees and being bilingual, I helped a 13 friend of mine who is an upper level management 14 employee at the Porsche Company get admission to the business school at the University of Virginia, and he 15 16 then said he would help me fill out applications for 17 medical school in Germany. And both of us were 18 accepted to school. 19 Did you apply to medical schools in the states 0. 20 prior to pursuing application in Germany for medical school? 21 22 Yes, but I had made plans by that time to live Α. overseas and considered postponing my medical studies 23 for a period of time due to the opportunity that had 24 25 arisen.

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1	Q. You were in medical school in Germany, it looks
2	like from 1980 through 1982?
3	A. That is right. From the beginning of, about
4	the beginning of 1980, February, I think.
5	Q. When you applied to medical schools in the
6	United States, were you accepted to any of the medical
7	schools that you applied to back in 1980?
8	A. I think I first applied to medical schools in
9	nineteen seventy-five or six, before planning to go
10	overseas, and I interviewed, but I was not accepted
11	because I notified the admissions board that I had
12	made plans to study overseas.
13	Q. How many medical schools had you applied to
14	before you made the decision to study overseas?
15	A. I think it was five or six.
16	Q. And the five or six that you applied to, you
17	were not accepted to any of them, true?
18	A. Right. I declined to pursue the acceptance or
19	the admission process at any of those schools.
20	Q. So technically all of the schools that you had
21	applied to you were not admitted to during that first
22	go around, true?
23	A. Yes, on having withdrawn my application, then I
24	was no longer considered.
25	Q. Now, when you decided to pursue education back

1	in the U.S., that would have been at the Medical
2	College of Ohio, and were you accepted on your first
3	application to the Medical College of Ohio?
4	A. Yes.
5	Q. Are you Board certified?
6	A. Yes.
7	Q. I don't see the Board certification referenced,
8	or at least the specific date. When did you become
9	Board certified?
10	A. July 1995.
11	Q. And how many occasions did you sit for the
12	Boards before successfully completing the requirements
13	and successfully passing the Boards?
14	A. I took the written Board examination twice and
15	the oral Board examination once.
16	Q. Did you have to pursue any further training in
17	order to take the Boards again?
18	A. No. It's a requirement of the Board that in
19	order to complete the certifying process that you pass
20	the written examination and then have two full years
21	of practice in one location before taking the written
22	or, excuse me, the oral Boards to be eligible for
23	certification.
24	Q. You published two articles that are referenced
25	in your CV, true?

1	Α.	Yes.
2	Q.	Have you ever submitted any other articles,
3	book c	hapters, anything else to the, for publication
4	in the	e medical literature?
5	A.	No.
6	Q.	Have you ever had you license suspended or
7	revoke	ed or limited in any way?
8	Α.	No.
9	Q.	Have you ever been denied privileges at any
10	hospit	als?
11	Α.	No.
12	Q.	You are an orthopedic surgeon, true?
13	Α.	Yes.
14	Q.	Do you have an area that you specialize in?
15	Α.	Joint replacement surgery I would say is my
16	specia	lty.
17	Q.	Do you have any specific subspecialty training
18	in joi	nt replacement?
19	Α.	Yes.
20	Q.	From where?
21	Α.	From the Central Dupage Hospital in suburban
22	Chicag	0.
23	Q.	When was that?
24	Α.	In 1992.
25	Q.	You have had your deposition taken before,

1 true? 2 Α. Yes. You have had you deposition taken both as a 3 Ο. defendant as well as a treating doctor, true? 4 Yes. 5 Α. Tell me just in general numbers on how many Q. 6 7 occasions have you had your deposition taken as a treating physician testifying as it relates to the 8 care provided to one of your patients? 9 I believe about four or five times. io Α. Q. Have you had your deposition taken in that 11 12 capacity, as a treating doctor, in the year 2000? 13 Α. No. 14 Q. How long ago would you say it's been since 15 you --Oh, I'm sorry, I have to, I have to think. 16 Α. 17 Yes, I think I have been deposed in the year 2000, on a shoulder surgery. 18 Was it an injury that your patient had and some 19 0. lawsuit was filed relative to the situation that 20 caused the shoulder injury? 21 I think, no. I think there was a disability 22 Α. question involved in a young person with an unusual 23 type of shoulder problem. 24 25 Q. Let's put aside the depositions that you have

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1	given in connection with your patients as the treating
2	physician. Let me start out first and work down.
3	How many times have you been named as a
4	defendant in a medical negligence case?
5	A. I believe four times.
6	Q. Is this the fifth?
7	A. No, this would be the fourth. Although not
8	chronological in terms of how they have been dealt
9	with, this is the fourth.
10	Q. Are any of the cases still pending?
11	A. No.
12	Q. This is the only malpractice case that you have
13	against you to your knowledge that's pending in a
14	Court?
15	A. Yes.
16	Q. Have any of the cases against you in the past
17	dealt with issues relative to a surgical repair of a
18	knee?
19	A. No.
20	Q. Have you ever served as an expert witness
21	either on behalf of an orthopedic surgeon or on behalf
22	of a patient bringing a claim against another doctor?
23	A. No.
24	Q. The other cases that were filed against you
25	were all in Lorain County, true?

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1	Α.	Yes.
2	Q.	You and I have never met before, have we?
3	Α.	No.
4	Q.	You have met my partner, Mike Becker?
5	Α.	Yes.
6	Q.	He took your deposition on a past occasion?
7	Α.	Yes.
8	Q.	Is that one of the cases that you were named as
9	a defe	ndant?
10	Α.	Yes.
11	Q.	Do you remember the subject matter of that
12	case?	
13	Α.	I do.
14	Q.	What type of injury or what type of surgical
15	proced	ure was that case?
16	Α.	It was a revision hip replacement.
17	Q.	Do you do any teaching to residents or to
18	medica	l students?
19	Α.	No.
20	Q.	Have you at any time in your career been an
21	assist	ant, an associate or a full professor at any
22	univer	sity or medical school?
23	Α.	No.
24	Q.	Let me ask you whether you remember Mr. Lee, so
25	that I	can determine the scope of my questions. Do

1	you remember the patient?
2	A. Yes.
3	Q. When is the last time you saw Mr. Lee?
4	A. I believe it would be at his last office visit
5	of September 4th, 1996.
6	Q. You have not seen him out in the community
7	since then?
8	A. No.
9	Q. You know Dr. Williams, Dr. James Williams?
10	A. Yes.
11	Q. You are aware that Dr. Williams has provided
12	treatment to Mr. Lee since you last treated him?
13	A. No, I wasn't aware.
14	Q. That wasn't brought to your attention by your
15	attorney?
16	A. No.
17	MR. NORMAN: Objection to what we
18	discussed.
19	Q. I take it you have not had an occasion then to
20	talk to Dr. Williams concerning Mr. Lee?
21	A. No.
22	Q. All right. If appropriate, if necessary when
23	we get to Dr. Williams' treatment, I will be happy to
24	show you the operative report for the two surgeries
25	that he's performed and give you an opportunity to

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1	take a look at them. If you can answer questions that
2	relate to what he's done and the significance of your
3	treatment then, fine. If not, and you need to study
4	his operative report to respond to those particular
5	questions, when we get to that we'll adjourn and
6	revisit those issues at another time, okay?
7	A. All right.
8	Q. But before we get to that point, let's talk
9	about Mr. Lee and the treatment that you provided to
10	him.
11	Aside from the records that you have in front
12	of you, Doctor, is there anything else that you have
13	reviewed in preparation for today's deposition?
14	A. No.
15	Q. Have you reviewed any medical literature as it
16	relates to the treatment of the knee for purposes of
17	this deposition?
18	A. No.
19	Q. Are there any authoritative texts or
20	authoritative journals that you believe support the
21	treatment plan in terms of the approach to the
22	suspected anterior cruciate ligament and then the
23	chondroplasty and the notchplasty procedure that you
24	did back in 1996, any literature that you could direct
25	me to that would suggest that the manner in which you

1 treated Mr. Lee was an accepted mode of therapy? 2 MR. NORMAN: Objection. Go ahead 3 and answer. None which in an analogous manner to finding a 4 Α. precedent case which we might use as the basis of a 5 legal discussion that I could quote to you saying, 6 this is a cookbook description of a problem for which 7 we have this kind of treatment. 8 I'm not suggesting necessarily a cookbook 9 Q. treatment, but I guess in performing an anterior 10 cruciate ligament repair, frequently notchplasties are 11 done in association with an anterior cruciate ligament 12 13 repair, true? 14In our country it is almost the rule. Α. 15 Q. Okay. Where an anterior cruciate ligament 16 surgery is not necessary after doing a diagnostic 17 arthroscopy, are there any studies, journal articles, book chapters that you can cite me to that would 18 suggest performing a notchplasty in the face of a 19 nondisrupted anterior cruciate ligament is within the 20 standard of care? 21 I'm not sure such literature exists, because 22 Α. it's almost certain that it hasn't been the confined 23 subject of a single study intended to bring about a 24 25 conclusion on a question arising from that issue.

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m	≼ounΩ t≻at the anterior cruciate ligament was not
4	diarupted or torn?
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9	Q Aside from Mr. Løp on any other patient?
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ω	pipn't ⊵×ist that I can ≻ring to minp
σ	Q. Let's talk about I'm sowry, diw I interunt
10	You?
년 년	A. No.
12	Q. I thought you were close to wone. But your like
13	were still mowing, so I well reiterate Dark to what I
14	kroziset you I toulon't Do at tee ter Yeginning
1	I want to talk a little Dit aDout your surgical
16	e×perience You tolΩ me at t≽e werx >eginning that
17	you hawe a special interest in joint replacement
18	In terms of the knee an <b>0</b> surge <del>r</del> ies on the knee
19	obviously the knew is a joint, is it not?
50	A Yes.
21	Q How many zurgical <b>p</b> rocepures hawe you performe <b>D</b>
22	ower the course of your career in approaching a knee
23	or a problem with a knee?
24	A Over two thousand.
2 7	Q And of those two thousand cases Mr. Lee's is
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1	unique in terms of doing a notchplasty where a patient
2	did not have a disruption or a tear in the anterior
3	cruciate ligament, true?
4	A. Yes, I would have to say that's true.
5	Q. I want to ask you some questions about some of
6	your initial visits with Mr. Lee before the surgery,
7	so please use your notes or your memory before I get
8	into the specifics.
9	Let me ask you this, you mentioned to me a
10	moment ago that do you remember Mr. Lee?
11	A. Yes.
12	Q. Can you tell me globally, and I understand this
13	may be too broad of a question, but how would you
14	describe the physician/patient relationship that you
15	had with Mr. Lee?
16	A. Gosh, I think that's too broad a question.
17	Q. Fair enough. Let me try to break it down.
18	Did you feel at any time during the
19	physician/patient relationship with Mr. Lee that he
20	was noncompliant in any respect?
21	A. No, I feel that he tried his best to perform
22	everything that was asked of him.
23	Q. Did there come a time during your relationship
24	where you suspected that Mr. Lee was less than
25	confident in the care that you were providing to him?

1 Α. Yes. 2 Q. Was this toward the end or can you point me to 3 a phase in the treatment? 4 I think it might have been, if I can recall Α. 5 correctly, after his first surgery when it seemed that б his marital problems were more important than his 7 physical problems at the time, that his anxiety and concerns about his wife's expectations for his earning 8 ability and so forth were upfront, and also their 9 10 troubled relationship on other issues. Do your records reflect anything as it relates 11 0. 12 to the marital problems or these troubled issues? I would never commit a nonmedical discussion 13 Α. 14 except in a fleeting reference to the medical chart, 15 because it wouldn't impact really on my treatment or recommendations for the patient. 16 17 Q. This falls in the category of, these are some 18 of the things that I remember about Mr. Lee independent of the office records? 19 20 Α. Yes. 21 Q. Okay. Because I don't have the benefit of 22 anything noted in the record, whether it should or 23 shouldn't be there, tell me what you remember about the marital problems and these troubled issues that 24 25 were shared with you by Mr. Lee?

