1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 2 FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE 3 MARK H. PATRICK and JULIE) A. PATRICK, individually and as) 4 Co-Administrators of the Estate) of PHILIP D. PATRICK, their) 5 deceased minor child,)) б Plaintiffs,)) 7) Case No. 3-98-1107 vs.) 8 VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY,) DAVID BRENT POLK,) 9 DR. KAREN D. CRISSINGER,) DR. JOHN A. BARNARD,) DR. GERALD HICKSON, 10) and NINETY-NINE UNKNOWN) NAMED DEFENDANTS 11)) 12 Defendants.) 13 14 DEPOSITION OF LINDA L. GREEN Taken on behalf of the Defendants 15 November 29, 1999 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

1 BE IT REMEMBERED THAT the deposition of LINDA L. 2 GREEN was taken before KERI M. TRANSUE-EVANS, CSR 90-0146, 3 on November 29, 1999, commencing at the hour of 8:00 a.m., 4 the proceedings being reported at the court reporter's 5 offices of Johnson, Moore, Henderson & Konsten, 621 SW 6 Morrison, Suite 1145, Portland, Oregon. 7 * * * APPEARANCES: 8 9 TREON, STRICK, LUCIA & AGUIRRE 10 Attorneys at Law 11 By Mr. Thomas M. Ryan, appearing telephonically 12 Counsel for the Plaintiffs 13 14 BASS, BERRY & SIMS, PLC 15 Attorneys at Law By Mr. John S. Bryant, appearing telephonically 16 17 Counsel for the Defendants 18 19 Also Present: Videographer Dano Capristo 20 21 22 23 24

1 LINDA L. GREEN, 2 was then called as a witness on behalf of the Defendants 3 and, after having been first duly sworn under oath by the 4 CSR No. 90-0146, was examined and testified as follows: 5 6 EXAMINATION 7 BY MR. BRYANT: Ms. Green? 8 0 9 А Yes. Hello. 10 My name is John Bryant. I am a lawyer for the Q defendants in this case, and I'm going to begin today by 11 12 asking you a series of questions, and I'd like to ask you that if I ask anything that you don't understand that you 13 will let me know that, and I'll do my best to clarify my 14 15 questions for you. Is that okay with you? 16 Yes, sir. 17 Α And you also need to answer the questions audibly. 18 Q 19 Obviously Mr. Ryan and I aren't present, and, you know, we won't be able to see a shake of the head or a nod of the 20 21 head, and for the purposes of the record, we request that 22 you respond with a "yes" or a "no" as appropriate rather 23 than a uh-huh or huh-uh, because we want a clear record when 24 we finish today.

Yes. I understand. 1 А 2 Q All right. Ms. Green, where do you live? What's 3 your home address? 4 А 633 Historic River Highway, Troutdale, Oregon 5 97060. 6 Q Okay. How long have you lived there, please, 7 ma'am? About four months. 8 А 9 Do you have any present plans to move from that 0 10 address? I'll be moving in April. 11 А 12 Q And do you know where you're going to be moving in 13 April? No, I don't. 14 А 15 0 How is it that you know you're going to be moving in April? 16 Because I'm doing travel nursing. 17 А I see. Are you working through a particular 18 0 19 company or organization that you do this travel nursing 20 with? 21 А Currently I'm with Stat Medical Services here in 22 Portland. 23 0 Do you have any present plans to cease working for them and work elsewhere? 24

into different options, but I may continue with Stat if I go 1 2 to Seattle. 3 0 Okay. I'm just trying to have a place where we can 4 locate you at a later time if you should move from your 5 current address there. 6 Is there a good address you could give us where we 7 could locate you or reach you perhaps --8 Yes, sir. Α 9 -- if you move from your present address? 0 10 Yes, sir. I have e-mail, as well as I have a Α permanent mail forwarding service, and I also have relatives 11 in Nashville. 12 Okay. What relatives do you have in Nashville? 13 Q 14 А My sister. 15 Q I'm sorry? 16 My sister. А What is your sister's name, please? 17 Q Kelley Nelson. 18 Α KELLY? 19 Q ΕΥ. 20 А E Y. And where does Kelley Nelson live, please? 21 Q 22 А She lives at 1036 Cedar Creek Village Road in Mt. Juliet --23 24 0 Okay.

25 A -- 37122. Her phone number is (615) 754-7559. And

1 she owns her own home and has been there for several years. 2 Q Okay. Thank you very much for that information. 3 What is your telephone number where you live 4 presently? 5 А I'm currently at (503) 674-2521. 6 Q What is your date of birth, Ms. Green? 7 А 2-14-48. And where did you attend school, beginning with 8 0 9 college? 10 А Umm, I went to Jefferson State Community College in Birmingham, Alabama. 11 12 Are you a native of Alabama? Q No, sir. 13 А Where did you grow up? 14 Q 15 А I was an Army brat. (Laughing.) 16 Q I have no roots, honestly. I've never lived 17 А anywhere more than about three or four years. 18 19 0 Okay. When did you finish -- Is the Jefferson State Community College in Birmingham a four-year degree or 20 21 is that a two-year degree? 22 А It's a two-year degree. 23 0 And what -- When did you get your degree? What year, please? 24

1 0 What was your degree in? 2 А In nursing. Associate's Degree of Nursing. 3 0 All right. Have you ever gone back and finished a 4 bachelor's degree? 5 Α No, I have not. 6 Do you have any other formal education beyond your 0 7 1984 Associate's Degree in Nursing? Just different certifications, et cetera. No 8 А 9 college. 10 Okay. And what types of certifications have you 0 obtained, please? 11 12 I have my ACLS, my -- which is Advanced Cardiac Α Life Support; I have PALS, which is Pediatric Advanced Life 13 Support; and I have my NRP, which is Neonatal Resuscitation 14 15 something. 0 I take it that you began working in nursing after 16 you finished your associate's degree in 1984; is that 17 18 correct? 19 А Yes. I went directly into a neonatal intensive 20 care unit from nursing school. 21 All right. And where did you work? What hospitals Q 22 have you worked at as a nurse since you finished your 23 degree, please? I started out at Memorial Medical Center in 24 А

25 Savanna, Georgia; then I went to the University of Alabama

1 at Birmingham. Umm, then I went to Tallahassee, Florida. I 2 don't remember the name of the hospital. Then I went to 3 Memorial -- No. Then I went to the University of 4 Columbia -- University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri; 5 then I went to Orlando Regional Medical Center in Orlando, 6 Florida. I was a traveler at these -- during this time, 7 most of it --8 0 All right. 9 -- also. Then I went to -- then I did home health Α care nursing for a year, then I worked at Central Florida 10 Regional Hospital in Sanford, which is just outside of 11 12 Orlando. Umm, then I went to Parish Medical Center in Titusville, Florida. 13 14 Q Okay. 15 А Umm -- should have brought my resume. (Laughing.) 16 Q (Laughing.) Okay. From there I went to -- I don't 17 Α recall all the names of the hospitals, I'm sorry. I was 18 19 doing three-month contracts. I went to Corpus Christi; then

I went to Popka, Florida; then I went to New York somewhere

Pinehurst, North Carolina; then Charlotte, North Carolina;

then to Vanderbilt in Nashville. And while in Nashville, I

up in the Catskills; then I went to Myrtle Beach, South

Carolina; then to Wyattville, North Carolina; then to

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worked at -- No. I work at Emanuel first for three months, 1 2 and then I've been at Doernbecher Children's Hospital for a 3 year. Okay. Is that pretty much a complete list? 4 0 5 А Yes, sir, to the best of my knowledge, without my resume in front of me. I may have left out one or two. б 7 Well, you did well. I can understand it's hard to 0 have all this committed to memory, so unless you can think 8 of any more, that will be fine. I understand there may be 9 one or two that you couldn't presently recall. 10 I -- I couldn't, not without taking more time to 11 А write them all down and make sure. 12 13 Q All right. That's to the best of my knowledge at this point. 14 А 15 Ms. Green, explain to me why it is you traveled 0 around so much. 16 What -- What caused you to work at all these 17 18 different hospitals? 19 Α Well, when I first got out of school, after 20 graduating from Birmingham, which is where I had lived for several -- a few years -- like I said, growing up I had 21 traveled with my family. My parents were gypsies, and I 22 23 just traveled with them. Umm, I was widowed at the age of 24 25 and kind of went where I wanted to and got in the habit

25 of continuing to travel.

1 Umm, after I got out of school, there were no 2 nursing jobs in Nashville. The market was real slow at the 3 time. And a friend of mine, who graduated with me, we went 4 to Savanna. A year later, I went back to Nash -- back to 5 Birmingham; stayed there, then, for a while. Then that's 6 when I -- After those first two jobs, that's when I actually 7 started doing travel nursing for three or four assignments, 8 and then I settled in Orlando for a few years. 9 Then I married. I married a man who's retired from the Army, who, after 20 years, enjoys traveling, also. So 10 we bought an RV, and we just enjoy seeing different parts of 11 12 the country. I only work three days a week, and we -- We play a lot. 13 Okay. And as you worked at these various 14 0 15 hospitals, is that what you call -- refer to as travel nursing? 16 17 Α Correct. And tell me how that -- how that works. How that 18 0 19 is --20 А How that works is there are different companies around the country. The one I worked mostly with was called 21 Olston Flying Nurses. They're based out of Dallas, Texas. 22 23 I did work for two or three other companies for one or two 24 contracts, but I mostly stayed with Olston at the time.

where you -- basically ask you where you want -- where you would like to go, and you agree on a place and the pay, and they tell you where to go pick up a key and move into a furnished apartment and work for three months on a contract in hospitals that are very short staffed.

