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STATE OF OHIO
COUNTY OF LUCAS
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
THOMAS G. BALDWIN,
Plaintiff,
v. Civil Action No.
MARK E. REARDON, M.D., et al., 96 2365
Defendants.
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DEPOSITION OF DAVID MURRAY WINSTON, M.D.
Taken at 2090 Commonwealth, Ann Arbor,
Michigan, on October 7, 1997 commencing
at or about 12:39 p.m.

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Ann Arbor, Michigan

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DAVID MURRAY WINSTON, M.D.

Having first been duly sworn or affirmed, was
examined and testified as follows:

EXAMINATION

BY MS. TAYLOR-KOLIS:

Q Doctor, just for identification purposes --
we've briefly been introduced, but for the
record -- my name is Donna Kolis. I am one
of the attorneys who has been retained to
represent Mr. Baldwin in the upcoming trial
of his lawsuit against Drs. Reardon, True and
Sogocio, actually Dr. Sogocio's estate. Of
course, I have intentionally chosen to
handicap myself and not be here today so we
have to do this by phone, of course.

It's like any other deposition.

I'm going to ask you a series of questions,
and hopefully you'll give me concise,
straightforward answers, and this shouldn't
take more than 30 minutes. The court reporter
is there to mark any documents I may ask you

1 for, And I hope our phone line stays clear so
2 we can understand one another.

3 Having said that, for the record,
4 would you state your complete name and your
5 business address?

6 A David Murray Winston, M-u-r-r-a-y. My
7 business address is 2090 Commonwealth,
8 Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105.

9 Q Doctor, do you have available, to give to the
10 court reporter, a copy of your curriculum
11 vitae?

12 A Yes, and it's done.

13 MS. TAYLOR-KOLIS: Great. Then
14 we'll just mark that Exhibit A for the
15 plaintiffs.

16 (Deposition Exhibit A marked
17 for identification)

18 BY MS. TAYLOR-KOLIS, CONTINUING:

19 Q I have received, prior to today's deposition,
20 a copy of what I believe is your CV, and it is
21 a one-page document; is that accurate?

22 A Correct.

23 Q We won't waste a lot of time going through
24 your background, but just let me ask you a
25 couple of things to clarify my thinking.

1 There are no publications listed on
2 your CV; is that correct?

3 A Correct.

4 Q All right. So during the course of medical
5 school and thereafter, you elected not to
6 participate in academic publications, I
7 guess. Would that be accurate?

8 A Correct.

9 Q Okay. What do you do for a living?

10 A I am a practicing full-time general internist
11 and gerontologist.

12 Q Tell me a little bit about your internal
13 medicine practice. Are you in practice by
14 yourself?

15 A I'm in a large group practice.

16 Q What kind of doctors are in your group
17 practice?

18 A All general internists except for two
19 rheumatologists, and that is just our
20 internal medicine division. We actually
21 have 86 doctors in our umbrella corporation.

22 Q What's the name of your umbrella corporation?

23 A Integrated Health Associates.

24 Q All right. And I would gather that you
25 consider yourself devoted to the full-time

1 clinical practice of medicine then.

2 A Correct.

3 Q Do you teach?

4 A I do.

5 Q Okay. Explain to me what your teaching
6 responsibilities are at present.

7 A I have several modes. One is the daily
8 contact with interns, residents, and students
9 in the hospital. I do make daily rounds.
10 Two, I teach physical diagnosis to second-year
11 medical students. Three, I have a third-year
12 medical student that I meet with weekly in the
13 office, and I also have regular weekly
14 residents assigned to me from two different
15 hospitals working with me in the office --

16 Q Okay.

17 A -- from the University of Michigan and
18 St. Joseph Mercy in Ann Arbor.

19 Q Okay. When you say the hospitals where you
20 have patients, would that be St. Joseph's
21 Mercy and Beyer? Is that Beyer Hospital?

22 A Primarily St. Joseph Mercy, almost never at
23 Beyer, and rarely at the university.

24 Q Okay. All right. I guess that pretty much
25 tells me what you do with your time. And

1 somehow you manage to find time for you to
2 become involved in these cases; is that right?