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1 I think it seemed, and I got the impression Α. 2 from Mr. Lee, that he was afraid that his wife might 3 either have him move out or she would be leaving. And that although we didn't discuss it in detail, I didn't 4 pursue it much. I let him explain to me that 5 underlying issues for him were his, the integrity of 6 7 his family during this time of problem that he was having with his knee. 8 9 Ο. I take it from what you're telling me that Mr. Lee was confiding in you on matters that obviously 10 11 fell outside of your area of expertise? 12 Yes. Α. So you had somewhat of a friendship, perhaps 13 0. more than just a physician/patient relationship? 14 No, not really. I felt as though he might be 15 Α. 16 hinting that there were financial issues involved in 17 either supporting his family and maybe not being able 18 to because of his disability from injury. Or that 19 something along the lines that his wife might not think much of him if he couldn't hold a job and bring 20 in an income. 21 22 Q. Was this a conversation that was repeated on more than one occasion? 23 24 Yes, as I recall. Α. 25 Q. Was it a conversation that occurred almost

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1 continuously on office visits or was it limited to a 2 select group of office visits? I'm just trying to get a sense of whether it was a continuous process or 3 whether it sort of stopped? 4 5 Well, if I could limit it, I might say that Α. toward the middle third of our period of interaction 6 7 it seemed to be a recurrent, compelling issue at each office visit. 8 And Mr. Lee would tell you that he was 9 Ο. continuing to have marital problems, is that part of 10 the conversation? 11 12 As I recall he would bring up that these fears Α. 13 still were upfront for him. 14 Q. Fears that physically he couldn't support his 15 family, that the marriage would fall apart? 16 Α. More fears that he wouldn't be able to get back to the work that he was doing before, because I think 17 he liked it and did well at it. And fears that, for a 18 lot of reasons I don't believe he was explaining to 19 me, that his wife might leave him. And those were 20 21 really the two things I got out of his discussions with me. 2.2 Did you ever meet his wife? 23 Ο. I actually, I can't recall that I did. 24 No. Α. 25 It's possible that I did on one occasion, but it's

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1	been quite sometime and I don't have a distinct
2	recollection of meeting her.
3	Q. Now, this whole conversation about marital
4	problems started when I asked you about whether he,
5	whether there was a sense that you got from him that
6	he questioned the quality or the type of care that he
7	was receiving, and you brought up the issue of the
8	marital. Did he say something to you that caused you
9	to believe that he was losing confidence in you as a
10	physician?
11	A. No. I think he was getting very discouraged
12	that he wasn't getting better, and I think he was very
13	discouraged. And really along those lines, I wanted
14	him to hear from other doctors about his problem and
15	his progress and I wanted him to get a second opinion
16	with Dr. Hritz for that reason.
17	Q. Did you refer him to any other doctors for
18	second opinions other than Dr. Hritz?
19	A. I don't recall, but I don't believe so.
20	Q. Did you ever refer him to a marriage counselor
21	or anybody along those lines based upon some of these
22	conversations you were having with him?
23	A. No, I didn't feel competent really to advise or
24	delve into those problems, but I listened and I tried
25	to be sympathetic.

1	Q. Aside from medical issues and those things that
2	are reflected in the record, do you remember topics of
3	conversation that you had with Mr. Lee on, on matters
4	going on in his life, for example, you told me about
5	the concerns he had about his ability to work and the
6	impact that would have on the marriage, any other
7	topics that were discussed between you and him that
8	aren't otherwise reflected in the records?
9	A. I don't have a clear recollection, no.
10	Q. Again, before we delve into the specifics of
11	the office visits, ${f I}$ failed to ask you, what
12	orthopedic textbooks do you own?
13	A. You would like a bibliography of them or
14	Q. Give me the, I guess, the top shelf ones that
15	you own and have occasion to refer to from time to
16	time.
17	A. Well, it's really quite a lot of them.
18	I refer to Campbell's Orthopaedics in general,
19	and Rockwood and Green fracture textbook. And a long
20	lineup of books on arthroplasty, which is joint
21	replacement and arthroscopy, which is probably the
22	biggest volume area of my surgery.
23	Q. Is there a textbook called arthroscopy?
24	A. No.
25	Q. There are topics, there are chapters on

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1 arthroscopy in Rockwell and Green and Campbell's, 2 true? 3 Α. In Campbell's, yes. And Campbell's is a well respected treatise in 4 Ο. 5 the area of orthopedic surgery, true? 6 Α. I believe so, yes. 7 Rockwood and Green also is a well respected 0. treatise in the area of orthopedic surgery? 8 In the care of fractures, yes. 9 Α. If one was looking at the most reliable and 10 0. 11 authoritative texts or journals dealing with 12arthroscopy, what would you, what would you refer to? MR. NORMAN: Objection. 13 If I were trying to research an issue, I might 14 Α. 15 look into the journal literature, and Arthroscopy would probably be the first choice. 16 17 Q. There is a journal, a journal called Arthroscopy or Journal of Arthroscopy? 18 19 Α. Yes, yes. 20 What's it called? Ο. I believe it's Journal of Arthroscopy. 21 Α. Q. 22 I had a feeling it was something like that. MR. NORMAN: 23 Doctors are very imaginative in naming their journals. 24 Q. 25 In any event, you have not looked at

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1	Campbell's, Rockwood or Green or the Journal of
2	Arthroscopy in preparation for this deposition, true?
3	A. No.
4	Q. But they would be good and reliable sources for
5	information relating to surgery on the knee, whether
6	it be anterior cruciate ligament or diagnostic
7	arthroscopies and the indication for various
8	surgeries, true?
9	A. These named books and journals would probably
10	provide the compendium of references on the published
11	information about most issues concerning knee surgery,
12	yes.
13	Q. Sources you would deem reasonably reliable and
14	authoritative, true?
15	A. Always remembering that journal literature is
16	up-to-date scientific study and is not necessarily
17	accepted as practice reliable, but basically the
18	offering of findings done under controlled conditions
19	for problems that we recognize as surgical issues for
20	the arthroscopist.
21	Q. Rather artfully put, but I'm not sure that I
22	followed you entirely. The sources that you
23	A. You would never pardon me for interrupting.
24	Go ahead.
25	Q. The sources you are referring to, and obviously

1	you look to journal articles for the most up-to-date
2	references on techniques and studies dealing
3	especially in your area of joint replacement and joint
4	surgery, you would look to journal articles before you
5	would look to textbooks, true?
6	A. Not for authoritative information, no.
7	Q. Where would you look for authoritative
8	information?
9	A. Textbooks.
10	Q. So Campbell's would be the top shelf, Rockwood
11	and Green right up there as well?
12	A. For each of their respective areas of
13	application, yes.
14	Q. And specifically when we're talking about the
15	knee and surgery on the knee, would that be, would
16	those two texts be reliable sources for information as
17	it relates to surgical, standard surgical texts,
18	standard surgical procedures in this area?
19	MR. NORMAN: Objection
20	A. Not necessarily for arthroscopy, no.
21	Especially not Campbell's.
22	Q. Where would we, where would you suggest that
23	one look for reliable and authoritative information on
24	arthroscopy?
25	MR. NORMAN: Objection. I think

this has already been addressed. 1 2 The medical library. Α. 3 Q. And where would you, if you were going to the medical library, where would you go in the medical 4 5 library for reliable sources on arthroscopy? б Well, I would say my favorite text to refer to Α. 7 might be a book by Dr. Andrews on arthroscopy. 8 Is it called arthroscopy? Ο. I don't recall the title. I own it. 9 Α. Ι wouldn't look in the library. 10 11 0. You don't need to go to the library since you 12 own it? 13 That's right. Α. 14Q. And I presume you refer to it from time to 15 time? 16 Yes. Α. Consider it to be a reliable source of 17 Q. information in the area of arthroscopy, true? 18 19 Α. Yes. 20 Q. Dr. Andrews you consider to be an expert in the 21 area of arthroscopy? 22 Α. Unquestionably. 23 0. And his book is certainly in your mind an 24 authoritative text, true? 25 MR. NORMAN: Objection. Go

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1 ahead. 2 I will just answer by saying, I'm always Α. 3 looking for good ideas, and Dr. Andrews is an 4 outstanding source of sometimes even controversial ideas. 5 You certainly consider Dr. Andrews and his book б 0. 7 to be a source of reliable informational, be it 8 perhaps at times controversial? MR. NORMAN: Objection. Howard, 9 10 can we move along? 11 MR. MISHKIND: We will. 12 Α. Yes. 13 Q. Your answer is yes? 14 Α. Yes. 15 Q. Okay. Thank you. Mr. Lee had been a patient of this office 16 17 before April of 1996, true? 18 Α. Yes. 19 Q. Had he been your patient? 20 Α. No. 21 Q. Who had he been a patient of? 22 He had seen Dr. Kolczun and Dr. Treuhaft. Α. 23 Q. You met him then for the very first time in 24 April of 1996, true? 25 Α. Yes.

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1	Q. Where did you obtain the history in April of
2	'96 that he had sustained this injury on a trampoline?
3	A. I interviewed the patient.
4	Q. Do you have a written note for April 22, 1996?
5	A. No.
6	Q. Do you have a dictation machine that you keep
7	with you at the time of office visits?
8	A. Yes.
9	Q. So your dictation would have been at or near
10	the time of the office visit, true?
11	A. Yes.
12	Q. And, in fact, do you dictate your office note
13	right with the patient present or do you normally wait
14	until the patient has left?
15	A. No, I think it's rude to dictate in front of a
16	patient so I wait until they've left.
17	Q. So your recollection of the history then would
18	have been shared with your dictation machine shortly
19	after Mr. Lee left, true?
20	A. Following the logical extension of that
21	thinking, yes.
22	Q. Well, I try to be logical every once in a
23	while.
24	MR. NORMAN: He didn't dictate it
25	before he saw the patient.

and a second

1	Q. And I, my curiosity in terms of the trampoline
2	is only based upon the fact that I'm advised by Mr.
3	Lee that the injury did not occur on a trampoline, so
4	I'm just, I'm wondering on what were you basing that
5	statement of sustaining an injury on a trampoline.
6	And it's as you just stated, you believe that's what
7	he told you and you dictated it after he left?
8	A. Yes.
9	Q. Okay. No other source for that that you are
10	aware of?
11	A. No.
12	Q. Okay. Would you explain briefly to me the
13	Lachman test?
14	A. Lachman test is a knee examination test
15	performed with the knee in slight flexion, 20 degrees
16	or so, which the upper part of the leg, the thigh, is
17	stabilized with one hand, and the lower part of the
18	leg is shifted forward to test for looseness of the
19	ligaments inside the knee.
20	Q. It's used, is it not, to aid in the diagnosis
21	of the rupture of an anterior cruciate ligament?
22	A. Yes.
23	Q. And you had a one plus result on the test?
24	A. Yes.
25	Q. And what did that indicate to you?