6 Umm, having our own RV, however, right now we just, 7 you know, we just provide our own housing, and if you work 8 with a company that provides housing, then they give you a 9 subsidy in lieu of, umm, housing. Right now I'm with Stat. 10 It's a large registry here in Portland, and I'm working on, 11 umm, contracts through them.

12 Q When you say "working on contracts," I presume that 13 when you are referred to a particular hospital, you enter 14 into some kind of agreement with them stating the terms and 15 conditions of your employment there.

16 Is that how it works?

17 A Correct.

18 Q Okay.

19 A For example, I work -- you know, I work six shifts
20 in a two-week period at X amount of dollars per hour for a
21 period of three months or sometimes four months.

Q Okay. You told me that you apparently had done this somewhat intermittently. I believe you mentioned you did some of this, and then you settled for a while, I

25 believe you said in Orlando?

1 А Yes, sir. 2 Q And then you began doing this again. 3 Have there been any other cities other than in 4 Orlando where you have settled for, you know, more than a --5 say three- to six-month period during this time? 6 Umm, for the short while that I moved over to А 7 Titusville, umm, before we -- before we started traveling, 8 umm, there was a church over there that my husband and I 9 were attending that was a 50-mile drive, and we wanted to stay -- we wanted to be closer to the church, and so we 10 moved over there for, umm, think it's about nine months. 11 12 Q Okay. But for the other cities you've listed, you were there for typically three months; is that right? 13 Sometimes six. And in Wyattville, North Carolina, 14 Α 15 I renewed my contract every three months for a year like I've done here at Doernbecher's. 16 17 Q Okay. Now, how long were you at Vanderbilt? 18 Α Three years. 19 Q And when did that time period begin, please? I started as a traveler -- Umm, I'm -- I'm 20 А thinking, sir. 21 22 That's fine. Take your time. Q 23 А I believe it was February of '95. Somewhere in 24 there.

25 Q Okay. Do the best you can.

1	A And I took a contract working in the open heart
2	unit. Umm, we did heart transplants and post-op open hearts
3	on children and adults, and I renewed there, also, stayed
4	for a year. Then after a year at that particular unit, the
5	management of the hospital decided to close the unit.
6	They integrated the adults into the adult surgical
7	ICU and moved the infant hearts, but children hearts up
8	to the pediatric ICU, and that's when I started working up
9	through the registry, through Vanderbilt's registry, not as
10	a traveler through a travel company at that time. I
11	signed up with Vanderbilt's own in-house registry, but I did
12	work on contracts, also.
13	Q All right. Did you say, as best as you can recall
14	today, you began with the Vanderbilt registry sometime
15	around February or so of 1996? Is that about right?
16	MR. RYAN: No, I think
17	A '95.
18	Q I'm sorry?
19	A '96 '96-'97, '97-'98 I believe it was '95.
20	Q Okay. I understood you to say earlier that you
21	thought you began with the open heart unit in February of
22	'95 and that you worked there about a year until that unit
23	closed.
24	A Correct. And then what was your question? I may

25 have misunderstood you.

Q When did you begin working for -- I understood you
 began working for the Vanderbilt registry after the open
 heart unit.

4 A Correct. I'm sorry. I misunderstood your5 question.

Q Okay. Now, the question is: when did you begin,
as best you can recall, working for the Vanderbilt registry?
A It would have been early in '96.

9 Q Okay. Now, when you began doing that work, what 10 was the typical term of your employment? In other words, 11 you told me earlier that you typically worked three days a 12 week while you were traveling, and what I'm looking for now 13 is what your arrangement was when you were working for the 14 Vanderbilt registry?

15 A It was still three days a week. That's considered 16 full time in an intensive care when you do 12-hour shifts. 17 Q Okay. And was that your -- your typical work shift 18 for the entire time you worked in the pediatric intensive 19 care unit at Vanderbilt?

20 A No. There were times when I picked up overtimes;21 would sometimes work four days a week.

Q Okay. But you worked at least three days a week for the entire period that you worked for the Vanderbilt Pediatric Intensive Care Unit; is that correct?

1 year before I started floating to -- then I would, umm, also 2 work in other parts of the hospital when they needed me to. 3 I would work in the Adult CCU, the Adult ICU, Neurotrauma -umm, I worked in some of the other ICUs, also. I didn't 4 5 stay -- I stayed with -- I stayed with Pediatric ICU, I believe, for about a year before I started doing other units б 7 in the hospital. 8 0 Okay. So you began at the Pediatric Intensive Care 9 Unit sometime around February 1996? Correct. 10 А And you would have presumably worked there until 11 0 about February of '97? Is that accurate? 12 My months may be a little off, sir. I'm not -- I 13 А don't recall exactly. All that information would be with 14 with the registry at Vanderbilt. 15 Okay. When you ceased working for the Pediatric 16 0 Intensive Care Unit at Vanderbilt, where did you work after 17 18 that? 19 Α Umm, well, I told you I also worked some of the 20 other units in the hospital. Right. And you worked those units after you ceased 21 Q working for the PICU, correct? 22 23 А Well, also while I was with the PICU, sometimes I 24 would work in other units during that time, too.

25 Q I understand that, but, I mean, did you -- once you

1 ceased working in the PICU, you continued to work in other 2 nursing units at Vanderbilt; is that correct? 3 Α That's correct. I also did a -- I worked for about 4 nine months with the Department of Neurology during -- doing 5 research as a staff person. I forgot. 6 Was there any particular reason why you ceased Q 7 working in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit sometime early 8 in 1997? 9 Umm, why I stopped working -- Yes, there was a А reason. I had my -- one of my con -- the contract I was 10 11 working on was over, and I had an opportunity to work, umm, 12 at St. Thomas, umm, on a travel assignment through Olston, 13 the company out of Dallas. So I went -- instead of working

14 on contract with obligated shifts, I dropped down to part 15 time in the PICU while I worked full time over in -- at 16 St. Thomas.

During that three-month period, I had -- I developed, for the first time in my life, some hypertension, and I was on different types of medication trying to get it regulated and, umm, for that period of time, had some health problems; was able to maintain my contract at Vanderbilt --I mean, at St. Thomas, but at Vanderbilt I had called -- I had cancelled some of my shifts.

24 I think I had signed up for like one extra shift a

25 week -- maybe one one week, two another, one the next, two

1 another, something like that. And I know I'd cancelled 2 about half of them; gave them the appropriate time that we 3 were allowed to have to cancel the shifts. The nurse manager was not happy about that and 4 5 asked the registry not to send me back into that unit for a period of three months. And that's when I took the staff б 7 position with the Department of Neurology. 8 0 Okay. Who was the nurse manager who requested that 9 you not be sent back to the PICU for a period? Pat Chenger. 10 Α Okay. Did you generally get along well with --11 0 12 with Ms. Chenger, Pat Chenger? Yes. I had no problems with Pat Chenger up until 13 Α that time, and when I had -- I had a meeting with her and 14 the director of the -- Judy -- the director of the registry. 15 Her name is Judy something. Umm, the three of us had a 16 17 meeting, and Judy, umm, felt like -- I mean, I felt like Judy told me she was -- what's -- what's the term? -- in my 18 19 corner, trying to get -- trying to get Pat to see that I had 20 been a good employee. 21 She pulled all the records of the times that I had worked, how I'd worked overtime, how I'd gone in when I was 22

called extra. She pulled the hours worked, which were above

and beyond what were required and asked for and showed her,

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25 you know, that, hey, except for this three-month period,

1 when I had the documented health problems, trying to get my 2 blood pressure medication regulated, that I was a good 3 employee. And Pat agreed. But she said her staff was upset 4 that I had cancelled those -- think it was eight shifts in 5 the three-month period. And she said that her staff was 6 upset. I don't know who on the staff, because I really got 7 along well with everybody in the staff, too. 8 0 So you never had any personal problems of any kind, 9 that you're aware of, with anybody on the staff in the PICU? 10 А None, whatsoever. Okay. Umm, Ms. Green, I know from my review of the 11 0 12 records at Vanderbilt that you took care of Philip Patrick while he was a patient at the Vanderbilt PICU. 13 Do you recall that? 14 15 А Yes, sir. Tell me what, if anything, you have reviewed in 16 0 preparation for giving this deposition today. 17 18 А Nothing. 19 Q Okay. 20 А Ms. Patrick sent me -- about a year ago, she sent me a -- I don't know -- I don't recall if it was a 21 22 deposition or a court proceedings of when the doctors 23 testified before Child Protective Services. She sent that 24 to me. It was a legal document. And then I think attached

25 to it was the -- the lawsuit, umm, that they had filed, the

brief. And, umm, I read through it at that time. 1 2 Then when we bought our new RV, even though it's 3 quite a large one, and I moved into it, and I went through 4 everything I owned, and I believe I did not keep that. At 5 the time I thought, well, if I ever need it, I can get it 6 again. But I didn't have it to review, so I've had nothing 7 to review for this today. Okay. Have you spoken with anyone about this 8 0 9 deposition? No, sir, I have not. 10 Α All right. When was the last time you had any 11 0 12 communication with Ms. Patrick? It's probably been six months except for a -- an 13 А e-mail that was not a personal e-mail. It looked like it 14 15 was sent out to many people just informing us of the 20/20 show that was going to be shown. 16 Just informing you of when the segment on Philip 17 0 was going to air on television? 18 19 А Correct. All right. Umm, do you remember, Ms. Green, how 20 0 many occasions you took care of Philip Patrick while he was 21 a patient at Vanderbilt? 22 23 А No, sir, I don't recall how many times. 24 0 What is your best estimate?