3 A Correct.

4 Q Okay. When were you initially contacted by
5 Mr. Bodie to review the records in this
6 matter?

7 A I'm not sure of the exact date, to tell you
8 the truth.

9 Q Do you not keep a correspondence file relative
10 to litigation matters?

11 A I see -- no, I don't.

12 Q All right. So how is it that Mr. Bodie came
13 to contact you regarding this case?

14 A I don't recall.

15 Q Had you ever worked for him before?

16 A I don't recall.

17 Q Had you ever done any medicolegal work for his
18 law firm, Jacobson, Maynard, Tuschman, prior
19 to this particular case?

20 A I suspect I have, but I don't recall the
21 particulars.

22 Q Okay. How frequently have you testified in
23 the last ten years, either by deposition or
24 at trial?

25 A I probably have a deposition every three

1 months.

2 Q How many cases do you review a year?

3 A Probably ten or 15.

4 Q And can you tell me, is that exclusively for
5 physicians?

6 A Medical malpractice or are you saying
7 plaintiff versus defense?

8 Q Plaintiff versus defendants. In other words,
9 it was my understanding, but perhaps it's in
10 error, that generally speaking you testify
11 only for physicians.

12 A I probably am 85 to 90 percent defense.

13 Q Okay. When is the last time that you had the
14 opportunity to render an opinion on behalf of
15 the patient, the plaintiff?

16 A In the last two weeks.

17 Q Okay. And is that for someone in Michigan?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Okay. All right. Suffice it to say, you were
20 probably contacted a few years ago, although
21 you just don't remember the particulars,
22 correct?

23 A Correct.

24 Q All right. Can you tell me, do you have a
25 file regarding this particular case?

1 A I do.

2 Q Can you tell me what's in your file?

3 First, is your file with you,
4 wherever it is that you're sitting giving this
5 deposition?

6 A Yes, I have it. And it includes office
7 records of Dr. -- Drs. Reardon, True, and
8 Reams, Westec Medical Center records, and
9 Flower Hospital records, office records of
10 Dr. Sternfeld, and a report of Dr. Bowman,
11 and a report of Dr. Fry.

12 Q Okay. Have you had the opportunity to read
13 the depositions that were by Dr. True and
14 Dr. Reardon?

15 A I have not.

16 Q Have you asked to see their testimony?

17 A I have expressed some interest today.

18 Q Okay. You have not, prior to today, received
19 then even a summary of what their testimony
20 was?

21 A No.

22 Q Okay. Have you been provided with an oral or
23 written summary as to the content of Dr. Fry's
24 testimony that he gave earlier, in September?

25 A No. I just have his written report.

1 Q Okay. Fair enough. Do you intend, prior
2 to trial, to review the testimonies of
3 Drs. Reardon, True, and Dr. Fry?

4 A Sure.

5 Q Have you been asked to come live to the trial?

6 A Sure.

7 Q Are you planning on coming for trial?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Okay. Let me ask you this question first.

10 Do you have an opinion, to a reasonable
11 degree of medical probability, as to a time
12 frame or a point in time when you believe
13 that Mr. Baldwin's appendix actually
14 perforated?

15 A I think that would be very difficult to
16 determine with medical certainty and would
17 involve a high degree of speculation.

18 Q All right. I think I understood what your
19 answer was. However, I guess your answer
20 may not be responsive to my question.

21 A I do not have --

22 Q Are you going to testify at trial as to what
23 point in time the perforation of this appendix
24 occurred?

25 A No.

1 Q You will offer no testimony whatsoever on that
2 issue?

3 A No.

4 Q Okay. If Dr. Fry testifies that the appendix
5 itself perforated at or about the time of the
6 initial hospitalization in 1990, will you be
7 disagreeing with that?

8 A Only in that I might disagree in that I do not
9 think there's any way to prove it and that it
10 would be highly speculative.

11 Q Okay. Why do you think that it would be
12 highly speculative to ascertain the point at
13 which the appendix in this case perforated?

14 A Because there were no symptoms in retrospect
15 that would make me highly suspicious that he,
16 in fact, had perforated. And also, it is
17 possible that you can have some recurrent
18 attacks of appendicitis, and he, therefore,
19 could have perforated later with one of his
20 subsequent bouts in a subsequent year.

21 Q Okay. What symptoms in retrospect would you
22 have expected to see that would have made
23 you suspicious that there was a perforated
24 appendix?

25 A I'm not sure he ever did have highly

1 suspicious symptoms for a perforated appendix.

2 Q Okay. That's what I'm asking you. I probably
3 didn't ask it very articulately. What will
4 you be testifying to at trial would be the
5 hallmarks of a perforated appendix?