1	A. That there was a, the feel of a, an abnormal
2	amount of travel with the provocative part <i>of</i> the
3	test.
4	Q. There was some opening or movement within the
5	joint based upon your examination?
6	A. Yes, that the lower leg moved forward with my
7	provocation perhaps a little bit more than might be
8	considered normal. And I stated in the notes, with an
9	indistinct end point.
10	Q. And one plus result indicates what, about five
11	millimeters or less of joint opening?
12	A. I would agree with that.
13	Not joint opening, but of translation of
14	sliding forward.
15	Q. What was within your differential on April 22
16	based upon the history that he provided to you and
17	your physical examination?
18	A. Torn meniscus.
19	Q. I'm sorry.
20	A. Torn medial meniscus.
21	Q. Okay.
22	A. And torn anterior cruciate ligament.
23	Q. Nothing else in your differential at that time?
24	A. No.
25	Q. Did you consider a subluxed patella within your

differential? 1 Not initially. 2 Α. 3 0. Did you at sometime prior to surgery, surgery 4 number one, consider subluxed patella within your differential? 5 6 Α. I don't recall that I did, no. 7 0. Mr. Lee was unable to cooperate with the McMurray's test due to the pain that he was 8 experiencing? 9 10 Α. Yes. Ο. When you refer to an indistinct end point, help 11 12 me out with what that means? Well, what you're testing is the tightness of 13 Α. the knee in general terms, and so if you try to make 14 the knee slide in an unnatural way and it won't slide 15 much, number one, and it stops abruptly when the 16 17 ligaments that you are testing are tensioned, then you 18 have not much travel and a firm end point. And in his knee he had a little bit of travel, 19 which could be considered abnormal, and kind of a 20 21 mushy feel at the end, not a firm stop. 22 0. In order to arrive at a more definitive 23 diagnosis you recommended an MRI, true? That is right. 24 Α. Q. And the MRI was done at Drs. Russell-Berkebile 25

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1 and Associates, is that true? 2 Α. Yes. 3 Q. Northern Ohio Imaging Center? Yes, that's true. 4 Α. Q. And Plaintiff's Exhibit 2 is a copy of the 5 report from that MRI? 6 7 Α. Yes. You would have received the MRI report back 8 Q. before preceding to the diagnostic arthroscopy on May 9 10 3, 1996, true? At the very latest, just prior to the patient's 11 Α. 12 office visit, yes. 13 Ο. And in fact when we move to the next office visit of April 25th, 1995, you indicate that you 14 15 discussed the findings from the MRI with Mr. Lee, 16 correct? 17 Α. Yes. Q. Okay. Now, I have some specific questions for 18 you relative to that office visit. 19 You indicate that, quote, I feel that for his 20 career aspirations and current job requirements, he 21 22 should have arthroscopic treatment including ACL reconstruction, end quote. 23 First, did I read that accurately? 24 25 Α. Yes.

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1 Q. Actually the sentence started with, I discussed these findings with him, and then what I just read, 2 true? 3 I'm not sure you read the words treatment 4 Α. including ACL reconstruction, but, but yes. 5 Okay. What career aspirations were you б Q. referring to in connection with that statement? 7 As I recall, Mr. Lee had a position with the 8 Α. Sheriff's Department in some capacity and was thinking 9 10 of moving up the ladder a bit. 11 Ο. Given those career aspirations, how would that impact the treatment, the course of treatment that you 12 were recommending to him? 13 Well, first, a middle aged person with this 14 Α. injury would have to qualify as a surgical candidate 15 by physical demands that might be expected to be 16 17 placed on the knee, because a middle aged person with this injury and very few physical demands in job or 18 recreation might actually do well with rehabilitation 19 alone. 20 Q. So someone that needed to be more active and 21 22 physically involved, surgical correction of an ACL is 23 preferable over someone who is more sedentary and less 24 physically active that can get by with a conservative modality? 25

A. In almost every way
Q. Okay. When you say we discussed the surgical
rationale, is that basically what we have just talked
about in terms of providing him with the best
likelihood of being able to physically be active and
handle the demands of an active life-style, or is
that, did you mean something different by surgical
rationale?
A. Well, it's my way of saying that I discussed
the proposed techniques of surgery and why we do them,
with all the considerations, life-style included.
Q. All right. What I want you to tell me so that
I don't misinterpret anything in your note, I take it,
first, you don't remember specifically this office
visit of April 19, 1996, true?
A. No.
Q. But you use in many cases similar language in
office notes to describe what you discuss with
patients, perhaps as part of your custom and practice,
true?
A. Yes.
Q. So that when you see a statement in terms of
surgical rationale, the technical details, et cetera,
you have a fairly common routine that you follow,
true?

1	A. Yes.
2	Q. While you can't remember this particular office
3	visit, if you followed your normal rationale, your
4	normal routine, you should be able to tell me what you
5	probably said to Mr. Lee even though you don't
6	remember the specific details, true?
7	MR. NORMAN: I'm going to object
8	a little bit, because I think he's already testified
9	as to some recollections based upon these visits.
10	MR. MISHKIND: When we talked
11	about that, but I have also asked him whether or not
12	he remembered this particular office visit.
13	Q. And I think you told me that you did not?
14	A. I can't recall this specific encounter,
15	anything in particular, except that we had this
16	discussion, yes.
17	Q. Okay. Now, tell me what would you have told
18	Mr. Lee or, and if you remember specifically telling
19	him this, tell me I remember specifically telling him,
20	but if you don't, tell me what you would have told him
21	as to the technical details of this anticipated
22	surgery. Do you follow me?
23	A. Yes. I don't recall very specific details of
24	our actual discussion. I do remember realizing that
25	my suspicions as far as his knee injuries were

corroborated by the MRI findings, and we had a 1 discussion about the fact that he should have knee 2 reconstruction in order to have the best result. 3 Technical details of the surgery, what would 4 Ο. you, do you remember telling him or what would you 5 likely have told him? 6 7 I don't remember specifically what I told him, Α. but what I likely would have told him and is my usual 8 9 practice so long as the patient cares to hear the details and is not offended by the description of the 10 actual surgical treatment, I tell people that it is my 11 teaching and practice to take a small part of the 12 13 tendon below the kneecap to use as a graft for the torn ligament, to replace that in the reconstruction 14 process of the knee. And that the operation is 15 16 performed mostly arthrosocpically, with a small 17 incision to harvest the graft and for insertion of the graft. 18 And you have no reason to believe that you 19 0. would have told Mr. Lee anything different than what 20 you have just described a moment ago, true? 21 22 No, that's true, not regarding that particular Α. 23 operation, no. Okay. What are the risks and problems of this 24 Ο. type of operation that you told Mr. Lee about? 25
1 Well, the risks involve the general and Α. specific risks of orthopedic operations, and this 2 3 particular one in terms of bleeding, infection, swelling, stiffness, blood clots, pain, and the 4 problems being failure of fixation, poor tissue 5 6 quality, unreconstructable injury, things of that 7 nature. Correct me if I'm wrong, but you don't remember 8 0. specifically having a conversation with Mr. Lee about 9 the risks, what you just told me was what your normal 10 routine and practice is? 11 12 Yes, that is my usual patter as far as a Α. discussion about this kind of surgery, yes. 13 14 Q. I see the use of the term obligatory on more 15 than one occasion. When you say the obligatory 16 postoperative rehabilitation, what would be your 17 standard and routine practice as it relates to the 18 explanation of that process? 19 Where is the, other than that, the other Α. occurrence of the word obligatory? You mean only with 20 regard to postoperative rehabilitation? 21 I believe I have seen the use of the term 22 Ο. obligatory somewhere else. I may be mistaken. 23 24 With regard to postoperative rehabilitation, I Α. use that word to remind myself that I had a discussion 25

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with the patient about the individual responsibilities 1 2 of the person undergoing this operation to achieve their own improvement by the investment of their own 3 time and motivation into the healing process. 4 In 5 other words, attending physical therapy faithfully and regularly. 6 So the obligatory postoperative rehabilitation 7 Ο. is the obligation of the patient to be a compliant 8 patient in the postoperative period? 9 10 Α. Yes. And you've already told me you have no basis to 11 Ο. 12 say that Mr. Lee was not compliant, true? 13 Α. Yes. 14 You noted that he understands and wishes to Q. 15 proceed. You wouldn't have put that down if you 16 didn't feel that he understood what you explained to 17 him, true? 18 Α. Yes. You certainly have an obligation as the surgeon 19 0. 20 to explain to the patient the material risks and 21 potential complications associated with the 22 contemplated surgery, true? 23 Α. Yes. 24 Q. And you have an obligation to explain to the 25 patient the alternatives to the recommended surgical

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1 approach as it would relate to the treatment of his condition, true? 2 3 It's my standard practice to do that. Α. Q. In this operation, and jumping ahead to the 4 subsequent operation, did you have the patient sign 5 any type of a written informed consent? б I recall that the patient signed an informed 7 Α. 8 consent paper for the hospital's purposes. The general consent form for the hospital, but 9 Q. you didn't have a specific informed consent as it 10 relates to the surgery, setting forth what you were 11 going to do with the material risks and complications 12 13 per se, true? 14 Α. Right. The MRI that you have, Exhibit 2 that's in 15 Q. front of you, the interpretation --16 17 Α. Yes. -- was the MRI that was done on, is that April 18 Q. 24th? 19 20 Α. Yes. 21 Q. Was that correctly interpreted? 22 MR. NORMAN: Objection. Answer to the best of your ability. 23 From my understanding of the technology and the 24 Α. 25 way in which the images are constructed, I believe

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1	that it was accurately interpreted, yes.
2	Q. At the time that you operated on Mr. Lee, you
3	did not discover a torn anterior cruciate ligament,
4	true?
5	A. I discovered that the anterior cruciate
6	ligament was not torn.
7	Q. The MRI had at least suggested from a
8	diagnostic standpoint that there was a torn anterior
9	cruciate ligament, true?
10	A. More than suggesting, Dr. Dengel said that it
11	was the most significant finding on the scan, that it
12	was torn.
13	Q. And you proceeded with the surgery anticipating
14	a high likelihood of finding a torn anterior cruciate
15	ligament, true?
16	A. Absolutely.
17	Q. And when you did your diagnostic arthroscopy
18	you discovered, as happens on occasion, that there was
19	not a disruption or a torn anterior cruciate ligament,
20	true?
21	A. Yes.
22	Q. Okay. If I could have Exhibit 2 back for a
23	moment. Thank you.
24	Exhibit 3 is a copy of the operative report
25	from May 3, 1996, is that correct?

1	Α.	Yes.
2	Q.	I'm going to ask you do you have a copy of
3	it in	your file there?
4	A.	Yes, I believe I do.
5	Q.	Okay. At the time of your surgery, Doctor, on
6	May 3	, 1996, your diagnostic arthroscopy detected
7	chond	romalacia of the medial femoral condyle, true?
8	A.	Yes.
9	Q.	Grade 3 chondromalacia?
10	A.	Yes.
11	Q.	There is a notation that the anterior cruciate
12	ligament was not torn but a longitudinal disruption	
13	was found, is that correct?	
14	Α.	Yes.
15	Q.	Is that a strain of the anterior cruciate
16	ligament?	
17	Α.	Yes.
18	Q.	Now, you did not repair or reconstruct the ACL,
19	did you?	
20	Α.	No.
21	Q.	You performed a chondroplasty, presumably to
22	treat	the chondromalacia of the medial femoral
23	condyle, true?	
24	Α.	No.
25	Q.	Why did you do a chondroplasty?

1	А.	Oh, I'm sorry, I misunderstood the question.
2	Can yo	u ask it again?
3	Q.	Sure. I understand it's late.
4	А.	I thought you said notchplasty.
5	Q.	No, chondroplasty.
6		The chondroplasty was to treat the
7	chondro	omalacia of the medial femoral condyle?
8	Α.	Yes.
9	Q.	What was the cause of the chondromalacia of the
10	medial	femoral condyle?
11	Α.	Weight bearing shear force applied to the
12	surfac	e.
13	Q.	Was this an acute process or was this something
14	based ı	upon the grade of the chondromalacia that was
15	more of	f a long standing phenomenon?
16	Α.	Well, it could be either, but it, the degree of
17	chondro	omalacia doesn't reflect much on the time course
18	of the	lesion.
19	Q.	Can you have an acute injury to the knee
20	simila	r to what Mr. Lee had described as the onset of
21	his syr	mptoms, trampoline or whatever it was that
22	brought	t him to your office, and within that ten day
23	period	or two week period when you go into to do
24	diagnos	stic arthroscopy you can see chondromalachia of
25	a Grade	e III or Grade IV within that period of time?