1 been, umm -- I really can't recall -- 10, 15 times. It may 2 have been less; it may have been more. I'm sorry, but I 3 just don't recall. 4 0 Well, you don't have the records there in front of 5 you, but I will tell you that I have reviewed the nursing records, and it appears to me from those records that you б 7 took care of him on six shifts --8 А Six? -- dated September 3, September 5, September 6, 9 0 September 15, September 16 and October 5, 1996. 10 Are you able today to say one way or another 11 whether that -- those dates are accurate? 12 MR. RYAN: Object to the form. 13 No more other than to take your word for it. 14 А All right. That's fine. 15 Q I mean, I --16 А BY MR. BRYANT: I just wanted to know whether you 17 0 had any recall of anything more or less than that. 18 19 Α No, it may have seemed more in my -- it may seem more to me because of the fact that Vanderbilt's Pediatric 20 21 ICU is built in a semicircle with no walls between the patients. It's an open unit. 22 23 And if I didn't have the actual care of him, I'm sure I was -- you know, I mean, we would hear about him and 24

25 report every day. We would go over and see how he was doing

1 if I was taking care of the child next to him. So like I 2 said, like I told you in my first answer, I can't -- I 3 couldn't tell you how many times I took care of him. 0 Okay. That's fine. Umm, you would not have taken 4 5 care of Philip other than while he was a patient in the Intensive Care Unit; is that correct? 6 7 Correct. Α 8 0 So you did not care for him when he was out on the floor, pediatric floor? 9 That's correct. 10 Α 11 Q Okay. Umm, do you remember anything as you sit there today about what Philip's condition was when you first 12 took care of him as his primary nurse? 13 Umm, the first day I took care of Philip, he was 14 А 15 having problems with his stools. I believe that was the main issue. He was having constant watery liquid stools, 16 and he was having to work real hard to release the stools. 17 Do you recall any particular interventions that you 18 0 19 or others did to deal with the problem of his stools? 20 I don't believe anybody was doing anything at that Α time, other than just, umm, comfort measures and trying to 21 calm him and soothe him. 22 23 Q Do you recall any other problems -- and I'm talking

about medical problems -- that Philip experienced during the

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25 time when you were caring for him?

1 Α Well, he had a lot of just normal ICU problems, 2 sometimes needing oxygen, umm, his feedings, umm, there's --3 there's just so much involved with an intensive care child, 4 but, no, sir, I can't recall anything right off the top of 5 my head without going over notes. Okay. When did you first meet Ms. Patrick? 6 Q 7 The first morning I took care of Philip. Α 8 0 Okay. Describe her as you found her to be as you got to know her through taking care of Philip as a patient. 9 Well, I do distinctly remember in report that 10 Α morning, I had been off for a few days, and so I wasn't 11 12 aware -- I didn't know Philip, and when we were saying who would take who -- 'cause we just kind of speak up, and 13 nobody chose Philip. And I said, "Well, I'll take him." 14 15 And somebody made the comment, "Well," to the effect of, "Better you than me." 16 And I said, "Why? What's the problem?" 17 And they said, "Well," umm, "He's got a" -- "His 18 19 mother is a problem." And I said, "What do you mean?" 20 And they said, "Well, she's one of those mothers 21 who's -- who watches over you and makes sure you do 22 23 everything right." And this particular nurse said, "Don't 24 get in a hurry and give an IV without swabbing the IV with

1 remember that -- that conversation.

2 Q Was that --

A So when I met -- When I walked out, then, and she -- I don't believe she was at the bedside the first few minutes, but she came into the room, and I just, umm, took care of Philip like I would take care of any intensive care child, and Julie and I talked about his care and his problems. And I didn't have any problems with Julie that day.

10 Q Okay. Now, the statement that you have related to 11 us, as I understood, was made during report the first 12 morning you cared for Philip; is that right?

Kind of like after report, like we're gathering up 13 А 14 our belongings and getting ready to go out into the unit to 15 get report. We get a room report, like we sit around a conference table and the charge nurse passes report onto the 16 17 other -- to the oncoming charge nurse and the new nurses are sitting around, they go -- they give like a one-minute 18 19 synopsis of who's in the unit and what's going on, and then the new charge nurse will say, "Okay. Who was here 20 yesterday? Who wants bed four and five?" 21

And so and so will say, "Well, I had six and seven." So it was kind of like a group thing. And then it was -- after we took our assignments, then we're getting

1 nurses that -- I have no idea who it was. It was just one 2 of the nurses who evidently was there and aware of some 3 problems who told me what I just related. 4 And she said, essentially, "Better you than me 0 5 because his mother is a problem, and she watches you closely and criticizes if you don't do things correctly?" б 7 Is that essentially what was said? 8 Α That's essentially what was said, that -- that she's very particular and wants you to do things right. And 9 she gave me the example of, "Don't get in a hurry and give 10 an IV med without using alcohol on the -- the ports." 11 12 Q All right. Ms. Green, do you remember anything else that was said on this occasion about Philip or 13 Ms. Patrick beyond what you just told us about? 14 15 А There may have been other things that I was told at the time that I may have -- at this particular moment, I 16 can't recall. 17 Okay. And you told us that on that first day you 18 0 19 and Ms. Patrick got along fine; had no problem, correct? 20 Α Correct. How did things go after that between you and 21 Q Ms. Patrick? 22 23 А I feel like, umm -- Well, I just get along with all 24 my parents. I -- I don't have a problem dealing with

25 parents. I guess I've done ICU nursing for a long time, and

1 I -- I can get along well with them. I never have 2 complaints from parents. And so I didn't think it unusual 3 that Julie and I got along well. We did. We got along 4 well. 5 0 As far as you know, did Ms. Patrick ever complain 6 to anyone about any care that you rendered to Philip? 7 Not that I know of. Α All right. Did Ms. Patrick ever complain to you 8 0 9 about the care rendered by any of the other nurses in the --

10 at Vanderbilt?

11 A She may have.

12 Q Do you recall any complaints that Ms. Patrick made 13 to you or in your presence about any of the nursing care 14 that Philip received at Vanderbilt?

A She probably did, but I can't recall what they would have been.

17 Q Okay.

18 A Minor things, if anything.

19 Q Well, if you cannot recall any, I mean, what is it 20 that causes you to say she probably did complain?

A You're right. Umm, I can't think of anything specific. That doesn't mean it -- I don't know. I can't think of anything specific.

24 Q All right. Were you ever present, Ms. Green, when

1 better word, I'll use the word "run-in," with any of the 2 other nurses at Vanderbilt? 3 Α Was I present when she had a disagreement with the 4 other nurses? 5 0 Yes, ma'am, of any kind. А Not that I can recall. 6 7 Okay. Were you ever present when the doctors who 0 8 were caring for Philip were present with -- with 9 Ms. Patrick? Α Yes. 10 Okay. And who do you remember taking care of 11 Q 12 Philip in terms of the physicians? I don't remember their names. 13 Α Okay. What is it that you remember about 14 0 15 discussions between the doctors and Ms. Patrick where you were involved or you were there? 16 Well, one was the very first day that I took care 17 А of Philip when Philip had a -- a central line in his groin. 18 19 I believe that it was his left groin, but I'm not sure. 20 Umm, and she was concerned that because of all of this 21 liquid runny stools, that his central line was going to get 22 contaminated; that she didn't think it was -- Okay. Now --23 and I remember her saying this, and it's not like it was 24 directed at a particular nurse, but she didn't feel like it

it out of -- you know, how could she protect that? And, 1 2 umm -- and I know she talked to the doctor about that. 3 0 Do you remember which doctor she talked to about this subject? 4 5 Α I don't remember his name. Okay. But it was a male doctor, as you remember? 6 Q 7 Α Yes. And tell me as much, as best you can, exactly what 8 0 9 that conversation was. You may not be able to remember the exact words, but if you could give me the substance of it as 10 you recall it, I'd appreciate it. 11 12 Well, earlier that morning when we were -- Julie Α 13 was filling me in on his stool problems, I asked her had -and -- and trying to protect this central catheter from 14 getting soiled every time he had a stool, umm, I asked 15 Julie, "Had they ever tried a rectal catheter?" 16 And she said, "Well, what" --17 "A rectal Foley." 18 19 And she said, "Well, what's a rectal Foley?" And I said, "Well, it's like a catheter, but it 20 goes up into the rectum, and it can stay there, and it's got 21 holes that let the liquid stool come out, and that way he 22 23 wouldn't -- maybe it would relieve" -- I was just telling 24 her some maybes; that, you know, maybe it would relief the

25 hurting that he hurt so bad when he would stool.