6 A Sometimes someone will endure symptoms of
7 appendicitis and then they sometimes can even
8 get better at the time of a perforation. And
9 then after perforation, there may be less
10 pain, but the patient may continue -- or
11 develop recurrent significant fever and sweats
12 and signs and symptoms of ongoing infection,
13 which he didn't have very much of, by the way.

14 Q Okay. I still don't know that I'm very clear
15 about your answer so we'll probably just try
16 to do it in a textbook fashion.

17 I gather that you, as part of your
18 internal medicine practice, have had the
19 opportunity to evaluate people who you have
20 diagnosed as having appendicitis. Would I be
21 right about that?

22 A Correct.

23 Q Okay. Please tell me, from your technical
24 point of view, what it is that you need, A,
25 to initially diagnose appendicitis.

1 MR. SKIVER: Objection. Go ahead,
2 Doctor.

3 THE WITNESS: I think in general
4 appendicitis is diagnosed by a constellation
5 of symptoms and clinical signs and is usually,
6 in fact, operated on presumptively, without
7 absolute evidence of appendicitis.

8 BY MS. TAYLOR-KOLIS, CONTINUING:

9 Q Okay. And I think that I might agree that it
10 is operated on presumptively, and we'll deal
11 with that issue in a minute. What is included
12 in this constellation of symptoms?

13 A Of appendicitis?

14 Q Yes.

15 A Well, there is almost invariably some sort
16 of abdominal pain. There is usually a low
17 temperature. There may well be a mildly
18 elevated white count. There is usually point
19 tenderness near the appendix; and if it is
20 inflamed enough and pointing outwards toward
21 the front of the body, there may be peritoneal
22 signs, including rebound.

23 Q Okay. Let me just go through this with you
24 for a second. First of all, do you agree
25 with me that -- and I'm going to use the

word hallmark, and if you don't like it, we can work with a word you do like -- but the hallmark of an appendiceal illness -- we'll call it appendicitis, not necessarily the perforation itself, but classic appendicitis -- is right lower quadrant pain? Would you agree with that?

A Correct.

Q Okay. Did Mr. Baldwin demonstrate or exhibit right lower quadrant pain in the first and primary hospitalization of August 27th, 1990?

A Yes.

Q Okay. Now, that in and of itself frequently leads people to the presumptive diagnosis of appendicitis, does it not?

A Correct.

Q Okay. The other things may or may not be there; in other words, low temperature is not always necessarily found in a person with an appendiceal illness. Is that an accurate statement of medicine?

A Correct.

Q Mildly elevated white counts, likewise, are not necessarily always found in a person with an appendiceal illness, correct?

1 A Correct.

2 Q Okay. Now, when you talk about point
3 tenderness, are you talking about McBurney's
4 point or just generalized point tenderness?

5 A Either would apply but localized tenderness.

6 Q Okay. Would you agree with me that the
7 hospital records that were provided to you
8 regarding the August 1990 hospitalization
9 document McBurney point tenderness?

10 A I believe one of the accounts does, but I
11 don't remember which person used that term.

12 Q If I suggest to you that the emergency room
13 physician who first examined him --

14 A I --

15 Q -- defines it that way, does that refresh
16 your memory of what the records contain?

17 A Yes.

18 Q You don't have to agree. I'm just trying to
19 make it faster for you.

20 A Yes, I remembered one of the three physicians
21 used that term. And since I'm looking at
22 Reardon's and the surgeon's, it has to be the
23 emergency room doctor. But go ahead. We'll
24 presume that that's the doctor that --

25 Q We'll presume it until you prove me wrong.

1 A Yes.

2 Q How's that --

3 A That's correct.

4 Q -- until you find otherwise? But I -- my
5 recollection is that it's the emergency room
6 doctor.

7 All right. Do you agree with me
8 that Dr. Reardon documents in the course of
9 the hospitalization, that three-day
10 hospitalization of August of 1990, that there
11 is rebound tenderness found in this patient?

12 A He said that in his first exam, that is
13 correct.

14 Q Now, when you say first exam, what day are you
15 looking at; the 27th?

16 A I'll double-check that.

17 Q That's fine.

18 A I'm looking at a discharge summary. Then I
19 see Gallagher's exam. Gallagher did not use
20 the term McBurney's point, by the way.