My question may not have been artfully put, but
 hopefully you --

3 The time period doesn't impact much on the Α. degree of injury. If it is recognized as an injury, 4 chondromalacia grading for the old style of the 5 literature description of the grading system, it was б 7 intended basically to reflect on the physiologic 8 health of the cartilage layer covering bone. But in actual fact, most surgeons would understand a grading 9 10 system for chondromalacia lesions represents the 11 presence of certain physical characteristics and the depth of penetration of the injury to the cartilage 1213 layer. 14 0. So certainly an acute injury of a significant 15 nature can cause a Grade III or a Grade IV chondromalacia? 16 17 Yes, and even to the point of being though Α. 18 extensive and deeply penetrating, subtle and not even overtly apparent. 19 Okay. Nonetheless, the findings on MRI are not 2.0 0. 21 consistent with the findings that you made on your diagnostic arthroscopy of the chondromalacia of the 22 23 medial femoral condyle, true? I don't recall that the MRI scan reflected on 24 Α. 25 the issue of chondromalacia of the medical femoral

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1	condyle. Can I see that report?
2	Q. Yeah, go right ahead. Absolutely.
3	A. No, there is no reference, and it is my
4	understanding that though things may have changed
5	somewhat in the interim, most interpreting
6	radiologists at that time would not have reflected on
7	chondromalacia as an MRI finding because I'm not
8	certain everyone would agree that it was within the
9	resolution of MRI scanning to determine a specific
10	type of chondromalacia existing.
11	And in fact, Dr. Dengel remarks that he sees no
12	specific abnormality in the patella femoral
13	articulation for instance.
14	Q. Okay.
15	A. That's an example.
16	Q. In any event, you did do your diagnostic
17	arthroscopy, you are pleased to see that there is no
18	tear or rupture of the anterior cruciate ligament,
19	true?
20	A. Yes.
21	Q. You discover that there is a Grade III
22	chondromalacia of the medial femoral condyle?
23	A. Right.
24	Q. And you proceed to perform a chondroplasty to
25	treat that condition?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And you also perform a notchplasty, true?
3 A. Yes.

Q. You did not seek any further consent or 4 permission from the patient prior to performing the 5 notchplasty or the chondroplasty, did you? 6 No, it would never have been my practice to 7 Α. wake the patient to explain the circumstances of the 8 injury and the associated findings or to make a second 9 10 surgical intervention as a plan to deal with an issue associated with the injury findings as a separate 11 12 consent.

Q. However, and I understand what you're saying, you had not discussed with the patient during this conversation back in the office when you reviewed the MRI findings, the concept of performing a notchplasty or a chondroplasty, true?

This would presuppose that it might be a 18 Α. True. plan in the treatment as a, as an individual 19 undertaking for the problem at hand, which it is not, 20 21 which they are not chondroplasty and notchplasty. 22 Q. Well, can we certainly agree, Doctor, to maybe make this a little more fluent, is that the treatment 23 of the chondromalacia by a chondroplasty did not 24 25 mandate that you perform a notchplasty as well, true?

mandate that you perform a notchplasty as well, true? 1 2 The two are mutually, they are completely Α. 3 unrelated, yes. Q. So you could have, in discovering the 4 5 chondromalacia, the Grade III chondromalacia of the б medial femoral condyle, regardless of whether you had 7 received consent from the patient to perform that procedure, you could have done the chondroplasty and 8 ended the procedure without performing a notchplasty, 9 10 true? 11 MR. NORMAN: Objection. Go ahead. Yes, to what end? 12Α. Q. Well, to --13 MR. NORMAN: Do you understand 14 15 his question? Not really. 16 Α. Yeah, let me, if you don't --Ο. 17 I'm just, maybe I can ask a clarifying question 18 Α. from my side. 19 20 Q. And I will try to answer it for you. 21 Α. If, if it can't be predetermined that certain 2.2 associated lesions seen with injuries of specific 23 types might actually exist, then on the one hand I 24 wouldn't specifically consent the patient for a 25 specific stepwise undertaking in a surgical procedure.

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And if that's the nature of the question, if it's
 about the consent, then I wouldn't have listed
 chondroplasty separately.

The second question I'd ask, if there is a plan 4 to fix a problem in the knee and we're approaching it 5 б with a cookbook idea of how it will go, can we not on 7 finding unexpected circumstances or additional injury add to or deviate from the plan? That would be my 8 question, because if we can not at surgery, then we 9 10 can't be thinking about the injury, we have to just be robotically progressive in performing the operation by 11 plan. 12

Q. Let me try to address what I think you have just said to me. I'm not suggesting that you perform as a robot or that you do orthopedic surgery by cookbook. My questions are only geared toward establishing several things.

And number one is that in treating the medial femoral condyle with the chondromalacia that was discovered at that time, you did not need to do a notchplasty to be successful in treating the chondromalacia, true? A. That's true, because they're unrelated in their indications.

25 Q. Okay. And you've already told me that in

to do a notchplasty in conjunction with an ACL repair, 1 2 true? 3 Α. That's true. 4 Ο. It is much less common to do a notchplasty where there isn't a disruption or a tear of an 5 anterior cruciate ligament, true? б 7 Yes. Α. 8 0. And we talked before that Mr. Lee is, of the thousand or couple thousand dollars, couple thousand 9 dollars, couple thousand --10 MR. NORMAN: 11 You plaintiffs' 12 lawyers are always thinking in money terms. 13 Q. Couple thousand knee surgeries, I think that's 14 what you said? 15 Α. Oh, you meant in two thousand knee surgeries, I'm including of course knee replacements and other 16 operations that no notchplasty would ever be part of 17 18 the procedure anyway so --But in the total universe of knee surgeries 19 Ο. that you've done --20 21 Let's compare apples to apples. In the total Α. 22 universe of knee arthroscopies where notchplasty would 23 be a consideration as a treatment, the denominator is much smaller, so probably --24 25 Q. Denominator in terms of your surgeries?

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Denominator in terms of your surgeries? 1 0. The denominator in terms of the number of the 2 Α. knee arthroscopies where notchplasty might be a 3 4 consideration would never be two thousand, no. 5 Q. Okay. Whatever that number is, you'd never 6 done, nor have you since done, a notchpiasty on any 7 patient where they didn't have an anterior cruciate 8 ligament tear, true, Mr. Lee aside? I think he said 9 MR. NORMAN: earlier that he didn't recall. 10 I think that's true. I can't recall, no. 11 Α. 12 Q. Okay. Now, at the time of your surgery in May, do you make any mention of any chondromalacia, do you 13 14 make any mention of chondromalacia of the trochlear 15 surface of the femur at the time of your May 1995 15 surgery? 17 No, I made mention only of the significant Α. 18 positive findings. 19 Q. Can I presume from that that at the time of 20 your diagnostic arthroscopy that if you saw evidence of chondromalacia of the trochlear surface of the 21 femur you would have noted it? 22 23 Α. It is my common practice to do so, yes. 24 Q. Can we further conclude that more likely than 25 not there was no evidence of chondromalacia of the

1	trochlear surface of the femur in May of 1996?	
2	A. There was no visible surface detectible	
3	information that could be obtained arthroscopically	
4	which would indicate a chondromalacia lesion of the	
5	femoral trochlea on the May 3rd, 1996 operation.	
б	Q. A notchplasty increases the width of the	
7	intercondylar space?	
8	A. Yes.	
9	Q. And that's why notchplasty is frequently done	
10	in combination with an ACL reconstruction, to prevent	
11	the graft from impingement, is that true?	
12	A. Yes.	
13	Q. Impingement within the notch, true?	
14	A. Right.	
15	Q. When one does a notchplasty, is there any	
16	potential trauma to the trochlear surface of the	
17	femur?	
18	A. There is potential trauma, yes.	
19	Q. Let me jump ahead to the subsequent surgery	
20	just for a moment to see, maybe I can save some time.	
21	We know that when you went back in for surgery	
22	number two there was a Grade IV chondromalacia of the	
23	trochlear surface?	
24	A' Yes.	
25	Q. What's your opinion as to the cause of the	

1	Grade IV ch	ondromalacia of the trochlear surface?	
2	A. Bein	g as extensive as it was and as distant as	
3	it was from	the intercondylar notch, it was my feeling	
4	that probab	ly the patient had had a patellar	
5	subluxation	as an underlying cause, and another	
6	potential c	potential cause actually being the patella forced into	
7	the femoral	trochlea under flexion pressure.	
8	Q. And	so there is a two	
9	A. Two j	potential mechanisms.	
10	Q. One l	peing the subluxation?	
11	A. Yes.		
12	Q. And t	what likely causes, if in fact	
13	A. That	's the mechanism.	
14	Q. That	's the mechanism, what caused the	
15	subluxation	?	
16	A. The	twisting of the knee.	
17	Q. At wi	nat point?	
18	A. In th	ne patient's weight bearing injury.	
19	Q. Okay	. So the injury that occurred ten days	
20	before he ca	ame to you initially?	
21	A. Yes.		
22	Q. And v	why wasn't that discovered by you at the	
23	time of you:	r diagnostic arthroscopy?	
24	A. It mo	ost likely wasn't evident. In other words,	
25	if the lesio	on existed, and it can be shown, for	

1	instance, in cases where there is underlying disease
2	or injury to condylar bone of the femur for instance
3	that appears to show the bone dissolving in an area of
4	the weight bearing portion of the femoral condyle,
5	that the arthroscopic appearance of the cartilage in
6	this area may actually be completely normal, where
7	with our thinking we might say, since the bone is the
8	infrastructure supporting the cartilage surface that
9	with this bone dissolving or melting away here, one
10	would think that the appearance in the area of
11	radiographically definable bone trouble, that the
12	outward appearance of the overlying cartilage would
13	show damage. And this is not the case.
14	What I'm suggesting as a possibility here is
15	that even in the absence of MRI findings of
16	patellofemoral abnormality, that probably, especially
17	in the long central portion of the groove where this
18	chondromalacia lesion exists and distant to the notch,
19	that the cartilage attachment to the underlying bone
20	was insecure, since it'sa Grade IV lesion and it's
21	the full thickness of the cartilage itself.

And two and one-half months have elapsed since initial evaluation of this portion of the knee, and now the arthroscopic finding that there is not only a cartilage surface defect but scar tissue grown over

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1	the injury much preceded its discovery in this form	
2	arthrosocpically.	
3	Q. Before we talk about the other possibility, can	
4	a Grade IV chondromalacia of the trochlear surface be	
5	caused by surgical intervention itself?	
6	A. No.	
7	Q. You indicated that the, that the, where you	
8	performed the notchplasty would be distal from the	
9	trochlear surface or would it	
10	A. Well, distal is maybe not the best description.	
11	I use the word distant, but the two areas, that the	
12	area of the chondromalacia lesion is not proximately	
13	related to the notch. It's more upward into the	
14	groove.	
15	Q. Is the, the notch from a terminology	
16	standpoint, can one use the term tuberosity in the	
17	same manner?	
18	A. As notch?	
19	Q. Yes.	
20	A. No.	
21	Q. How would that differ?	
22	A. The tuberosity is a bump. A notch is a hole.	
23	Q. You don't mention the medial meniscus in the	
24	photos or in your office notes at the time of the	
25	original surgery, do you?	

1	Α.	Yes.
2	Q.	You do?
3	Α.	I do, uh-uh.
4	Q.	In the photos?
5	Α.	In the photos? Well, I would only mention my
6	findir	ng if it's significantly negative or positive in
7	the op	perative report itself.
8	Q.	Okay.
9	Α.	Our suspicion preoperative of meniscal tear was
10	not bo	orn out by the arthroscopy finding, as was the
11	ACL in	ijury not. And so the issue wouldn't necessarily
12	be in	an office visit, for instance, that I would
13	discus	s the medial meniscus necessarily. I gave no
14	treatm	ent for that.
15	Q.	Fair enough.
16		The other possibility that we talked about in
17	terms	of the cause of the Grade IV chondromalacia of
18	the tr	ochlear surface, remind me again what that was?
19	Α.	Which one had we discussed? Subluxation.
20	Q.	Subluxation was one cause?
21	Α.	One mechanism.
22	Q.	Okay. And what was the other mechanism?
23	Α.	Forced pressure of the central crest of the
24	kneeca	p or the patella, into the trochlear groove with
25	the kn	ee flexion and weight bearing.