1 Umm, and she was asking me questions about it, and 2 I was telling her about it. And so when this particular 3 doctor came by, she asked him, "What about a -- a rectal 4 catheter?" And, umm -- umm, I cannot recall exactly what 5 his response was. I don't know if I walked away from the bed at that time or just got preoccupied with what I was б 7 doing. I don't remember what his response was. 8 0 Ms. Green, can you remember anything else of that 9 conversation beyond what you have told us about? Only that Julie appeared to me to be concerned on 10 Α trying to relieve pain in her child and not wanting his 11 12 catheter to get -- I mean, not wanting his central line to 13 get contaminated. Do you recall any more about discussions she had 14 0 15 with this doctor that she talked with about a rectal catheter? 16 I just remember him -- her asking him, but I don't 17 А 18 remember what his response was. 19 Do you remember anything else about that Q 20 conversation that you haven't already related to us today? Not at this time. 21 Α 22 Ms. Green, do you remember any other discussions Q 23 for which you were present between Ms. Patrick and any of 24 the doctors at Vanderbilt?

25 A There was a conversation with her and

1 Dr. Desponde (Ph), umm, much later. She was --2 Q Excuse me. When you say "much later," you mean in 3 terms of hours or days or --А Well, I believe it was the last --4 5 0 -- what are you referring to there, please? А -- I believe it was the last day that she was 6 7 allowed into the ICU. 8 0 Okay. And tell me, if you would, please, ma'am, 9 what do you remember about this conversation between Ms. Patrick and Dr. Desponde? 10 Well, she had been over to the library, and she 11 А 12 came back, and she told me that she had been looking up 13 something, and when Dr. Desponde came -- and I didn't even know what she was talking about. Some of the stuff she was 14 15 talking about was even over my head. And I told her, "Well, I really didn't know." I said, you know, "You just need to 16 17 talk to one of the doctors about that." And so when Dr. Desponde came by, she asked him 18 19 just a slew of questions. I mean, she was saying, "Well" -and I'm sorry that I can't recall what she was saying, but I 20 just -- I could see her in my mind saying, well, what about 21 22 this, and if you did this, and how about such and such, and 23 why this? 24 And he appeared to get, umm, frustrated, and he

1 know -- For me" -- How did he put it? Just a minute. I'll 2 tell you, 'cause I remember that comment. "For you to 3 understand all the decisions that we make, you would have to go to nursing school. I can't explain all of that to you." 4 5 0 And you say you don't remember what the subject 6 matter was? 7 Umm, no, sir, I don't. Α 8 0 Okay. Do you recall anything more about that 9 conversation, Ms. Green, other than what you told us? Not at this time, I don't. 10 А Would you say that Dr. Desponde was rude to 11 0 Ms. Patrick on this occasion? 12 No, I wouldn't say he was rude. I would say he was 13 А maybe frustrated. 14 15 Q Okay. What causes you to say you think that maybe he was frustrated? 16 Umm, the way he just kind of had an exasperation 17 А before that remark. 18 19 Q Okay. And what do you --Meaning a (indicating). 20 А Sort of a sigh? 21 Q 22 Sort of a sigh. And not really rolling his eyes, Α 23 but looking away while he was thinking, "How can I say what I want to say?, " and --24

25 Q Okay.

1 А Not -- but not that he was rude, no. 2 Q All right. Can you tell us any more about this 3 conversation, Ms. Patrick -- I'm sorry -- Ms. Green, other 4 than what you've already told us here today, the one between 5 Dr. Desponde and Ms. Patrick that you were relating to us? 6 Α I can't think of anything right now. 7 Do you remember any other discussions, when you 0 8 were present, discussions between any of the Vanderbilt 9 physicians and Ms. Patrick? 10 Α No, sir. Did you ever witness an occasion when you thought 11 0 12 any of the Vanderbilt physicians were rude to Ms. Patrick? А No, sir. 13 Did you ever attend any care conferences relating 14 Q to Philip's care? 15 Α Yes, sir. 16 And how many occasions of those did you do? 17 Q One for sure and maybe another. 18 А 19 0 Which one do you remember when you say you attended 20 one for sure? 21 Well, it was -- the one I remember for sure was not Α 22 really a care conference. It was when all of us that were 23 involved with his care were invited into a conference room 24 to tell us about why they had taken custody of Philip away

25 from Ms. Patrick.

1 0 Okay. And that was after the fact, as you 2 understand it? 3 А Correct. After custody had been taken? 4 Q 5 А Correct. Do you know what the date of that conference was, 6 0 7 ma'am? 8 А It was the same day that Dr. Desponde made that 9 remark, and that was the same day -- Oh, the day of the 10 conference. When was the conference? Umm, maybe one or two days later. 11 12 Q One or two days after the Department of Human Services had taken custody of Philip? 13 А Correct. 14 15 Now, who attended the care conference that you're 0 describing, the one you remember? 16 A I don't remember the name of the physician, but 17 there -- and I don't know names. I'm sorry. I know there 18 19 was somebody there from, umm, social work, somebody there from administration, I believe, and then there was just 20 21 several of us nurses. 22 Were there any doctors there? Q 23 А Yes, there was. 24 0 Okay. How many doctors were present, as best you

25 recall?

One, that I know of, and I just don't know if any 1 А 2 of the others were doctors or not. 3 0 Okay. And when you say there was someone from 4 social work present, do you mean someone employed at the 5 hospital or someone from the Department of Human Services? 6 А Employed at the hospital. 7 Okay. And do you recall who that person was or 0 8 those persons were? 9 No, I don't. А And you say there was someone there from 10 0 administration? 11 12 I said it could have been. I -- you know, they Α introduced -- there were about four or five people in there. 13 I knew the doctor; I did not know the others. They were 14 introduced to us, but I don't recall who they were or 15 exactly where they were from, other than one from social 16 17 work. Okay. Umm, do you have any memory of -- if you 18 0 19 don't know their names -- what their titles or jobs were? 20 А No, sir. Okay. You said there were four or five people 21 Q 22 present? 23 А Beside us nurses. 24 0 How many nurses were there?

25 A Probably six or eight.

Okay. And where did the meeting take place? 1 0 2 Α In a -- in a conference room in the unit. 3 0 Okay. Now, you say you -- you knew the doctor, but 4 you don't recall the doctor's name; is that right? 5 Α That's correct. 6 0 If I were to give you some names, would you be able 7 to recall? No. If I saw him, I would be able to recall. 8 Α 9 0 Okay. I may. I don't know. 10 Α It's a man, then? 11 Q 12 А Correct. All right. And how -- How would you describe this 13 Q person, if you can recall his appearance? 14 15 А Oh, I am not good at that. Sort of an olive skin and dark hair; 45. I may know -- I may -- I may recognize 16 his name. I don't know. 17 Okay. Well, let me ask you this. 18 0 19 Other than Dr. Desponde and the other doctor that you mentioned earlier who had the conversation with 20 21 Ms. Patrick about a rectal catheter, what doctors do you 22 remember having conversations with about Philip Patrick? 23 А I don't remember their names. 24 0 Okay. Do you remember ever having any

1 А Actually, that name sounds awfully familiar and may 2 be the person I'm talking about. 3 Q Okay. Well --MR. RYAN: I don't mean to interrupt, but why 4 5 don't you go through the list of the names and see if that 6 helps. They just may be familiar to her or she may be able 7 to identify him. 8 MR. BRYANT: That's what I'm going to try to 9 do here. 10 MR. RYAN: I apologize. MR. BRYANT: -- to a certain extent. 11 12 Can you tell me, Ms. Green, whether you remember 13 ever having any conversations with Dr. John Barnard about Philip Patrick? 14 I had conversations with almost all of his doctors 15 А on a daily basis that I took care of Philip as they would 16 come to the bedside and ask me how he was doing, but I can't 17 recall what was said in those conversations or who exactly I 18 19 said them to. 20 0 Okay. So to be sure you and I are communicating, you don't recall any specific conversations with Dr. John 21 22 Barnard about Philip; is that right? 23 А Not specific -- I may have, but not that I can 24 remember that it was with him specifically.