21 Q You're right. Actually, Dr. Reardon used it.

22 A It is actually in Reardon's -- here it is.

23 Yes, it is Reardon's exam. And he notes soft
24 right lower quadrant -- or is soft with right
25 lower quadrant tenderness to palpation at

1 approximately McBurney's point with mild
2 rebound. Yes, August 27th.

3 Q August 27th. Okay. Do you see the place in
4 the note where on the 28th at 5:55 in the
5 afternoon that likewise Dr. Reardon documents
6 rebound tenderness?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Okay. So it is still persistent and present
9 on his examination at about five minutes of
10 six on the evening of the 28th, correct?

11 A That is correct.

12 Q All right. Let me ask you this, Doctor.
13 I'm certain that since you've agreed to
14 testify in this matter -- oh, by the way --
15 I'm sorry, I should ask this first. Have you
16 written a report?

17 A I have not.

18 Q You have not. And you were not asked to write
19 a report, correct?

20 A That is correct.

21 Q All right. Obviously, once again, since
22 you've agreed to testify, you've had some
23 time to evaluate and analyze the issues in
24 this matter. Why wasn't a diagnosis of
25 appendicitis made in the August of 1990

1 hospitalization?

2 MR. SKIVER: Objection. Go ahead,
3 Doctor.

4 THE WITNESS: I -- I think it's
5 multifactorial. It's interesting to look at
6 the progress note you just called my attention
7 to, with Reardon noting rebound at 5:55 p.m.
8 And I presume since it still says 8-28, that
9 the surgeon Sogocio is writing his note five
10 minutes later noting no rebound with good
11 bowel sounds.

12 And I think that's telling, that a
13 surgeon at that point did not think it a
14 classical abdominal exam, with pain in both
15 lower quadrants, good bowel sounds. It was
16 not your abdomen that is shutting down
17 characteristic of peritonitis.

18 And so the -- the features of the
19 case were very soft and not characteristic
20 of acute appendicitis so that's why the
21 diagnosis wasn't made then or in the multiple
22 other admissions to various emergency rooms,
23 hospitals, and doctors' offices.

24 BY MS. TAYLOR-KOLIS, CONTINUING:

25 Q Let me ask you a couple of questions since you

1 just -- I have them in order, but when you say
2 things, it makes me think of what else I
3 actually need to cover.

4 Do you have any criticism of any
5 of the doctors or medical facilities' care
6 and treatment of this patient prior to the
7 hospitalization where the colectomy was
8 actually performed?

9 A No.

10 Q So you won't be offering any testimony against
11 the emergency room doctors at any of these
12 facilities at trial?

13 A No.

14 Q All right, Now, I gather that what I just
15 heard you say -- and we were going to talk
16 about that because, in fact, immediately
17 following Dr. Reardon's examination there is,
18 in fact, a note from Dr. Sogocio, right, and
19 that's the note you just alluded to --

20 A Yes.

21 Q -- that his particular abdominal examination
22 didn't precisely reveal the same as the one
23 five minutes prior by Dr. Reardon; would you
24 agree with that?

25 A Correct.

1 Q At least in terms of what is documented,
2 right?

3 A Correct.

4 Q Okay. Now, at this point Mr. Baldwin had been
5 in the facility for 17, 18 hours, I think --

6 A Okay.

7 Q -- somewhere. I can't remember the exact
8 admission time on the evening previous. What
9 was the purpose for them giving him IV fluids
10 up to that point in time?

11 A I'm not sure why they -- he had no fever,
12 nausea, vomiting or diarrhea. He might have
13 been kept NPO at that point. We could look
14 at the orders.

15 Q Sure.

16 A I don't know whether I can easily find orders
17 in here, but --

18 Q You should yell at your lawyer.

19 A But he -- I don't know. That may have been
20 the case. I -- I don't see the orders this
21 second so I can't comment for sure.

22 Q Well, let me ask you this. A person comes
23 in, and they've got a very -- I'm going to
24 call it an acute abdomen, acute abdominal
25 pain, correct?

1 MR. SKIVER: Objection.

2 THE WITNESS: I don't think those
3 are synonymous. Acute abdomen has a fairly
4 specific medical definition, and even the
5 surgeon's examination would be contradictory
6 to that diagnosis.