1	Q. And your opinion is that either one of those
2	would be related to the original injury ten days prior
3	to his office visit?
4	A. Yes.
5	Q. And if that's the case and either one existed,
6	you are comfortable in suggesting that such a
7	phenomenon could be present yet not picked up on the
8	original diagnostic arthroscopy?
9	A. Oh, yes, because my description of
10	systematically examining the knee always follows the
11	same pattern. We walk the same path to the house
12	every time. So I look at that and if I see it as an
13	injury or a problem, and if I inspect it, then it's
14	either damaged or not. And I don't record it as being
15	a damaged part on the first operation.
16	Q. So the fact that you do not record it as a
17	damaged part, you're suggesting that it was not
18	that it was obscured?
19	A. That it was not discernable by arthroscopic
20	inspection.
21	Q. Showing you Plaintiff's Exhibit 5 and 6, are
22	these arthroscopic photos from surgery number one?
23	A. Yes.
24	Q. The first, which is Exhibit 5, are color
25	photos, and then the Exhibit Number 6 is a black and

1 white, but are they both from the same surgery or have 2 I mixed them up in any way? 3 You're back looking MR. NORMAN: at what is Bate Stamped 212 and 213, correct? 4 5 THE WITNESS: Yes. Q. Those are both from the May surgery, true? 6 7 Α. Yes. 8 Q. I guess. 9 MR. NORMAN: Let me just for the record, can I, I mean, if I could clarify, 5, Exhibit 10 11 5 is Bate Stamped 212? 12 THE WITNESS: Yes. I didn't know you were asking me. 13 14 MR. MISHKIND: I let him ask 15 questions every once in a while. 16 MR. NORMAN: I appreciate that. 17 THE WITNESS: They only come from him. 18 19 MR. NORMAN: No, qo ahead, I'm 20 sorry. I just wanted to make sure, because we're 21 dealing with several different reproductions and we 22 may as well keep it simple. 23 MR. MISHKIND: Fair enough. 24 0. Why is one set color and one black and white? 25 I don't know. Α.

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Q. When the photos are taken in the, when the 1 2 diagnostic arthroscopy is done, the images are colored, true? 3 4 Α. Yes. 5 Ο. Can you --6 MR. NORMAN: Just maybe we should 7 go off the record and try to clear something up. \* \* 8 (Thereupon, a discussion was had off the record.) 9 10 11 MR. MISHKIND: Let's go back on 12 the record. 0. Our discussion off the record indicated that 13 14 the diagnostic arthroscopy photos are generated in 15 color, true? 16 Α. Yes. 17 And that for some reason innocently the photos Ο. 18 that I presented to you, one is in color and one is in 19 black and white, true? 20 Α. Yes. 21 Q. And we have just indicated when the photos were reproduced when Mr. Norman provided me with a copy, 22 23 apparently the copy people may have done less than an optimal job in providing us with the duplications. 24 25 MR. NORMAN: I hope they didn't

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1 charge me for it though. 2 MR. MISHKIND: Yeah, right. 3 0. We're looking at photos from the May '96 4 surgery that would show the area of surgical 5 attention, true? 6 Yes. Α. 7 And if we were looking for the area where the 0. trochlear groove would be located, would you be able 8 9 to circle an area on any of those photographs that 10 would show us the trochlear groove? Only marginally. 11 Α. 12 **a** . Okay. Well, I will accept that. 13 Perhaps this black pen. 14 MR. NORMAN: Let's do that with a 15 red pen. 16 a . Okay. On Exhibit 6, just for the record, you have marked down the words trochlear groove and have 17 made a circle reflecting the area that marginally 18 19 would reflect the trochlear groove? 20 Yes, it's only the edge, Mr. Mishkind. Α. 21 0. Okay. And are you suggesting on the record 22 that Exhibit 6 at the time of your surgery did not 23 reveal any evidence of, any discernible evidence of a Grade IV or any chondromalacia in the trochlear 24 25 groove?

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1	A. Yes. I didn't record it in the pictures, and
2	on my inspection I found nothing of significance to
3	record at that point.
4	Q. Grade IV chondromalacia indicates severe
5	degeneration of the articular cartilage, true?
6	A. Degeneration may, again in the old style of
7	distinction, signify the quality of the tissue rather
8	than the depth of the injury. Grade IV chondromalacia
9	in most accepted terms means a full thickness
10	cartilage defect.
11	Q. With exposed subchondral bone?
12	A. Ordinarily, yes.
13	Q. Yet that's not even suggested or raised as a
14	possible pathology at the time of your initial
15	surgery?
15	A. That's true.
17	Q. Did you at any time discuss with Mr. Lee after
18	the original surgery that you did a notchplasty and a
19	chondroplasty when you did not find an anterior
20	cruciate ligament tear?
21	A. I believe that I did, yes.
22	Q. Do you remember what Mr. Lee's reaction was
23	when you told him what you had done and what you had
24	found and not found?
25	A. I recall that he seemed puzzled that if the

injury suspected by my examination preoperatively in 1 2 view of his injury and corroborated on MRI was not the 3 present injury in the knee, then what could the origin 4 of his problem be that he was having so much trouble with. 5 What did you explain to him? 6 0. 7 I don't recall exactly making a specific Α. explanation for the origin of his knee problem at that 8 9 time. I remember discussing the findings at surgery 10 and the treatment performed, because ordinarily I would do that and often with the arthrosocpic 11 photographs themselves. 12 13 Q. Is it your opinion that this Grade IV chondromalacia as well as, of the trochlear groove, as 14 15 well as the Grade III chondromalacia of the medial 16 condyle were both caused by the original injury ten 17 days before your April '96 visit? 18 Α. It's my thinking that almost certainly the 19 Grade IV chondromalacia injury was caused by the original injury by one of the mechanisms we discussed, 20 and that very likely the weight bearing medial 21 condylar Grade III chondromalacia lesion was also 22 23 caused by the injury. Q. Why didn't you consider a subluxed patella from 24 the get go? 25

A. The biggest reason would be that in the absence of a grossly unstable knee such as a two plus Lachman finding and obvious pivot shift, that the patella is not normally involved in the instability process with an injury like this as demonstrably in an athletic male as it would be, for instance, in a female, for anatomic reasons.

8 Q. Okay.

And, therefore, with a male patient with this 9 Α. 10 injury and not a big degree as to make gross instability, I might surmise later by observations 11 12 within the knee that the patella had been incidentally 13 involved, but it would not be a key point in my evaluation with a lesser injury, especially in a male. 14 15 Q. Okay. Can chondromalacia be treated conservatively? 16 17 Α. Yes. Not often successfully. 18 0. What's the therapy for a conservative regimen 19 of treatment for chondromalacia? 20 Α. The premise of that question is extremely 21 broad, because it depends very much on the degree of

22 chondromalacia and the location in a given joint.

Q. Well, let's take the chondromalacia of the medial femoral condyle as discovered by you in May of '96.

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1 As an isolated and proven lesion existing only Α. and by itself in a knee, in a middle aged person and 2 not the elderly, probably -- a symptomatic lesion is 3 what we're speaking about, right? In a symptomatic 4 lesion where it can be documented that it exists as 5 shown here arthrosocpically, a conservative treatment б 7 might involve protective weight bearing, exercise to maintain mobility of the knee, use of antiinflammatory 8 9 medication, and consideration of pain medication. 10 What is the documented success of a Ο. 11 conservative regimen for the type of lesion that we see on the arthroscopic photographs? 12 In the younger active patients, extremely poor. 13 Α. 14 Q. What kind of statistics are you referring to? Gosh, I'm not certain that a specifically 15 Α. directed scientific study in this age group for this 16 isolated lesion actually exists in print in the 17 orthopedic literature, but it's the common anecdotal 18 finding of the experienced knee surgeon evaluating 19 20 people in this age group for this problem, surgically 21 and nonsurgically, that younger active people with obvious or surmised chondromalacia of moderate to 22 23 severe degree will probably routinely do poorly 24 because of their activity demands on a weight bearing 25 abnormal surface.

We can certainly agree that Mr. Lee deserved 1 0. 2 the right to make an informed decision on what type of 3 therapy he wanted for the diagnosed injuries to his 4 knee, true? 5 That's true. And that's the basis of the Α. 6 discussion of alternative treatment, meaning 7 conservative versus, conservative nonsurgical versus arthroscopic surgical treatments, which were the 8 issues at discussion. 9 In doing a diagnostic arthroscopy one doesn't 10 Ο. automatically have to go ahead and do further 11 12 interventions, true? 13 If diagnostic arthroscopy is the sole Α. undertaking, then this would mean only that the 14 surgery is a fact finding mission. 15 16 Ο. Well, don't misunderstand my question. I'm not 17 saying to you that -- I understand that diagnostic arthroscopy frequently will lead to intervention once 18 19 the fact finding has taken place, but one can do a 20 diagnostic arthroscopy without further interventions 21 being performed, true? 2.2 That's true. I might add only that it's Α. 23 probably exceedingly uncommon to do this in our time. Okay. Let's talk about the -- let me have that 24 Q. 25 photo back.

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1	You have in Plaintiff's Exhibit 5 in the upper	
2	right hand corner what you describe as a crowded	
3	notch, true?	
4	A. Yes.	
5	Q. And what in your opinion caused the crowded	
б	notch?	
7	A. This is the anatomic endowment of the patient.	
8	Q. That condition essentially existed in this man	
9	long before he had had his injury, true?	
10	A. Yes.	
11	Q. Okay. And may go back to perhaps a congenital	
12	abnormality or something that certainly had existed	
13	for years?	
14	A. I would say it's an anatomic variant.	
15	Q. Okay. Something that was most likely	
16	asymptomatic in this patient, true?	
17	A. In the absence of injurious force, it would	
18	probably always be asymptomatic.	
19	Q. Is there any evidence that the crowded notch	
20	was causing any symptomatology in this patient as a	
21	consequence of the injury that he sustained in April	
22	of 1996?	
23	A. Yes.	
24	Q. And what, what was it that you believe the	
25	crowded notch was precipitating?	

1	A. The crowded notch has a more defineably A-frame
2	appearance versus a more oval and open structure and
3	as such, with the knee in flexion and weight bearing
4	with slight pivoting, the notch acts like a frame,
5	like a shear, and scissors against the structures that
6	it encloses, and that would account for the effusion
7	as a response to injury, the laxity as a presumed
8	disruption of the ligament and the MRI findings
9	indicating the disruption of the ligament associated
10	with that.
11	Q. A subluxed patella can cause the effusion,
12	true?
13	A. That is also true, yes.
14	Q. A subluxed patella can cause the laxity?
15	A. No. If the patella returns to its anatomic
16	position in the groove, then laxity of the kind we
17	look for in ligamentous disruption won't exist.
18	Q. In performing the notchplasty was there any
19	disruption to the anterior cruciate ligament?
20	A. I'm not sure I understand your question. As a
21	consequence of the procedure was there a disruption of
22	the ligament?
23	Q. Yes.
24	A. No.
25	Q. In performing the notchplasty what are the

1	risks inherent in doing that type of procedure where
2	one is not also repairing or treating a torn or
3	disrupted anterior cruciate ligament?
4	A. Provided the correct instruments are used,
5	there is a very limited potential for injury to the
6	enclosed ligaments and to the adjacent articular
7	surfaces.
8	Q. Assuming the notchplasty is done other than by
9	standard and accepted technique, what are some of the
10	potential complications associated with doing such a
11	procedure where anterior cruciate ligament repair is
12	not also being performed?
13	MR. NORMAN: Objection. Can you
14	read that back, please?
15	(Notary read back last question.)
16	Q. Do you understand the question, Doctor?
17	MR. MISHKIND: Forrest, you're
18	hesitating.
19	MR. NORMAN: Yes, I'm hesitating.
20	I'm not sure that can you rephrase that? Can you
21	go about that from another way? I think that might be
22	objectionable and I, depending on what you're trying
23	to get at, maybe if you come at it from another angle
24	you will put me at ease.
25	MR. MISHKIND: Well, I want to