25 Q That's fine. What about Dr. Gerald Hickson?

1 Did you ever talk to Dr. Hickson about Philip 2 Patrick? 3 А I may have, but that name doesn't sound familiar. Q Okay. What about Dr. Brent Polk? Did you ever 4 5 talk to Dr. Polk about Philip Patrick? 6 Α Polk. I believe Dr. Polk's the one that was --7 took us in that room and talked to us with the book. Okay. Do you recall any conversations you had 8 0 with --9 -- with Dr. Polk? Yes, sir. I believe he's the 10 А gentleman I was describing. 11 12 Q All right. Umm -- I believe. But I still could be wrong. 13 А It's -- But I believe that was him. And, yes, sir, I would 14 15 talk to him on -- when I took care of Philip when he would come by the bedside. 16 Other than this meeting that you now think Dr. Polk 17 0 attended, the care conference we've talked about a minute, 18 19 do you recall any other conversations with Dr. Brent Polk 20 about Philip Patrick? 21 Nothing in particular, without reviewing my notes Α or something, no, sir. 22 23 0 Now, what notes do you have beyond the hospital record about this case? 24

1 0 You have no personal notes at all? 2 Α None, whatsoever. 3 0 Okay. So without reviewing your notes, as I 4 understand it, you don't have any memory of any discussions 5 with Dr. Brent Polk about Philip Patrick? 6 А No. I remember discussing Pat -- Philip with 7 Dr. Polk, but I don't remember specifics, other than 8 Philip's care about how his -- I was told in a report how 9 his night went; for example, the doctors would come by in the mornings and sit there and go over the notes and over 10 the nursing notes from the night before and ask, "Were there 11 12 any problems?" and if there was a problem, I would relay to him, "Well, the night nurse said she had problems with such 13 and such." And that's pretty much the way it's done. 14 15 0 Okay. But to be sure you and I are communicating, as I understand it, you don't remember any of the specifics 16 17 of any of these conversations with Dr. Polk about Philip, 18 correct? 19 А Not at this time, I don't. 20 0 Okay. Did you ever talk to Dr. Karen Crissinger about Philip Patrick? 21 22 I'm sure I have, but I don't remember any specifics Α 23 either. 24 0 Okay. Do you remember Dr. Crissinger?

25 A Yes, sir. I remember the name.

1 Q Do you recall ever having any conversations with 2 Dr. Barr, Dr. Fredrick Barr, or he may go by Rick Barr, 3 about Philip?

A That name doesn't sound as familiar to me. Q Okay. Now, let's go back a moment, Ms. Green, to this conference that you were describing for us a few moments ago where you say there were four or five people there other than approximately six or eight other nurses, and there was a physician there.

10 Tell me what you remember about that conference, if 11 you would, please.

Umm, we were told that -- that the -- what we had 12 Α heard about the -- about Mrs. Patrick not being allowed back 13 in the unit because of Munchausen was indeed correct; that 14 15 they had taken custody away, and that she would not be back in the unit. And, umm, it was -- and then, like I said, I 16 17 believe it was Dr. Polk had a book, umm, some medical book 18 of some kind that he read to us the criteria that is used 19 for diagnosis of Munchausen Syndrome by proxy.

And after reading the -- and as he read them -- and I don't recall what they are exactly, but as he read them, he gave examples of why he felt Ms. Patrick fit each criteria. For example, I know -- I remember one of them being a need for attention. And the excuse -- the reason

1 "Well, you know, she had all of that 20/20 exposure when her 2 last baby was born, and she just still needs that kind of 3 attention." And I just -- I recall that one in particular. I 4 5 don't remember the other criterias (sic) and reasons, but I know he went down the list. And then we were given an б 7 opportunity to ask questions. 8 0 Okay. And what questions were asked, if any? There were some questions asked, but I don't 9 Α remember specifics on that. 10 Did you ask any, that you remember? 11 Q 12 А I don't believe so. 13 Q Okay. Do you recall anything else, Ms. Green, that was said during this meeting beyond what you have told me 14 15 about? 16 Nothing other than just she -- Ms. Patrick would Α 17 not be coming into the unit. Umm -- Oh, and that we -- when they called into the unit, that we weren't supposed to give 18 19 any information other than just basic information. Like one of the girls asked, "Well, if Philip's on the vent, can we 20 tell her he's on the vent?" or whatever. 21 22 And they said, "Yes, you can -- you can say he's on 23 the ventilator, but you can't tell her -- if they ask, you

24 know, 'What percent oxygen is he on?' or 'have you,'" you

25 know, we couldn't give any specifics on information.

1 Q Um-hum. Were there any other examples given, that 2 you remember, defining what was permissible basic 3 information as contrasted to specific information that was not permitted? 4 5 А Umm, we couldn't tell whether we'd gone up or down on his feeds or up and down on his oxygen or -- other than б 7 just he -- he had a -- that he was stable and, yes, he's 8 still intubated, and that's about it. 9 Okay. Umm, now, have you told me everything now, Q Ms. Green, that you can remember about what happened at this 10 11 conference that you say you attended that we've been 12 discussing today? There may have been other things said, but I can't 13 А recall them right now. 14 15 0 Okay. I think when we got started on this, you said that you had attended one conference that you remember 16 17 for sure, perhaps others. 18 Do you think there were others? 19 А Well, there was a -- I just remember a care 20 conference that I'm thinking of in particular, but it may have even been on another child. I'm not sure. So I don't 21 think that's real -- I mean, I can't even say that's 22 23 relevant. 24 Q Well, I guess --

25 A Because I can't even -- I don't even think -- I'm

not recalling enough of it right now to even know that we
 were even talking about Philip, so, no.

Q Okay. So, as you sit here today, you cannot remember any other conference other than this one that you have described for us in which Philip's care was discussed; is that correct?

7 A Correct.

8 Umm, were you present for any other discussions 0 among nurses or any Vanderbilt doctors about Ms. Patrick 9 other than what you've already described for us here today? 10 Umm, well, I know after -- after she was not 11 Α 12 allowed in the unit anymore, there were, among my -including myself, two or three other nurses who didn't feel 13 comfortable in not being able to give a report to the family 14 15 when they would call in.

16 Q Okay.

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A And we mentioned it to our -- we mentioned it to --I don't know if it was the clinical nurse specialist there or if it was Pat Chenger, but we -- two or three of us mentioned it to them that, you know, any parent that would call in, we would give a report. And even though she wasn't allowed in, we couldn't give her a report over the phone. And so we were told, then, "Well, okay. We won't

ask you nurses to do that. We will just not -- we'll -- you

1 refer all calls to the doctors."

And that's when then the unit secretaries when they -- 'cause we didn't answer the phones. Rarely. The unit secretaries answered the phones and would relay them to us. And, umm, the unit secretaries would answer the phones and would just say, "The nurses are busy -- The nurse is busy right now. Can I have the doctor -- I'll have the doctor call you back."

9 Q Okay. Now, you told me a moment ago that, at least 10 in the beginning, you were permitted to provide what you 11 described as basic information to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick when 12 they would call about Philip.

13 Did that ever change?

A Well, that changed when, like I said, we were told that we would not give any information, that just the -- the unit secretary would tell the Patricks that the nurse couldn't come to the phone or was busy.

Q Okay. I understood you to say that you and two or three other nurses weren't comfortable not being able to give a report to Mr. and Ms. Patrick, and that was why the change was made. Is that --

22 A Correct.

23 Q -- correct?

24 A Correct.

1 А Now, after that point, I don't -- I didn't talk to 2 Ms. Patrick anymore on the phone after that point. 3 Q All right. Because I do remember talking to her once when I 4 Α 5 was taking care of him and wanting to give a report, but did not, because I was doing what I was told. б 7 All right. So when you say "give a report," you 0 8 mean give more information than the basic information? 9 I wanted to answer her questions, but I couldn't. Α Okay. So that's what you meant to say about giving 10 Q a report; is that correct? 11 12 Correct. I wanted to answer her questions and tell Α her how he was doing and what was going on, just as I would 13 if any parent called in the unit and asked me those 14 15 questions. All right. Now, you say you remember this one 16 0 17 occasion when you talked with her. Is that the only occasion you recall speaking to 18 19 Ms. Patrick by telephone after the Department of Human Services took custody of him? 20 At the hospital, yes. 21 А 22 Okay. And tell me what you recall about that Q 23 conversation. Well, I -- Are we talking about the conversation I 24 А

1 answer -- I couldn't answer them.

2 Q Okay.

3 A Or I wouldn't answer them, because I'd been told4 not to.

5 Q All right. And what -- Do you recall what 6 questions she asked that you didn't feel like you were 7 permitted to give answers to?

8 A They were, umm -- umm, general -- just general 9 questions on what percent oxygen is he on, umm, how's he 10 tolerating his feeds, stuff like that.

11 Q Do you recall anything else that you were not -12 that you were asked that you were not --

13 A No, because I told her that -- I told her, I said, 14 "Julie, I can't tell you any more. I can't tell you more 15 than I've told you." And she just stopped asking me 16 questions and hung up.

17 Q And I presume you'd already given her the basic 18 information that you've told us earlier you were allowed to 19 give, correct?

20 A I gave -- I gave what I felt was general.

21 Q And what was the general basic information that you 22 would have been allowed to give on Philip?

A That he was stable and, yes, he was stillintubated.

1 realize, without having the record in front of you and 2 knowing precisely what his condition was, you may not be 3 able to answer fully, but is there any other information of 4 a general type that you were -- that you felt like you were 5 allowed to give as basic information?

6 No, I can't recall. It may -- I mean, I can't even А 7 recall for sure that he was or was not intubated at that 8 particular time. I may have said even, "No, he's not 9 intubated right now," or I don't -- I just know that what I did tell them was whatever was the clinical picture at that 10 moment without giving specifics. I just remember being 11 12 uncomfortable at not being able to answer her questions 13 fully.

Q Okay. And you spoke to the -- either the nurse practitioner or the supervisor, and they made -- the change was made where, from then on, the doctors accepted the calls from Mr. and Ms. Patrick; is that correct?