7 BY MS. TAYLOR-KOLIS, CONTINUING:

8 Q We'll say acute abdominal pain. Would you
9 agree that that was the presenting admitting
10 symptom?

11 A No. It was subacute. He had had it for a
12 number of days.

13 Q And you gathered that from the history,
14 correct?

15 A Even per Dr. Gallagher's note it says,
16 increasingly severe over the last six days.
17 So that's not very acute. That's many days
18 of duration.

19 Q Okay. I don't want to fight with you over
20 how we state things, but the reason he was
21 admitted to the hospital is that he had
22 unrelenting abdominal pain; would you agree
23 with that?

24 A That is correct.

25 Q Okay. Now, given that that's how he

1 presented, does that give you an idea of
2 why they gave him IV fluids?

3 A Well, Dr. Reardon in his impression said
4 possible dehydration, you know, and so that's
5 fairly standard, you know, treatment.

6 Q Okay. What medications were given to this
7 patient prior to those examinations on the
8 28th by Drs. Reardon and Sogocio?

9 A I think I'd have to find a med chart in here.

10 Q All right.

11 A But he certainly was discharged on
12 doxycycline, I know that.

13 Q Do you --

14 A And he may have gotten another drug during
15 the hospitalization. I would just have to
16 find the orders which I don't have quite
17 handy.

18 Q I'll tell you what. I'll let you trust me,
19 and I'm going to read some things, and --

20 A Fine.

21 Q -- we'll do it hypothetically, I guess, since
22 you can't see them.

23 If, given the presenting set of
24 symptoms, Dr. Reardon had written an order for
25 the patient to receive Demerol, you would

1 think that was medically advisable or not?
2 Do you have any problem with Dr. Reardon
3 having written an order for a shot of Demerol?

4 A It would depend on what he thought the most
5 likely diagnosis was whether it was
6 appropriate or not.

7 Q Well, what do you think that he was thinking
8 the diagnoses were, based upon your
9 familiarity with the records?

10 MR. SKIVER: Objection as to what he
11 thinks Dr. Reardon was thinking.

12 BY MS. TAYLOR-KOLIS, CONTINUING:

13 Q What does the record demonstrate to you
14 Dr. Reardon was entertaining as a diagnosis
15 in this case?

16 A He said right lower quadrant abdominal pain,
17 rule out gastro versus appendicitis possibly
18 masked by antibiotics versus adenitis. So
19 that's what he was thinking.

20 Q And in which of those scenarios would a shot
21 of Demerol be inappropriate?

22 MR. SKIVER: Objection. It
23 presumes it is inappropriate in one of
24 those scenarios. Go ahead.

25 THE WITNESS: The use of narcotics

1 in acute surgical abdomen is to be done with
2 great discretion and with reservation.

3 BY MS. TAYLOR-KOLIS, CONTINUING:

4 Q And the reasoning? Would you like to tell
5 me the reasoning or do you want me to suggest
6 it? I'm sorry. Tell me why.

7 A Well, it can sometimes mask the symptoms of
8 acute appendicitis.

9 Q It's a pretty well-known fact, isn't it, in
10 terms of medical practitioners, to expect that
11 they would know that, right?

12 A That is correct.

13 Q Sure. What is -- and I can never pronounce
14 the word, and that's why I'm a lawyer and
15 you're a doctor; well, there's more reasons,
16 I'm sure -- Phenergan -- I can never say it --
17 P-h-e-n-e-r-g-a-n?

18 A That was given with the Demerol. It
19 potentiates the effect of the Demerol and
20 can be an antiemetic.

21 Q Right. A primary purpose for that, in
22 combination, is the control of nausea, isn't
23 it?

24 A I think it's given as often to potentiate the
25 effect of the narcotic.

1 Q Okay. Now, you indicated that you -- I think
2 you indicated, but I'm not sitting there so
3 it's a little harder to remember exactly what
4 you say, that he didn't have any nausea or
5 vomiting; is that what you were indicating?

6 A I believe the record states that.

7 Q Did you read all of the nurses' notes?

8 A No.

9 Q Would you think that nurses' notes were a good
10 source to find out what a patient's level or
11 ability to actually eat is?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And so you may be actually missing some
14 information if you've never seen the nurses'
15 notes; would you agree with that?

16 A If I haven't seen the nurses' notes, I am
17 missing that information.

18 Q Okay. What does the ability to eat or not eat
19 have to do with making the diagnosis of
20 appendicitis?

21 MR. SKIVER: At what point in time?

22 THE WITNESS: That would be pretty
23 nonspecific in that loss of appetite could be
24 characteristic of gastroenteritis, mesentery
25 adenitis or appendicitis.