1	put you at ease and I always aim to do that.
2	Q. But before I do that, do you understand my
3	question? If you don't, Doctor, I will try to
4	A. I don't really.
5	Q. I asked you initially in terms of what are some
б	of the potential complications associated with
7	performing a notchplasty, and you indicated to me that
8	if done with the appropriate instruments basically
9	there is no potential complications associated with
10	notchplasty.
11	A. No, I didn't say that.
12	Q. Okay. Maybe I misunderstood you then.
13	A. I listed two complications.
14	Q. What were the two complications? Perhaps I
15	dozed off.
16	A. Done with the correct instrumentation, I mean,
17	I can't precisely quote myself on the prior existing
18	record, but I am assuming I said, using the correct
19	instrumentation there is a very limited risk of injury
20	to the enclosed ligaments in the notch and the
21	adjacent articular surfaces.
22	Q. Okay. And the adjacent articular surface,
23	would that include the trochlear groove?
24	A. Yes.
25	Q. Okay. And the adjacent, the adjacent articular

1 surfaces and the --Enclosed ligaments in the notch. 2 Α. 3 0. And the enclosed ligaments, okay. And the enclosed ligaments would be the 4 anterior cruciate? 5 And the posterior cruciate ligament. 6 Α. 7 Ο. Okay. At their, their crossroads, if you will? 8 Uh-huh. Α. Q. 9 That's a yes? 10 Yes. Α. 11 Ο. Okay. So we can agree that by performing the notchplasty in this case, one of the risks was that 12 there would be injury to the trochlear groove? 13 It would have a very limited risk as I 14Α. 15 explained, yes. And as documented in the photographs, the notchplasty is confined and distant to the later 16 discovered chondromalacia lesion. 17 The later discovered Grade IV chondromalacia of 18 Q. the trochlear groove? 19 20 Α. Yes. Describe for me patellar tracking syndrome? 21 Q. 22 Patellar tracking syndrome is a general term to Α. 23 describe the subjective complaints of a person who has 24 pain in the front of the knee due to the kneecap not 25 engaging in the groove with completely normal

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1	mechanics.
2	Q. Did Mr. Lee develop patellar tracking syndrome?
3	A. Yes.
4	Q. Did the patellar tracking syndrome result from
5	the chondromalacia of the trochlear groove?
6	A. It would appear.
7	Q. What caused this?
8	A. This was the prior question that you asked
9	about the cause of the chondromalacia lesion?
10	Q. Well, no, I guess it, I'm taking it one step
11	further.
12	The patellar tracking syndrome was caused by
13	the chondromalacia of the trochlear groove, true?
14	A. Yes.
15	Q. Okay. And the trochlear, the chondromalacia of
16	the trochlear groove, it is your opinion was caused by
17	the initial injury that he sustained?
18	A. Right.
19	Q. Now, he didn't have patellar tracking syndrome
20	at the time of your first surgery, did he, or evidence
21	of it I should say?
22	A. It was not part of his description of knee
23	problems, remembering that patellar tracking syndrome
24	is subjective.
25	Q. Well, when did you first discover evidence to

1 support a diagnosis of patellar tracking syndrome? 2 Upon recording the patient's complaints after Α. the second surgery in which the chondromalacia lesion 3 4 was identified. 5 If you had performed the notch, the 0. 6 chondroplasty and not the notchplasty, just the 7 chondroplasty for the Grade III chondromalacia, would 8 that have been an acceptable form of surgical intervention for this patient? 9 10 MR. NORMAN: Objection. Go ahead and answer. 11 I believe that for the chondromalacia on the 12 Α. medial femoral condyle that was discovered, that 13 14 chondroplasty would be an acceptable treatment and after which I feel that the patient would have 15 16 developed his symptoms of patellar tracking syndrome 17 with the presence of an undiscerned lesion of chondromalacia in the femoral trochlea. 18 Well, let's approach it from this vantage 19 0. 20 point. 21 Had you done just the chondroplasty and not the notchplasty, what you're saying to me is that the 22 chondromalacia of the trochlear groove would have 23 surfaced so to speak irrespective of what you'd done 24 25 at the time of the first surgery, correct?

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1 Α. Yes. 2 Q. And that the performance of the notchplasty did not in any way enhance or increase the likelihood of 3 4 developing a Grade IV trochlear chondromalacia, Grade 5 IV trochlear chondromalacia? 6 Α. That's true. 7 And based on evidence of many other notchplasties I have performed in which a Grade IV 8 chondromalacia lesion as a consequence has never been 9 10 documented. But, again, those notchplasties that you have 11 Ο. 12 done have been in combination with an ACL repair, true? 13 And totally unrelated to patellar maltracking 14 Α. or to chondromalacia lesions of the groove. 15 16 Q. Are you saying that you have discovered trochlear lesions subsequent to the repair of an ACL? 17 18 No, I'm saying in fact the opposite, that Α. 19 chondromalacia lesions of the trochlear groove where 20 none existed before do not surface after performing 21 notchplasties under any other circumstances as I can 22 document from my own patients' treatment. 23 Q. Okay. 24 25 Thereupon, a short recess was had.

Thereupon, the deposition was continued 1 2 pursuant to recess. 3 4 Q. Going back to the photographs, the photographs 5 from the May surgery, do we have documented the notch 6 before and after the notchplasty? 7 Α. Yes. Q. 8 Okay. Can you perhaps point to me what the appearance of the notch was before? 9 This is the notch before. 10 Α. Q. Okay. 11 12 Α. And this is the notch after. 13 All right. So on Exhibit 5, the upper right 0. hand corner of the four groupings was the notch 14 before, the lower left hand corner on Exhibit 5 is the 15 notch after the procedure? 16 17 Α. Yes. Q. Is it your opinion that the crowded 18 Okav. 19 notch was causing some of Mr. Lee's symptoms? 20 Α. No. 21 Q. Mr. Lee's symptoms were caused by what? 22 Α. Mr. Lee's symptoms were caused by the ACL 23 sprain which was due to the shape of his notch shearing the anterior cruciate ligament with the 24 25 injury he described.
1	Q. Exhibit 6, lower left, lower right-hand corner	
2	you have ACL sprain. Is that the shearing that you	
3	are referring to?	
4	A. No, it's the result of shear.	
5	Q. Okay. Do you have an opinion as to what the	
6	outcome would have been with regard to the ACL had you	
7	not performed the notchplasty?	
8	A. Yes.	
9	Q. What's your opinion?	
10	A. That with a later similar incident, he most	
11	likely would have ruptured the anterior cruciate	
12	ligament.	
13	Q. And on what do you base that?	
14	A. Because the crowded notch and A-frame anatomy	
15	predisposed this ligament to that injury with that	
16	force.	
17	Q. Which was more a cause of the patient's	
18	symptoms in May of '96, the chondromalacia or the	
19	injury to the anterior cruciate ligament?	
20	A. I don't have an opinion about that.	
21	Q. Isn't it just as likely that with the treatment	
22	of the chondromalacia and conservative treatment of	
23	the ACL sprain without performance of notchplasty that	
24	Mr. Lee would have done just fine?	
25	A. No, not necessarily. Particularly given the	

1	finding of a well developed medial synovial plica with		
2	demonstrated frictional contact on the ridge of the		
3	medial femoral condyle also making chondromalacia		
4	Q. Was that in the May surgery?		
5	A. Those are, that finding is documented on		
6	Plaintiff's Exhibit 6.		
7	Q. And of what significance is that, Doctor?		
8	This is in the upper left-hand corner of		
9	Plaintiff's Exhibit 6, true?		
10	A. Yes.		
11	Q. Of what significance is that in terms of the		
12	causative components that we talked about?		
13	A. If we presuppose that chondromalacia would be a		
14	source of his symptoms, then the demonstrable		
15	frictional contact of a synovial fold on the ridge of		
16	the medial femoral condyle making chondromalacia as		
17	seen here would be a source of pain, not treated. And		
18	we were saying that treating the chondromalacia with		
19	chondroplasty and the performance of no other		
20	procedure would have left the patient with a result		
21	that was, I believe you said fine.		
22	Q. And you dispute that?		
23	A. Yes, because it's my experience that people who		
24	have a large well developed medial synovial plica		
25	making frictional contact on the ridge of the medial		

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1	femoral condyle resulting in chondromalacia have pain		
2	from this source as well.		
3	Q. How do you treat the medial plica as well as		
4	the, we talked about the chondromalacia, but how do		
5	you treat the medial plica?		
6	A. One might resect the medial plica to remove the		
7	frictional contact.		
8	Q. Did you do that in this case?		
9	A. I don't record that I did.		
10	Q. Wouldn't that have been a reasonable and		
11	prudent thing to have done?		
12	A. In the weighting of importance of the injuries		
13	I identified in the knee this seemed to be of the		
14	least importance of all. And especially considering		
15	that even if the irritating factor of the medial plica		
16	were removed, that the chondromalacia would still		
17	exist as a source of pain, without further irritation		
18	on the ridge of the medial femoral condyle.		
19	Q. But you addressed the chondromalacia on the		
20	medial femoral condyle at the time of your surgery?		
21	A. But not on the ridge of the groove where the		
22	plica made frictional contact. This is the weight		
23	bearing area of the condyle which is a central		
24	articular surface. This is of the very edge and a		
25	nonweight bearing surface.		

1	Q. So the medial plica was of less significance,		
2	true?		
3	A. Of minor significance.		
4	Q. And probably not productive of any		
5	symptomatology in the patient?		
6	A. I disagree with that.		
7	Q. Then why not address it at the time that you're		
8	doing the Grade III chondroplasty?		
9	A. Remembering that we don't want to do more than		
10	is necessary, the treatment of this has a very small		
11	contribution to the problem in the knee would not have		
12	resulted in much symptomatic improvement, believing of		
13	course that most of his symptoms come from elsewhere		
14	and would have been like a long run for a short slide.		
15	Q. What type of symptomatic improvement were you		
16	anticipating obtaining by doing a notchplasty?		
17	A. That treatment was not indicated for		
18	symptomatic improvement. Notchplasty is performed		
19	based on an anatomic variant predisposing to ACL		
20	injury for the purpose of removing the potential for		
21	later injury, not as a symptomatic treatment.		
22	Q. So you were doing this sort of in a		
23	prophylactic manner to prevent further injury to the		
24	anterior cruciate ligament, true?		
25	<b>a.</b> Yes, since the weighting in that issue is		

1	extreme, given that the anterior cruciate ligament is			
2	a major supporting structure of the knee.			
3	Q. What caused Mr. Lee's persistent popping and			
4	snapping in the knee and his inability to progress			
5	with the quadriceps conditioning?			
6	A. There are two issues there, the popping and			
7	snapping occurred with the patella, the kneecap,			
8	nesting into the defect, which was the chondromalacia			
9	lesion, in the femoral trochlea with motion of the			
10	knee.			
11	Q. Okay,			
12	A. And the second is, the inability to progress			
13	with quadriceps strengthening was likely due to what			
14	might be described as reflex inhibition due to pain.			
15	In other words, the kneecap painfully grinding across			
16	an irregular surface in the groove of the femur might			
17	send pain signals to the brain where the response			
18	would be to lower the nerve signals or voltage if you			
19	will to the quadriceps musculature and not allow it to			
20	be trained or built up.			
21	Q. Did you feel and do you feel as you sit here			
22	right now, that the surgery that you performed in May			
23	of 1996 was successful?			
24	A. No, I don't feel that it was successful for the			
25	reason that the patient had other and worsening			

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1	symptoms requiring reoperation.	
2	Q. Why wasn't the surgery successful?	
3	A. A separate and subsequent problem came to	
4	light, namely the development or the appearance of a	
5	chondromalacia lesion in the femoral trochlea.	
6	Q · This lesion of which you feel existed but yet	
7	was not discernible?	
8	A. Yes.	
9	Q. A lesion of which you feel was not precipitated	
10	by your original surgery, true?	
11	A. Most definitely.	
12	Q. You eventually referred Mr. Lee to Dr. Hritz	
13	for a second opinion, true?	
14	A. Yes.	
15	Q. How frequently do you refer patients to Dr.	
16	Hritz for second opinions?	
17	A. Rarely.	
18	Q. Why did you choose Dr. Hritz for Mr. Lee?	
19	A. Because the potential treatment which might be	
20	considered as more definitive for the patient's	
21	continuing problems involved an operation which in our	
22	area would only commonly be performed, other than	
23	myself, by Dr. Hritz.	
24	Q. What type of expertise does he have that	
25	A. Dr. Hritz has experience in this technique.	