18 A Correct.

19 Q Now, that is the only telephone call -20 conversation you remember having with either Mr. or
21 Mrs. Patrick while Philip was a patient at Vanderbilt?
22 A Yes, sir. I talked to them after he -- after he
23 died.

24 Q Okay. And tell me about that.

1 after Philip died? 2 MR. RYAN: Before you answer, John, we've been 3 going for a little more than an hour, and I need to take a 4 quick break. 5 MR. BRYANT: Okay. 6 MR. RYAN: Is it all right if we take about a 7 five-minute break? 8 THE WITNESS: Yes. 9 MR. BRYANT: That okay with you, Ms. Green? 10 THE WITNESS: Yes. 11 MR. BRYANT: Okay. Well, why don't -- I'll 12 just leash down the line here, and I've got about 11:32, or 13 thereabouts, Tom. I can stand a break myself. So let's take about a five-minute break, and we'll be back on maybe 14 at about 11:37 or so. 15 MR. RYAN: Right. Nobody hang up their 16 phones. Everybody just run and do what they need to do and 17 be back within five minutes. 18 MR. BRYANT: That's fine. 19 MR. RYAN: Thanks. 20 21 MR. BRYANT: Thank you. 22 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record. (Brief recess taken.) 23 BY MR. BRYANT: Ms. Green, before this brief break 24 0

1 died, you had some additional contact with Mr. and 2 Mrs. Patrick; is that correct? 3 Α Yes, sir. Could you tell me how that occurred, please? 4 Q 5 А The day that custody was taken away from the 6 Patricks, umm, there was a -- a message from -- Well, it was 7 a written message from the secretary from a phone call that 8 needed to get -- that needed to get to Ms. Patrick, and I 9 said, "Well, I'll take it over to her." 10 She was at the Ronald McDonald house. I'd never been over there, umm, but I said, "I'll take it to her." 11 12 And I was taking care of Philip that particular day. And, 13 umm, so when I got a break a few minutes later, I found my way over there and walked in, and she was by herself, and 14 15 she was just crying and sobbing, in tears, and was shaking 16 and was extremely upset. Umm, and I just -- I went over to her and just put 17 my arms around her, and my feelings and thoughts at that 18 19 particular moment were, right or wrong, she just needed a 20 hug. So I put my arms around her, and I just hugged her. And -- And I believe that -- Well, we just -- we talked for 21

22 a few moments. I gave her the message, and then I wrote my 23 phone number down. And I said, "If you just want to talk," 24 I said, "give me a call."

time I've ever -- ever done that. And having no idea where 1 2 it would lead, umm, I just felt sorry for her. And 3 sometimes people just, at a time like that, want to talk. 4 So I gave her my number. And then it was after Philip died, 5 I believe, that she called and asked could her and her 6 husband come over and visit. And, umm, so they came to my 7 house, and we sat around the kitchen table and had coffee 8 and, umm, we visited. 9 How long did they stay at your home that -- on that 0 occasion? 10 11 А Probably an hour. Q What was the subject of the discussion during this 12 visit? 13 Umm, over just everything that had happened about 14 А 15 the -- the allegations of the Munchausen and, umm, the doctors and just -- just general talk. I just sat there and 16 listened. 17 And what was said during this visit at your house 18 0 19 about the doctors? 20 А Umm, I don't recall anything in specific, just that, you know, their being upset over, umm, how things were 21 22 handled. 23 0 What, in particular, Ms. Green, did they say they 24 were upset about?

1 Munchausen and, umm, Philip's death and their loss, their 2 grief -- umm, trying to find reasons. 3 0 Well, did they tell you they were looking for 4 reasons? 5 Is that what the -- what the gravamen or the thrust 6 of the conversation was? 7 The -- The main thrust of their conversation was Α 8 their not being allowed in to be with Philip the last --9 umm, during his last days. 10 Okay. And other than they were upset about that, Q what did they tell you, if anything? 11 12 Α Umm, we talked about the, umm -- I know we talked 13 about the catheter thing, about the rectal Foley thing and his central line, and, umm, she was telling me some of the 14 15 other things about the allegations as far as the -- the Chromium and, umm, other things. And she was trying to 16 explain all of that, and I didn't really understand it. 17 Umm --18 19 0 When you say she was attempting to explain all of 20 that, what do you mean she was attempting to explain it all? Α What she had been accused of. She was explaining, 21 you know, she said -- 'cause I didn't realize that -- she 22 23 said -- She told me, "Can you believe they have accused me 24 of putting Chromium in his feeding tube?"

And I said, "No, I didn't know that," you know,

just different things like that. But nothing -- I can't --1 2 let's see if there's anything else. 3 0 In her discussions with you either in this meeting or at any other time, Ms. Green, did Ms. Patrick ever 4 5 mention to you that she had been accused of Munchausen's at 6 other hospitals, other than Vanderbilt? 7 MR. RYAN: Object to the form of the question. 8 THE WITNESS: Sir? 9 MR. RYAN: I, from time to time, Ms. Green, may make objections to Mr. Bryant's questions, but that's 10 for the record. You're --11 12 THE WITNESS: Okay. MR. RYAN: You're not to focus on my 13 objections, but to go ahead and answer his questions. Down 14 15 the road a judge will review the questions and my objections and determine whether or not the objections are well taken 16 17 or not. THE WITNESS: I understand. 18 19 MR. RYAN: And we don't have a judge on today to do that, so your obligation is to go ahead and answer the 20 21 question. 22 Α I can't remember if I heard that the first time 23 from Julie or from -- in that meeting we were in or if it 24 was just a rumor floating around the unit. I can't recall

25 when exactly I heard that first.

1 0 BY MR. BRYANT: But is it your recollection that you had heard at some time from someone that she had been 2 3 accused of Munchausen's at other hospitals before 4 Vanderbilt? Is that your memory? 5 А Yes. Yes. 6 0 But you don't recall whether that was from 7 Ms. Patrick, herself, or from others? No, I don't. 8 Α 9 Okay. Do you recall anything other -- else about 0 this meeting with Mr. and Ms. Patrick when they came to your 10 home following Philip's death? 11 12 А Nothing specific, no. Did they ask you to do anything? 13 Q No, sir. 14 А When they left that evening, I mean, how -- Were 15 Q you-all to meet again or was it good-bye or what was what 16 was the arrangement, if anything, between you-all when they 17 left your home that night? 18 19 А Umm, at that point, nothing. 20 0 All right. 21 А Nothing. 22 The way you answered that made me think perhaps Q 23 there was another time. At another time she called me, and I don't remember 24 А

1	when it w	was, and she just asked me, well, do you remember
2	this, or	do you remember that, 'cause she was going over
3	I don't k	know if she'd gotten the charts or what, and I would
4	tell her,	well, I Yeah, I remember that; or, no, I don't
5	remember	this, and and what little bit I did know, she
6	asked me,	, would I meet with an attorney, her attorney, and I
7	agreed.	And so we got together one afternoon, and I told
8	him basic	cally what I'm telling you today.
9	Q	What was that attorney's name?
10	A	I don't recall.
11	Q	Where did the meeting with the attorney occur?
12	А	At a restaurant.
13	Q	In Nashville?
14	A	In Nashville.
15	Q	What was the name of the restaurant?
16	A	It's just right down the street from Vanderbilt,
17	umm, Sports Page.	
18	Q	Who attended the meeting besides yourself and the
19	attorney?	
20	А	Ms. Patrick.
21	Q	Anyone else?
22	А	No.
23	Q	And generally speaking, what was discussed at that
24	meeting?	

except for -- other than my resume. 1 2 Q Okay. So you provided a resume to them? 3 Α No, I said other than that. (Laughing.) Oh, okay. How long did the meeting last? 4 0 5 А About an hour. And, again, how long after the meeting at your home 6 Q 7 did the meeting with the attorney take place? 8 Α Sir, it could have been a month -- I mean, it could 9 have been six months, it could have been nine months. I don't -- I don't recall. 10 How long after Philip's death was the meeting at 11 Q your home when Mr. and Mrs. Patrick came to your home? 12 My best guess is a couple of months. 13 А Okay. Umm, was the telephone call that resulted in 14 Q 15 the meeting with the attorney the next thing that occurred after the meeting at your home? 16 17 А I believe so. Okay. After you had this meeting with Ms. Patrick 18 Q 19 and her attorney at the restaurant, when is the next time 20 that you were involved in this matter, in any respect? 21 Again, I don't remember the time frame, but it was А when Julie contacted me and asked me would I -- would I 22 23 have -- would I go on -- would I be interviewed by 20/20, if 24 they did a segment with 20/20.

25 Q Okay. And what did you tell her when she asked you

1 that?

A I told her -- I was very reluctant at first. I told her I didn't think I had anything contributory to -- to say and told her I would think about it. She contacted me again, and at that point I contacted an attorney just to get some advice. I was more or less advised on what I should or shouldn't say, and -- and then I did the segment. I did the interview.

9 Q Ms. Green, what was it about this that caused you 10 to think, at least initially, that you didn't really have 11 that much to add?