1 BY MS. TAYLOR-KOLIS, CONTINUING:

2 Q So that the record is clear, you are stating
3 that, appetite or no appetite, nausea or
4 vomiting are pretty nonspecific factors in
5 determining whether or not someone is having
6 appendicitis?

7 A Correct.

8 Q Okay. And I agree with that, but I just want
9 that to be nice and clear on the record.

10 Okay. A 50-milligram shot of
11 Demerol, how long do you expect the pain -- I
12 call it pain efficacy, but that's just my term
13 for it -- how long do you expect it to control
14 abdominal pain?

15 A Probably, if not inordinately intense, two to
16 four hours.

17 Q All right. Fair enough. And it's variable
18 from individual to individual, correct?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Let's talk about mesenteric adenitis. Why
21 don't you tell me what your definition of
22 mesenteric adenitis is.

23 A Well, literally it means that there's some
24 inflammation of the tissue and -- lymphatic
25 tissue of the mesentery infected by viruses.

1 Q How is the diagnosis of mesenteric adenitis
2 made?

3 A It is made, I think, commonly as a presumptive
4 diagnosis excluding others.

5 Q When you say a presumptive diagnosis, so
6 that I'm not confused, would you agree with
7 me that you really don't know if someone has
8 mesenteric adenitis until you open the
9 abdomen?

10 A I think to a -- that is commonly true. I
11 presume with some of our modern imaging
12 studies that you could get a more precise idea
13 of whether those areas are swollen or involved
14 with MRIs and CAT scans. But in general it
15 would be made presumptively or at operation.

16 Q Right. Dr. Winston, would you agree with me
17 then, I guess, on this point. A CAT scan --
18 let's just deal with the issue of CAT scan or
19 MRI -- both of those diagnostic tools aid and
20 assist in identifying structures in the
21 abdomen better than an x-ray, of course.
22 You'd agree with that, I think.

23 A Yes.

24 Q Okay. And as it relates to mesenteric
25 adenitis versus an appendicitis, a CAT scan

1 is a good tool to actually see what structures
2 seem to be inflamed or swollen, correct?

3 A It may assist you.

4 Q May assist?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Okay. And in this case no one ordered a
7 CAT scan of this person's abdomen, correct?

8 A Correct.

9 Q And so when this diagnosis of mesenteric
10 adenitis is made in this case, it, like
11 appendicitis, is presumptive only because
12 no one has opened his stomach, correct?

13 A Correct.

14 Q All right. There are no hallmarks that
15 make this clearly the disease of mesenteric
16 adenitis, are there?

17 A No.

18 Q Okay. Fair enough. Let's talk about
19 antibiotics that this patient may have or did,
20 in fact, receive prior to being admitted in
21 the hospital on August 27th. Were you
22 provided with the records from the treatment
23 center where Mr. Baldwin was seen just prior
24 to coming to Flower Memorial Hospital?

25 A I don't think I was.

1 MR. SKIVER: You mean Westec?

2 MS. TAYLOR-KOLIS: Yes.

3 THE WITNESS: Maybe I do have
4 Westec, but --

5 MR. SKIVER: Actually, I think he
6 was provided with the records that you
7 provided us with.

8 THE WITNESS: Okay. So I did find
9 this record from 8-25 where he was given Entex
10 and erythromycin with a diagnosis of viral
11 syndrome and bronchitis, yes.

12 BY MS. TAYLOR-KOLIS, CONTINUING:

13 Q How does the prior administration of
14 erythromycin interfere with the ability to
15 make a medical diagnosis of appendicitis?

16 A I don't think necessarily erythromycin is a
17 good example. Its spectrum isn't particularly
18 good for gut flora.

19 But in general antibiotics may cool
20 down appendicitis and make it less acute.

21 Q And that's something you would factor in when
22 you're examining a person who has abdominal
23 pain who you know has been on an antibiotic,
24 correct?

25 A Yes.

1 Q How would that same antibiotic affect
2 mesenteric adenitis?

3 MR. SKIVER: Which antibiotic? Are
4 we talking about erythromycin?

5 MS. TAYLOR-KOLIS: We're talking
6 about what he had. Not any other thing.
7 We're talking about what's charted in the
8 Westec records.