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1	Q. Is this the, for the patellar tracking		
2	syndrome?		
3	A. Well, for the finding of advanced patellar,		
4	patellofemoral gonarthrosis, which is the defective		
5	chondromalacia making pain with patellar maltracking.		
6	Q. Even after your second surgery he continued to		
7	have the maltracking problem, true?		
8	A. Yes.		
9	Q. And for the record, Exhibit 4 is a copy of the		
10	operative report from surgery number two?		
11	A. That's correct.		
12	Q. Okay. And again I'm going to try to abbreviate		
13	this only because of the hour, but what did you, what		
14	were you attempting to accomplish in performing		
15	surgery number two?		
16	A. Number one, was to discover the source of his		
17	pain.		
18	Q. Okay. Anything else?		
19	A. Well, in the potential discovery of a source of		
20	pain to determine whether this might be treatable.		
21	Q. What did you discover at the time of your		
22	surgery number two?		
23	A. I discovered that he had a significant		
24	chondromalacia lesion in the femoral trochlea.		
25	Q. The atrophy that he was developing in the		

1	quadriceps was, ${f I}$ think it was described as marked,	
2	was it not?	
3	A. Yes.	
4	Q. Very concerning, true?	
5	A. Yes.	
6	Q. That wasn't due to any failure on the part of	
7	the patient to do that which he was obligatorily	
8	required to do, true?	
9	A. That's true.	
10	Q. Was this more a component of the mal,	
11	malfunctioning of the knee joint?	
12	A. Yes.	
13	Q. You performed a procedure if I could have	
14	the operative report back a second. Was your second	
15	procedure essentially a chondroplasty of the trochlear	
16	surface?	
17	A. Yes.	
18	Q. No other interventions at that time from a	
19	therapeutic standpoint I should say?	
20	A. No.	
21	Q. You saw him after his surgery in August, yet he	
22	continued to have the painful snapping in the mid	
23	range of active extension, true?	
24	A. Yes.	
25	Q. There was a discussion sometime in August, I	

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1 believe, of performing a Maquet, M-A-Q-U-E-T, 2 procedure? 3 Α. Maquet. Q. 4 Maquet. 5 MR. NORMAN: I used that pronunciation earlier. He corrected me too. б 7 He's a Belgium surgeon of, must be of French Α. extraction. 8 9 MR. MISHKIND: Off the record. \* 10 (Thereupon, a discussion was had off the record.) 11 12 MR. MISHKIND: 13 Back on the 14 record. 15 Q. Why the Maquet procedure? 16 Α. Maquet procedure is an operation performed to 17 slightly lift the kneecap out of the joint, out of the 18 groove, so that the usual firm nesting pressure of the kneecap in the groove does not come to bear on rough 19 surfaces, such as the chondromalacia lesion that he 20 21 had developed. Q. Did you recommend that procedure to him? 2.2 I told him that it was a possibility as a pain 23 Α. relieving measure, but that it was a very drastic 24 25 procedure and considered more a salvage operation.

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1	Q. He was continuing to have painful		
2	patellofemoral mechanics?		
3	A. Right.		
4	Q. He had patellar shift, true?		
5	A. Yes.		
6	Q. Loud snapping with knee motion, true?		
7	A. Yes.		
8	Q. Why wasn't this addressed at the time of your		
9	second surgery?		
10	A. It was addressed. In fact, my operative		
11	comments are that the shifting and snapping could not		
12	be reproduced in the absence of normal muscle tone		
13	with the patient being asleep. But that it was		
14	obvious by the presence of such a large lesion		
15	centrally in the main groove where the kneecap tracked		
16	that this was the source of his problem of maltracking		
17	seen in the office examinations.		
18	Q. What else could you have done at the time of		
19	your second surgery to increase the likelihood of a		
20	more favorable outcome?		
21	A. It might be argued as a point that a lateral		
22	retinacular release could be considered, but this		
23	presupposes since a retinacular release actually		
24	divides intact tissue that surrounds the knee and is		
25	attached to the kneecap tracking mechanism, that the		

kneecap tracking mechanism is actually excentric or 1 out of kilter to one side and, therefore, we release 2 3 on the side where the mechanism is tracking wrongly. 4 However, I documented by placement of the 5 arthroscope at an accessory portal to evaluate the б actual tracking of the patella, that the patellar 7 mechanism was nicely centralized with motion of the knee and therefore did not drift to either one side or 8 the other and wouldn't in my view of the understanding 9 10 of lateral retinacular release justify any 11 intervention of that type. 12 Were you satisfied with the outcome from the Ο. second surgery? 13 No. Because I realized that I had identified a 14 Α. 15 new lesion in the patient for which we don't have, 16 even to this day, very satisfying treatment. 17 Is an osteoarticular bone graft transplantation 0. an accepted treatment for Grade IV trochlear lesions? 18 19 Yes. And this is an unusual procedure Α. 20 performed, not commonly performed, nor widely 21 performed, and also does not have the longevity of good outcome performance that other procedures do. 22 23 Such as? 0. 24 Α. The Maquet. 25 Q. Okay. Would you have recommended performing

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1	the osteoarticular bone graft transplantation?				
2	A. It certainly might have been considered as a				
3	possibility, but knowing, especially at that time,				
4	that this procedure was much less common and with a,				
5	not nearly the long documentation of successful				
6	outcome of other procedures, I would not have made it				
7	a recommendation except to consider it as a possible				
8	experimental undertaking only at the hands of an				
9	experienced surgeon.				
10	Q. I take it you didn't have the kind of				
11	experience that was necessary to undertake that type				
12	of surgery?				
13	A. In fact, I couldn't have identified anyone in				
14	our community who did.				
15	Q. What about Dr. Williams?				
16	A. Dr. Williams is not in our community, nor would				
17	I say that he might be recognized as someone who has				
18	or who had at that time the commonly recognized				
19	experience to perform that procedure. The knowledge				
20	of which we all understand about how to perform it,				
21	but the experience and personal patient population				
22	documenting the good outcome wouldn't have necessarily				
23	been known to the orthopedic community as indicating				
24	Dr. Williams being the experienced doctor for this				
25	procedure.				

1	Q. Have you ever worked with Dr. Williams on any		
2	cases?		
3	A. No.		
4	Q. Do you have an opinion as to his standing in		
5	the orthopedic community?		
6	A. Oh, yes.		
7	Q. What is that?		
8	A. It's a good one. He's a well trained		
9	orthopedic surgeon with, I think, good judgment, who I		
10	have shared mutual patients with, who as I recall have		
11	not required surgery from my referrals, but with very		
12	good treatment at his hands.		
13	Q. Doctor, I'm going to show you Exhibit 7 through		
14	11, which I believe are pictures from the arthroscopy		
15	in July of 1996. And I guess I would ask you first to		
16	take a look at them, confirm that they are what I have		
17	just said. Do that first silently.		
18	Are Exhibit 7 through whatever, 7 through 11		
19	from your July 1996 surgery?		
20	A. Yes, with the addition of some enlargements of		
21	a few of the photographs and missing an enlargement of		
22	one of the photographs.		
23	Q. Okay. Are any of those photographs or sections		
24	of the photographs demonstrative of what you found		
25	relative to the trochlear lesion at the time of your		

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July '96 surgery? 1 2 Yes. Α. 3 Q. Which ones? 4 Α. They all appear to be demonstrative of my arthroscopic findings at the July surgery. 5 Q. All demonstrating Grade IV chondromalacia? 6 7 Α. No. Which ones demonstrate? Q. 8 9 Well, there are various features demonstrated Α. since there are numerous pictures. But the Grade IV 10 chondromalacia lesion is demonstrated in a few of the 11 12 pictures among these. Q. Identify which exhibits we're referring to. 13 14 Α. Exhibit 8, the upper left and upper right 15 pictures, both demonstrate the lesion. 16 MR. NORMAN: Again for the record 17 8 is Bate Stamped which number? 18 THE WITNESS: 211. And then Exhibit 9, I would say all of those 19 Α. photos show the chondromalacia lesion. 20 21 And of Exhibit 11, the upper left and upper right show the chondromalacia lesion. 22 23 And Exhibit 10, the three enlargements depicted each show the chondromalacia lesion. 24 25 0. What did you explain to Mr. Lee following this

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diagnostic arthroscopy and in the procedure that you 1 2 did in July of '96 as to the, your findings? 3 Α. I don't recall specifically our discussion, but 4 my record shows that on follow-up evaluation that we 5 discussed the findings at arthroscopy and that a chondromalacia lesion existed in the groove of the б 7 femur. And that I explained this as the source of his painful popping. 8 Did you indicate to him that you were or were Q. 9 10 not able to do anything to try to resolve this painful 11 popping? I don't recall our specific discussion. 12 Α. I do know that for the treatment I rendered that my 13 explanation to patients is that the technique is to 14 try to bevel the margins of the lesion so that the 15 16 interface between normal and abnormal tissue is a 17 smoother transition and hopefully will make tracking less irregular and less painful. 18 19 Q. Did you eventually recommend to Mr. Lee that he 20 pursue a disability claim through Social Security? 21 Α. I don't recall specifically advising him to pursue disability. I do remember saying that it 22 23 appeared by the situation that he had come into that probably he would not be able to return to the work 24 25 that he had done previously.

Q. And if it was going to be a job involving a 1 nonsedentary position, that he would likely not be 2 able to accomplish that position given the problem 3 with his knee, true? 4 5 Α. Yes. And if that were the case that do you recall Ο. б 7 indicating to him that you would suggest that he 8 consider pursuing a disability claim? No, I don't remember advising him to pursue a 9 Α. disability claim. 10 11 Ο. Or pursuing Social Security because of his inability to return to the type of gainful employment 12 that he had previously? 13 No, I seem to recall that we had a discussion 14 Α. about alternative work and for the department that he 15 had worked in previously, whether or not there was 16 more sedentary work available. 17 Can patients with chondromalacia, even of the 18 Q. trochlear groove, be treated and benefit from 19 20 nonoperative treatment? 21 Α. I'm sorry, can you read that back to me? I'll rephrase it. 22 Ο. 23 Can patients that have chondromalacia of the 24 trochlear groove benefit from a period of nonoperative 25 treatment?

