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- That is how much myopia we are aiming to correct
- 2 with what correction we're programming into the laser.
- Okay. Now, with that degree of programming into
- the laser, just for the record, that's negative 12 diopters?
- Minus 12.
- Minus 12, minus 1.25?
- 8 Yes.
- 9 And by 49 degrees?
- 10 Axis 49 degrees.
- 11 Axis 49 degrees?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Okay. Minus 12, that means what, in relation to
- what we're discussing and you said it says go for OD, 14
- you don't mean that you were shooting to get minus 12? 15
- I was shooting to get 12 diopters, to program the 16 17
- laser to correct 12 diopters of myopia, as well as, one and a quarter diopters of astigmatism at an axis of 4918
- .9 degrees.
- 20 Okay. So tell me with that programming of the
- laser, what would you expect to be left at the 21
- 22 completion of the surgery?
- 23 MS. NEWMAN: In other words, what
- 24 would her vision be at the end of the

surgery?

MR. KAFRISSEN: Right.

THE WITNESS: Vision or the

refraction?

5 BY MR. KAFRISSEN:

- 6 Her refraction, I apologize? Q.
- I expected that would bring her close to plano.
- Close to I'm sorry, I didn't hear that? Ó
- 9 Plano.
- 10 What's that?
- 11 I expected that would leave her mildly
- 12 nearsighted.
- 13 When you say negative 12, I think we had
- discussed earlier her refraction was around negative 14
- 15
- Minus 14 when she was refracted on March 3rd when 16
- 17 I refracted her.
- 18 0. Okav.
- 19 The glasses were minus 15.
- If you're setting a laser for minus 12, she's at 20
- minus 14, are you looking to end up minus two? 21
- 22
- 23 With the negative 1.75 beginning as of March 3rd Q. and a negative at 1.25 setting on a laser you're

- looking for minus .05 -- no, .50?
- I am looking to undercorrect the astigmatism
- slightly; that is correct.
- It looks like in the refraction on 3/3 the axis
- 5 was 49 degrees and you were going to set the machine
- for 49 degrees, what would that do, if anything?
- The axis of the astigmatic correction would
- therefore be at 49 degrees.
- Which would then after the surgery leave what? 9
- 10 What does axis 49 degrees mean?
- 11 No, her axis was 49 before.
- 12 A. Yes.
- You're setting the laser at 49. Now, does that 13
- mean you're going to leave her at zero axis? 14
- 15 No.
- 16 So what's it mean? 0.
- It means that I'm going to reduce or eliminate 17
- 18 her astigmatism.
- All right. Now, when did you next see Cheryl? 19
- 20 I next saw her on 3/20/97.
- 21 Did you have any contact with her before 3/20/97?
- 22 MS. NEWMAN: Other than what's
- 23 already been discussed.
- 24 BY MR. KAFRISSEN:

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- I'm sorry. Between 3/6 and 3/20, did you have
- any contact with her?
- I received a message that she had called on 3/18
- and complained that Dexacidin drops were burning her
- eyes for 15 seconds when she puts them in.
- 6 What are Dexacidin drops?
- This is an antibiotic and antiinflammatory
- combination that we give preoperatively in many
- different kinds of eye surgery.
- 10 When was that given to Cheryl?
- She was given the bottle probably when she
- scheduled and told to start the drops two days before 13 surgery.
- 14 When did she schedule the surgery, do you know
- 15 that? A. 3/3/97.
- 16 17 In the 3/3 note it looks like you were going to
- schedule lasik for the left and then the right, do you
- 19 know why the right was scheduled first?
- 20 Because I decided subsequent to that, that her
- eye with the poorer best corrected visual acuity should
- 22 be operated on first.
- 23 Okay. Now, on the 3/18 phone call, was there
- anything else of any significance that happened in that

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