9 MR. SKIVER: Okay. Because the
10 doctor's last comment was in general about
11 antibiotics, not about erythromycin.

12 MS. TAYLOR-KOLIS: I understood what
13 he said.

14 MR. SKIVER: Okay.

15 MS. TAYLOR-KOLIS: But I'm asking
16 him the same situation with mesenteric
17 adenitis.

18 BY MS. TAYLOR-KOLIS, CONTINUING:

19 Q How would taking erythromycin affect that
20 diagnosis?

21 A It wouldn't affect it.

22 Q Okay. Good enough. Let me see. Doctor, do I
23 gather that it's going to be your testimony at
24 trial that from August 27th, 1990 all the way
25 up to the date of the colectomy, which I

1 believe is October 11th, 1992, that it was not
2 medically -- I don't want to use the word
3 improved. Let me start the question again.

4 Will it be your testimony at
5 trial that from August 27th, 1990 through
6 October 11th, 1992 no one could have made
7 the diagnosis of appendicitis?

8 A That's a hard one, "could have".

9 Q Okay.

10 A Yes, I think people could have with further
11 testing if they had had good reason to do
12 that.

13 I'd like to turn it around. I don't
14 think --

15 Q I could ask the question better --

16 MR. SKIVER: Well, let him finish
17 his answer.

18 THE WITNESS: I don't think there
19 was violation of standard of care by this
20 series of doctors in emergency rooms and
21 offices and hospitals in failing to diagnose
22 in that he was very atypical, and he probably
23 had a constellation of gastrointestinal
24 symptoms that were unrelated to his
25 appendicitis as well with much upper abdominal

1 pain, which would be atypical for a walled-off
2 appendicitis in responding to H2 blockers.

3 So could have it been diagnosed
4 with operation at any time? Possibly. Could
5 a CAT scan have seen a small walled-off cavity
6 at some point? Yes. But I have no way of
7 knowing when. I have no idea how you would
8 document when this appendix ruptured in this
9 series of subacute attacks he had.

10 BY MS. TAYLOR-KOLIS, CONTINUING:

11 Q Is it preferable to remove a person's appendix
12 before or after it perforates?

13 A Before.

14 Q Sure. Okay. And you don't think that he
15 perforated in August of 1990?

16 A As I have testified, I don't think you can
17 say.

18 Q Well, do you think that it perforated just
19 before the colectomy in October?

20 A I don't think it perforated just at that
21 point because there was evidence of chronic
22 inflammation.

23 Q Let me ask you this. When a person has
24 abdominal pain and they're indicating to
25 health care practitioners, be it nurses

1 or doctors, that the quality or intensity
2 of that pain is changed with position, does
3 that suggest anything to you?

4 A In general, with most conditions, when you
5 change position, it usually suggests that it's
6 musculoskeletal and not visceral or internal
7 at all. When someone is infected with abscess
8 and has inflammation extending to the outside
9 of the abdomen, there may be a positional
10 component.

11 Q Yeah. Let me reask that because I got lost
12 in your answer, and perhaps I didn't include
13 it properly in my question. A person presents
14 with right lower quadrant pain, okay? That's
15 where the pain is.

16 A Yes.

17 Q Okay. Abdominal. And they relate to you
18 that -- the doctor that the intensity of that
19 pain is changed with positional changes. Does
20 that mean anything to you?

21 A Yes. Quite often positional changes are
22 associated with diseases of the skeleton, not
23 internally. In other words, it would commonly
24 lead you away from the internal visceral
25 organs.

1 Q Okay. I think I understand your answer.

2 MS. TAYLOR-KOLIS: I don't have any
3 further questions for you. I look forward to
4 meeting you at trial.

5 I will be ordering a transcript of
6 your testimony so your attorney should advise
7 you -- or the two of you can make a decision
8 whether you'd like to read the questions and
9 answers or whether you wish to waive that
10 right.

11 MR. SKIVER: He will review it,
12 Donna.

13 MS. TAYLOR-KOLIS: Okay. That's
14 fine.

15 MR. SKIVER: By the way, Donna, for
16 the record, I'm not his attorney.

17 MS. TAYLOR-KOLIS: The attorney for
18 the physician. Sorry.

19 MR. SKIVER: That's all right.

20 MS. TAYLOR-KOLIS: I will clarify
21 that.

22 (Deposition concluded at 1:15 p.m.)

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