A Well, because I don't feel like I've -- Umm, any more than I've told you so far today, unless there is some other specifics that I remembered closer to the time that was going on, umm, I just have -- didn't feel that anything I had to say was significant.

Julie felt that what I had to say was significant. Umm, and then -- I mean, I guess a couple of the things maybe are, but whether they could really, umm, help or not, I don't know.

21 Q All right. What is it, ma'am, that you think that 22 you know that may be significant or maybe perhaps are 23 significant?

A Well, the major two things that I feel were

1 for -- While I was caring for Patrick, my observation -- I 2 mean, for Philip, my observation of Julie was always that 3 she was a caring -- caring parent and would not do anything 4 to hurt her child because of always wanting us nurses to be 5 careful with him, always wanting us to wash our hands, and, 6 "Is there anything we can do to make him more comfortable?" 7 Umm -- Umm -- And then when her rights as a parent were taken away by CPS, umm, I just -- I just -- my own 8 9 personal feeling felt that she was not guilty. So -- but, because it was just my own -- because it was my personal 10 feeling and what I observed in her, umm -- Well, at that 11 12 point when I'm asked to go on national TV, I'm not one of 13 these kind of people who -- who gloried in that and wanted my 15 minutes of fame, so I was reluctant to do it. 14 15 Q Okay. And what caused you eventually to decide to do that? 16 Umm, because I feel Julie is innocent. 17 А Okay. Anything else, Ms. Green, that caused you to 18 0 19 be willing to go on TV? 20 Α No. No other reason. Since the 20/20 interview, have you had additional 21 Q contact with Ms. Patrick or Mr. Patrick? 22 23 А I've had none. 24 0 Okay. Have you now told me about all the contact

1 Vanderbilt or anything related to this? 2 А I believe so. 3 0 Have you had any conversations with anyone at 4 Vanderbilt since you left -- Well, since Philip's death, 5 let's say? 6 А No. 7 0 You haven't spoken with any of the doctors there about him? 8 9 А No. 10 Nor any of the nurses there about him since he Q 11 died? 12 А No. No. Who did you deal with at 20/20? 13 Q Peggy Fleming. 14 А 15 0 Is she the only one? Umm, yes. 16 Α Tell me how that arose. 17 Q When was the first contact you had from anyone 18 identified with 20/20? 19 I believe her name is Penny, not Peggy, I'm sorry. 20 Α 21 Umm, she called me a few months back, and it was in the 22 spring, April or somewhere back in there this year and said 23 that she had been given my name by the Patricks, and she more or less gave me -- just interviewed me over the phone 24

1	person.	And that Like I said, that's when I contacted an
2	attorney	to get some advice and then agreed to do it.
3	Q	Okay. And where did that interview with
4	Ms. Flem	ing take place?
5	А	In my home.
6	Q	In Oregon?
7	А	Correct.
8	Q	How long did that interview last?
9	А	About an hour.
10	Q	Did you ever see a videotape of your interview?
11	А	No, sir.
12	Q	Do you have one in your possession?
13	A	Only what was on the $20/20$ show itself.
14	Q	Okay. But the the other
15	A	The full interview, no, sir, I do not.
16	Q	And you've never had that?
17	A	No, sir.
18	Q	Okay. Ms. Green, did did you ever obtain any
19	information about Philip's care at the other hospitals where	
20	he had b	een treated before he came to Vanderbilt?
21	А	No, sir.
22	Q	Not at all?
23	А	None.
24	Q	Okay. Tell you what. Let me look back over my

25 notes here, and I may be close to being done. Mr. Ryan

1 perhaps has some questions he wants to ask as well, but let 2 me --3 MR. RYAN: Why don't you go ahead and review 4 your notes. I'll be more than happy to allow you the time, 5 and then we'll take it from there. MR. BRYANT: Okay. Look through here. б 7 (Pause in proceedings.) MR. BRYANT: Okay. Let me -- I've got a few 8 9 more I've thought up, Ms. Green. We can go back on the record here and maybe I can finish. 10 Is the videographer ready? Let me know when we're 11 back on. 12 13 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're on record. BY MR. BRYANT: All right. Ms. Green, you told us 14 Q 15 a moment ago that at least one reason that you agreed to appear on 20/20 was you didn't think that Ms. Patrick was 16 guilty; is that correct? 17 Yes, sir. 18 Α 19 0 Umm, tell me why that is your opinion in this case. 20 Α I personally never saw Ms. Patrick do anything to harm Philip. Umm, although I only took care of him, as you 21 22 said, six shifts, it doesn't mean I wasn't in the unit and 23 talked with her a lot. 24 Umm, what I did observe in her was always singing

25 to him, calming him, umm, comforting him, asking us, you

1 know, if there was anything -- If there was anything that 2 was uncomfortable to him, she would ask us, "Can we -- Can 3 we try this, or try that, to make it a little better?" 4 Umm, I -- I perceived her only to be a caring 5 parent, and I -- although I've never worked with any parents 6 who were actually -- any other parents who were ever accused 7 of Munchausen Syndrome, so my experience in this is really 8 none, but I have seen other parents who've abused their 9 children through the years. I've seen some terrible cases. And I just did not see that in Ms. Patrick. 10 I did not see her as a harmful parent. And 11 that's -- That was my only own personal perception, and 12 13 that's why I chose to help her or anything that I could do 14 that might help. 15 0 All right. Beyond your own personal perception that you've just described to us, was there anything else, 16 Ms. Green, that caused you to believe that Ms. Patrick 17 didn't do anything to harm Philip? 18 19 Α Beyond my own perceptions and observations? 20 0 Yes, ma'am. 21 Α No. I base that solely on what I saw. 22 Okay. Now, a moment ago you mentioned, I believe, Q 23 that even on the days when you were not taking care of 24 Philip, you spoke with Ms. Patrick while she was in the

1 А If I was working and would happen to be taking care 2 of a child two or three beds away, and Ms. Patrick was in 3 the room, I would always go up and talk to her, yes. 4 Q Okay. Would you say typically when you had 5 conversations with her, these were fairly lengthy 6 conversations or were they --7 At that time, no. It was basically just more or Α 8 less, "How are you guys doing? How are the kids at home?" 9 Umm, "I haven't taken care of Philip in a few days. How is he doing?" Umm, I wouldn't say they were heavy 10 conversations at all. 11 12 Q Okay. Because, I mean, I did that -- I did that with any 13 А 14 parent. 15 0 Right. You know, just breeze through the room, "How are 16 Α you? What's going on?" 17 Would you say that you and Ms. Patrick became 18 0 19 friends during the time that Philip was in the unit and she 20 was present? I become friends -- Yeah. Yeah. Not -- Not beyond 21 А 22 the scope of -- of nurse and, umm, patient parent. Umm, 23 things that Julie and I discussed, I might or might not 24 discuss with any parent.

now. I'm about to be finished, and Mr. Ryan perhaps will ask some questions of you as well, but before I do, I want to be sure that you have told me about every conversation that you remember with any doctor at Vanderbilt about Philip.

6 You've told us some of those today, but is there 7 anything else that you have -- that has occurred to you 8 during the remainder of this deposition?

9 A Nothing that has occurred to me right now, 10 Mr. Bryant, but, you know, it's been a long time, and if I 11 were to get into a conversation with someone or if I were to 12 read something somewhere or if I were to be asked a certain 13 question that jogged my memory, I may think of something 14 else.

15 Q All right.

16 A But at this particular point, sir, I'm being as 17 honest with you as I can.

Q All right, ma'am. Now, I'll ask that same question about any other nurses at Vanderbilt. You've described some conversations with nurses about Philip or Ms. Patrick that you remember today.

Is there anything else that may have occurred to you that -- specific conversations about him or about Ms. Patrick that you recall?

25 A Nothing specific right now.

MR. BRYANT: Okay. Umm, thank you. I think 1 2 that's all I have. I appreciate your patience. 3 THE WITNESS: Thank you. MR. BRYANT: Mr. Ryan may want to ask. 4 5 EXAMINATION б 7 BY MR. RYAN: I do. And Ms. Green, I'll be as brief as I 8 0 9 possibly can be. Just so that you know who I am, I'm an 10 attorney from Arizona. I travel around the country assisting women falsely accused of Munchausen Syndrome by 11 12 proxy, and I've been asked to represent the Patricks in this particular case, and I wanted to go back to some things that 13 you responded to and answered to Mr. Bryant's questions. 14 15 First off, there was something that occurred in '95 16 or '96 I wanted to talk to you about, and that was when Pat 17 Chenger had requested you to transfer out of the PICU. Do you recall talking about that? 18 19 А Yes, sir. All right. Tell me specifically what happened in 20 0 21 those set of circumstances. I understand that you had a 22 health problem, but tell me -- tell me in detail what had 23 happened, to the best of your recollection today. 24 А Umm, well, I was -- I was no longer working on

25 contract. The contract I'd been on was over, so I was just

signing up and just working shifts, but they weren't guaranteed shifts, and they weren't -- umm, I wasn't obligated.

4 There was no -- it wasn't like I was obligated to X 5 amount of shifts per week, umm, and I had no guaranteed 6 shifts. But I'd sign up for shifts, and I -- I generally --7 I generally worked them. But I had the opportunity to take 8 a guaranteed contract over at St. Thomas and I -- which I 9 did, and so I signed up for fewer shifts in the PI. And 10 then when I was at St. Thomas one night, I, umm -- I almost 11 passed out.