1 Α. Yes, knowing that the benefit during that period might come, depending on the nature and extent 2 of the lesion, be variable. 3 4 Ο, When you went in in July, did you do basically a shaving or a curettage to remove the diseased 5 6 cartilage? 7 Α. That would be a crude description, yes. Ο. 8 Well, I'm a lawyer, I'm not a doctor, but basically is that what you did? 9 Yes, electronically. 10 Α. 11 While leaving as smooth a chondral surface as Ο. 12 possible? 13 Α. Yes, 14 Q. Doctor, I want you to assume that Dr. Williams 15 in April of 1997, did perform an osteoarticular bone graft transplantation due to Mr. Lee's repeated pain 16 17 and clicking and problems in the knee. Assuming that to be the case, and again in April of 1997, so roughly 18 19 seven months, ten months after your last surgery, 20 would that be a reasonable approach to trying to 21 resolve Mr. Lee's ongoing disability with the knee? MR. NORMAN: Objection. 22 23 I think in the right hands for the correct Α. 24 problem doing it would be a reasonable consideration. 25 Q. Do you have any reason to believe that in April

1 of 1997, Dr. Williams did not have the knowledge or 2 training and experience to perform an osteoarticular 3 bone graft transplantation? 4 MR. NORMAN: Objection. Go 5 ahead. No, in fact I don't have any information that б Α. would lead me to believe that he did have the skills. 7 0. Well, a moment ago you said in the right hands. 8 What did you mean by that? 9 The person trained in the procedure with the 10 Α. experience and the acknowledgement of others that this 11 is a procedure that's performed for that reason and 12 that they have performed previously with success. 13 And does Dr. Williams meet that criteria? 14 Ο. 15 I think I just remarked that I didn't have any Α. 16 information to indicate that he did have those 17 qualifications. I don't have that information. 18 0. Am I to conclude that you are suggesting that he did not have those qualifications or were you --19 20 No, I think I only said that I didn't have the Α. 21 information that this doctor that you're querying about had those gualifications. 2.2 0. You are not trying to suggest by that, and I 23 guess it's a question of my not understanding your 24 verbiage, that he was unqualified, it's just that you 25

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don't know one way or another whether --1 2 I don't think --Α. 3 MR. NORMAN: He's not offering an 4 opinion on the qualifications. No, I don't know anything about this Doctor's 5 Α. qualifications to perform that operation. That would 6 summarize my thinking on the issue. 7 Okay. Doctor, let me just check my notes. 8 0. Ι may be done. 9 10 Unfortunately, I have some more questions for 11 you. An abrasion chondroplasty that removes 12excessive cartilage can cause joint incongruities, 13 14 true? 15 Yes, performed as an intentional procedure for Α. 16 a given reason, that might be the result. 17 Q. When you did the chondroplasty in July, was it an abrasion chondroplasty? 18 19 Oh, no, this is performed with very specific Α. instruments of which I made no use. 20 21 Q. What type of instruments would you need to use 22 to cause an abrasion chondroplasty? 23 Abrasion is caused with the use of an abrader, Α. 24 which is a burr like instrument. 25 Q. What did you use for your chondroplasty?

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1	A.	I used an electronic device which is a cluster
2	electr	ode that vaporizes free tissue.
3	Q.	It does not lead to any potential for abrasion?
4	Α.	No. Abrasion is not part of its mechanism.
5	Q.	Mr. Lee did not have any abnormal articulation
6	betwee:	n the patella and the femur prior to your first
7	surger	y, did he?
8	А.	I did not know the patient prior to that time.
9	Q.	Well, on physical examination did you see any
10	evidence of any abnormal articulation between the	
11	patella	a and the femur?
12	Α.	I did not document any, no.
13	Q.	At the time of your second surgery did you do
14	patellar tracking?	
15	Α.	I'm afraid I don't understand the question.
16	Q.	Did you evaluate the patellar tracking at the
17	time o:	f the second surgery?
18	Α.	Yes.
19	Q.	And what was causing the abnormality in the
20	patella	ar tracking at that time?
21	Α.	It was my judgment based on the findings that
22	the trochlear chondromalacia lesion was the cause of	
23	the maltracking.	
24	Q.	Doctor, if you were to do this all over again,
25	approa	ch this case, clean the slate and go back and

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1 operate on Mr. Lee anew, would you have done anything any differently? 2 Objection. 3 MR. NORMAN: Can vou clarify that? 4 5 MR. MISHKIND: I think it was pretty clear. б 7 Ο. You know the outcome, you know what you did. If you had it to do over again would you have 8 9 approached the case any differently? MR. NORMAN: 10 Objection. 11 Α. I would use my same skills of judgment and experience in making decisions regarding how to treat 12 the findings that I could document. 13 Ο. Okay. And let's try the question again, having 14 recognized that you are going to apply your 15 professional judgment, you recognize that if you apply 16 17 professional judgment in a substandard manner that this is considered to be malpractice, true? 18 19 Α. Yes. 20 Q. So that even though you apply judgment, if the 21 judgment is poor or below accepted standards, that's 22 not an excuse for the outcome, true? 23 MR. NORMAN: Objection. I'mnot sure I understand the form of the 24 Α. question. 25

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1 Q. If you apply judgment that is unacceptable or below minimal standards, one cannot, one cannot just 2 3 excuse the outcome by saying I applied my judgment, 4 true? True. 5 Α. MR. NORMAI Objection. 6 7 Q. Let's go back to, let's go back to the original question that I had for you. 8 If you had to do the case over again, and again 9 10 applying your professional judgment in a reasonable and prudent manner, would you have done things 11 12 differently in the first surgery than what you did? 13 MR. NORMAN: Objection. Don't 14 answer that as phrased. I'm not, that's, it's too I understand, I think, where you're trying to 15 vaque. 15 go with this, but that's, you're not taking into 17 account what he knows at what point, 18 MR. MISHKIND: Well, number one, 19 I'm not going to sit here and have you instruct him 20 not to answer a question, but being that it is a 21 quarter after 9:00 and we started the deposition as 22 late as we did, I will rephrase the question to try to get an answer from him which I'm entitled to ask him. 23 24 Ο. But what I'm trying to find out from you, 25 Doctor, is, you had a physical exam, you did a

1	physical exam on a patient, you did an MRI, you had
2	certain information going into the first surgery, you
3	had an outcome after the first surgery which you
4	indicated to me you weren't satisfied with, true?
5	A. Yes.
6	Q. You acknowledge that it was essentially an
7	unsuccessful surgery, true?
8	A. Which?
9	Q. The first one.
10	MR. NORMAN: Objection.
11	A. No, not the first surgery.
12	Q. The second surgery?
13	A. The second surgery I believe we discussed as
14	being unsuccessful.
15	Q. Okay. All right. The first surgery you
16	weren't satisfied with the outcome, true?
17	A. That's true.
18	Q. As far as if you had to do it again, you'd go
19	back in and operate on the patient again, would you
20	have approached the surgery or done anything
21	differently with regard to the first surgery?
22	MR. NORMAN: Objection. Are you
23	asking that knowing what he knows the outcome to be.
24	MR. MISHKIND: Sure, absolutely,
25	absolutely.

1 MR. NORMAN: That's an impossibility. He can't answer that, and I'm not 2 3 going to have him answering an impossibility. 4 MR. MISHKIND: Tt's not an 5 impossibility. It may be an impossibility in your mind. 6 7 But I'm asking him, knowing what you saw at the Ο. time of the surgery, knowing what you did, would you, 8 if you had it to do over again, would you say to me, 9 Mr. Mishkind, I wish I had done things differently? 10 11 Α. No. So you were, you are comfortable and you are 12 Q. willing to stand on the proposition that whether it 13 was a successful result or not, what you did was an 14 15 acceptable means of treating this man? Yes. 16 Α. 17 0. And the surgery that you did you believe was a surgery that Mr. Lee consented to and appreciated what 18 19 you were going to do to him? 20 Α. Yes. Certainly if it was not a surgery that he 21 0. consented to and appreciated what you were going to 22 do, that would be substandard care, true? 23 2.4 MR. NORMAN: Objection. 25 I guess I'm not exactly certain of what the Α.

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1	precise and limited definition of substandard care
2	could actually be.
3	Q. If you
4	A. It seems vague is my point.
5	Q. Okay. Fair enough.
б	If in fact you did not provide Mr. Lee with
7	sufficient information for him to appreciate what you
8	were going to do at the time of the surgery in May of
9	1996, can we agree that that would be below accepted
10	standard of care?
11	MR. NORMAN: Objection.
12	A. No, because I think that poses a hypothetical
13	situation that actually could not exist.
14	Q. Why is that?
15	A. Because it is often the situation, particularly
16	in view of examination findings that lead us to
17	propose surgery, based also on objective findings from
18	associated studies, that the surgery we propose may
19	often be modified from the proposal in a minor way
20	based on new findings which cannot be discerned either
21	by physical examination or other noninvasive studies
22	preoperatively.
23	Q. I take it <i>it's</i> your opinion that the
24	notchplasty that you performed was not in any way
25	causative of any of the complications which ultimately

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then resulted in the need for the July '96 surgery, 1 true? 2 3 Yes, that is my opinion. Α. 4 Ο. Okay. From the standpoint of that which you recall in terms of your interactions with Mr. Lee, 5 б aside from what's documented in the records, I can 7 read the records and I can go through line by line 8 with you and we'd be here for another two hours, but 9 is there anything else from the standpoint of your interactions with Mr. Lee that you recall independent 10 of the records prior to or after the first and second 11 12 surgery that we have not talked about? 13 Α. No. 14 Okay. Do you recall your conversation with Dr. 0. Hritz after the second opinion? 15 MR. NORMAN: After the second 16 17 operation? 18 MR. MISHKIND: After the second 19 opinion, Dr. Hritz' second opinion. MR. NORMAN: Oh. 20 21 Q. I think there was only one second opinion. 22 Α. Vaquely. Q. Tell me what you recall him telling you? 23 24 Α. I vaguely recall the gist of our conversation 25 being that this patient was not a candidate for Maquet

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1	procedure in his mind and that as I had proposed in
2	referring the patient to him, that other surgery might
3	be necessary, but probably not Maquet.
4	Q. What was the other surgery?
5	A. No, that in general terms it might be said that
6	other surgery might be necessary in the future, if the
7	patient did not do well with nonsurgical treatment,
8	but that Maquet would not be Dr. Hritz'
9	recommendation.
10	Q. But, again, what would the other surgery that
11	might be necessary if conservative measures was not
12	successful, if Maquet was not the procedure?
13	A. Oh, I think he was speaking in general terms
14	and not elaborating.
15	Q. Do you know what other surgery would have
16	included if the Maquet was not in the offing?
17	A. Probably the books and journals are replete
18	with possibilities, and I'm not going to enumerate
19	them.
20	Q. Why?
21	A. They are numerous.
22	Q. What would be the most likely and the most
23	reasonable surgical intervention to try to resolve
24	this problem for Mr. Lee?
25	A. That would certainly be a matter of opinion,

1 not of fact. 2 What would be your opinion as to the most 0. 3 likely and reasonable future surgical approach to this 4 ongoing dilemma that Mr. Lee had in, after the July --5 MR. NORMAN: How far into the future? 6 7 Q. -- after July 1996? MR. NORMAN: I'm sorry for 8 interrupting. 9 How far into the future? 10 11 Ο. Well, we've talked about that he might need 12 future surgery other than the Maquet procedure and at whatever time that surgery would be what would be the 13 most likely and reasonable surgical intervention? 14 15 It would depend very much on the patient's Α. 16 symptoms and exam findings, his age and his 17 expectations. There might be, easily be a very long 18 list of possibilities. 19 Ο. How did you leave things with Mr. Lee when you last saw him? 20 21 I'm not sure how you mean that. Α. 22 Q. Was he to come back to you, did you quit him, did he fire you, what was Dr. Whitted's and Mr. Lee's 23 24 relationship at the last juncture? 25 Gosh, I don't think I can comment on our Α.

1	relationship at the last juncture. I'm not sure I						
2	look at it in those terms, but my record states that I						
3	told the patient that he might return as needed for						
4	reevaluation after consulting with Dr. Hritz.						
5	Q. Did he come back to see you after consulting						
6	with Dr. Hritz?						
7	A. I don't document any further interactions in						
8	our office in the chart.						
9	Q. I take it then you don't have any recollection						
10	of any interactions, true?						
11	A. No. Yes.						
12	Q. You didn't make any further attempt to						
13	follow-up with him after the referral to Dr. Hritz,						
14	did you?						
15	A. No. Leaving it at the suggestion that he might						
16	return at his leisure to me after consulting with Dr.						
17	Hritz, I did not pursue him.						
18	Q. Did you refer him to Dr. Hritz because you						
19	realized that you no longer were able to adequately						
20	resolve Mr. Lee's ongoing problems?						
21	A. No. In actuality, when patients have problems						
22	I have always felt that it good for the patient to						
23	confer with another uninvolved surgeon to look at the						
24	problem objectively and have a discussion on the						
25	patient's terms about how the problem looks from that						

doctor's perspective as a way of supporting the patient and giving them the opportunity to ask questions in a different environment about the same problem. MR. MISHKIND: Okay. Doctor, I don't think I have any further questions for you. Thanks for your time. MR. NORMAN: We'll read. 

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