12 My blood pressure medicine that I'd just started 13 had caused my heart rate to drop down to the forties, and I 14 was at work --

15 Q Wow.

A -- had to go to the ER. And because I was obligated to the contract, I -- I barely made it through the three months, because I was on about five different medications, trying to get my blood pressure regulated correctly without all kinds of horrible side effects, like passing out, umm, et cetera.

22 So, in that time, like I said, I cancelled -- Pat 23 said -- Instead of cancelling eight, I believe I had signed 24 up for a total of eight shifts in the three-month period,

25 and I cancelled four of them. That was it, I believe.

And she said that that was a 50-percent cancellation rate. And, umm, that, although she had no problems with me -- with me professionally as a nurse and my -- my work, it was just the fact that she didn't allow her staff to cancel 50 percent of their shifts or we couldn't run a hospital.

7 And I told her, "I understand that, but I" -- and 8 like I said, I had the director of the department, of the 9 registry, we are in a meeting, and I had had my medical records there and everything, but Pat just said that she 10 felt it was best that I not work in the unit for two or 11 12 three months until I could be back at Vanderbilt and show that I was -- so her staff could see that I was not going to 13 be cancelling all my shifts, which I did, I worked in the --14 15 I worked in all the other units of the hospital after that time and -- and then eventually took the staff position at 16 17 the Department of Neurology after I got my blood pressure 18 medication regulated.

19 Q Did you have any other problems with Pat -- Strike 20 that.

21 How did you and Pat Chenger get along after that
22 point?

A I don't believe I ever saw her after that point.
Q Did Pat Chenger, aside from asking that you leave

1 any alternatives short of asking you to leave the Pediatric 2 Intensive Care Unit? 3 Α No. 0 Did you think Pat Chenger had handled the matter 4 5 fairly, in your way of thinking? 6 No, I did not. I felt I had medical circumstances; Α 7 that it wasn't that I was just being blatantly not working. 8 And, like I said, Judy had pulled up on the computer to 9 remind Pat what an -- a good employee I had been in working all of my shifts, plus more shifts; that I always worked. 10 And I don't have a problem working. That was just for 11 12 medical reasons in that short period of time. 13 Q Were you aware of any other nurses that may have had difficulty with Pat Chenger? 14 15 Did anybody express anything to you? Not that I'm aware of. 16 Α Okay. Is any of your -- Strike that. 17 Q Did your difficulties with Pat Chenger provide you 18 19 any motivation in terms of going to 20/20? 20 Α Oh, absolutely not. Did your run-in with Pat Chenger provide you any 21 Q motivation in assisting Julie Patrick or talking to Julie 22 23 Patrick? 24 А Absolutely not, no. Absolutely not.

1 Mrs. Patrick had been removed from the care, custody, and 2 control of her son Philip, you had expressed that you felt 3 uncomfortable because you were not allowed to fully answer 4 Mrs. Patrick's questions. And what I want to do is explore 5 with you why it is that you felt uncomfortable.

6 A Because we often give -- We always give reports to 7 family -- to parents who have to leave the -- the unit, for 8 whatever reason, and they call back in and they ask 9 questions. And as a nurse, I answer those questions to the 10 best of my ability.

I feel that every parent has that right to know 11 what's going on with their child. And in the one 12 13 conversation that I, myself, had with Ms. Patrick, like I said, I just remember feeling uncomfortable because my --14 15 It's -- It's like your loyalty's being torn, you know, I'm doing what I was told in my place of employment, but yet the 16 professional nurse in me said -- told myself, you know, this 17 18 is not right. This parent has a right to know what's going 19 on with their child. Right or wrong, at that point, it 20 was -- right or wrong, she deserves to be given a legitimate report on her child. 21

Q Did you feel that your ability to be honest with the parents was compromised by your instructions to answer the way you were told to answer?

1 Q All right. And why did you feel that your ability 2 to be honest was compromised in that regard? 3 Α Umm --Because you couldn't give the complete picture? 4 Q 5 Α Well, because I couldn't give the complete picture. Even though there was nobody standing there telling, you 6 7 know, even overhearing the conversation, it was just -- I'd 8 never been faced with that kind of a situation before. 9 Who -- Do you recall who gave you the instructions Q to simply describe certain things but not tell the whole 10 picture? 11 Umm, it was mentioned in the meeting that we had, 12 Α the two or three days after the -- but who actually said 13 that, I don't know. 14 15 Q Okay. When you -- Do you recall who the other nurses were that went to speak to the nurse manager about 16 17 not being able to give the full information? No, I don't. 18 Α 19 0 But there were approximately two other -- two to 20 three other nurses who felt similarly (inaudible) --Yeah, probably -- probably a couple more. I 21 А remember we were just standing around talking about it. 22 23 Umm, I don't even know who they were, you know, ones who were taking care of him. And I said, "Well" -- you know, I 24

"Well, so and so felt the same way. She was going to say something to Pat." So, you know, whether I was the only one or somebody else did, too, 'cause I was told they were going to. I don't know.

5 Q How was it that they decided not to -- Strike 6 that.

7 When you went to Pat and described that to her, 8 what was -- How did you interpret her reaction to your 9 request to be able to get more information or -- let me go 10 back and ask you a more basic question.

11 When you went to Pat Chenger and told her that you 12 felt uncomfortable about not giving a full report to the 13 family, what did she say to you?

14 A I don't even remember that it was Pat. It may have
15 been Jade --

16 Q Okay.

-- that I talked to. And it was just like in 17 Α passing. I was standing at the bedside, and I remember them 18 19 coming by. I said, "Oh, by the way, you know, I had to talk to Ms. Patrick, and I didn't give her a full report, because 20 we were told not to, and I just felt real uncomfortable 21 22 about that." And I left it at that. And I don't know that 23 it was -- was or was not responded to. I just told my 24 feelings on how I felt; that I felt uncomfortable not being

able to give a full report.

1 0 When you say "Jade," are you referring to Jade 2 Floridez (Ph)? 3 Α Yes. How -- Do you know how the determination or 4 Q 5 decision was made that the nurses would not be the ones to talk to the family; that they would have the unit secretary б 7 tell the family that the nurse was busy or could not come to 8 the phone? 9 No, I don't know. I don't know if it's based on А what I said or the ones that they felt -- they were telling 10 me they felt the same way, too. 11 12 Q How was it that you learned that the secretary would answer the phone and tell the family the nurse was 13 busy and could not answer the phone? 14 15 А That was just given to me in report or -- No, I don't even know if it was -- it was either in report or just 16 17 going around the unit. When you say, "given to you in report," what does 18 Q 19 that mean? 20 А Meaning was when I assumed care of Philip one morning that the night nurse would have told me that. 21 22 And told you that would have been the standing Q 23 order; that no one's to take the phone call from 24 Mrs. Patrick but the unit secretary, and she's just going to

25 tell them the nurse is --

1 А Right. That they are -- would refer all calls to 2 the physician. 3 0 Okay. And when you say that that may have just 4 been going around the unit, what does that mean when you say 5 that? 6 А Umm –– 7 0 Just what one nurse said to another nurse; passing 8 it around? 9 А Right. Right. Did you ever hear a unit secretary answer the phone 10 Q for a Patrick call and say, "I'm sorry. The nurse is not --11 12 busy or is not able to come to the phone"? А Yes, I did. 13 And was the nurse available at the time that the 14 0 15 Patrick family was told that the nurse was busy, if you 16 know? No, I don't know. 17 А Okay. Do you recall any of the nurses talking 18 0 19 about the Patrick family or Mrs. Patrick after the removal of custody of Philip Patrick? 20 21 Yeah. There was a lot of speculation in the unit. А 22 There were nurses who would -- and I -- again, I don't 23 remember who or exact words, but just -- just typical gossip stuff on, "Well, I don't think she did it," and another one 24

25 would say, "Well, you know, there was this particular time,"

1 or somebody would say, "Yeah, but she couldn't have meant to 2 harm him." I mean, it was kind of like -- I would say, you 3 know, it was not 50/50, but --0 There was a split in the nurses? 4 5 А There was a split, yeah. MR. RYAN: Okay. I have no further questions 6 7 at this time. MR. BRYANT: And I have none either, 8 9 Ms. Green. Thank you very much for your time. 10 THE WITNESS: You're welcome. MR. BRYANT: Ms. Green, this reporter, who's 11 12 taking down the testimony today, will type this up in a few days, and you will be given an opportunity to read the 13 transcribed testimony and make any corrections that you 14 15 think are appropriate in what's been said today. 16 THE WITNESS: Okay. MR. BRYANT: And we ask that you do that. 17 Would you be willing to do that? 18 19 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. 20 MR. BRYANT: The court reporter there will make arrangements with you about getting the transcript to 21 22 you. And she, the reporter, will give you instructions on 23 how to make any corrections you think are appropriate and 24 how to conclude the deposition.

Tom, do you have anything further? MR. RYAN: I have nothing further either. We can go off the record and give instructions to the stenographer. (Deposition concluded at 10:05 a.m.)

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