

1 BY MR. KAFRISSEN:

2 Q. The question is, doctor, was it the standard of
3 care in 1997 to not measure the corneal thickness
4 under --

MS. NEWMAN: -- under any
6 circumstances.

7 MS. POST: In any refractive surgery?

8 BY MR. KAFRISSEN:

9 Q. In any lasik surgery regardless of the patient's
10 refraction, presurgery?

11 MS. NEWMAN: Off the record.

12 (Whereupon a discussion was held off
13 the record.)

14 BY MR. KAFRISSEN:

15 Q. Was there a way to measure corneal thickness
16 prior to March of 1997?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. How could it be measured?

A. With ultrasonic pachymetry.

20 Q. Ultrasonic pachymetry. Did you have the capacity
21 to perform ultrasonic pachymetry in your office?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Did you have that capacity prior to February of
24 1997?

A. Yes.

3 Q. For how long prior to 1997 did you have that
4 capacity in your office?

5 A. We had optical pachymetry since the 1960's and
6 ultrasonic pachymetry since 1990.

7 Q. Okay. What is involved in performing an
8 ultrasonic pachymetry?

9 A. The eye is numbed with an anesthetic drug and the
10 probe is touched to the anesthetized cornea and the
11 numbers representing corneal thickness are read out in
12 various parts of the cornea.

13 Q. Was there the capacity to perform --

14 THE WITNESS: Can we take a two
15 minute break?

16 MR. KAFRISSEN: Let me finish my
17 question and then we'll go.

18 BY MR. KAFRISSEN:

19 Q. Ultrasonic pachymetry at the Delaware Valley --

MS. NEWMAN: Laser Surgery.

20 BY MR. KAFRISSEN:

21 Q. Laser Surgery Institute, thank you.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. In March of 1997?

24 A. Yes.

1 Q. And to perform ultrasonic pachymetry in Delaware
2 Valley in 1997, would that have been the same process
3 that you described as if it had been done in your
4 office in 1997?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Okay.

7 MR. KAFRISSEN: Why don't we stop for
8 a minute.

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10 (Whereupon, the court reporter was
11 relieved at 3:05 p.m.)

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3 I, MAUREEN HAMM a Notary Public and
4 Shorthand Reporter, do hereby state that prior to the
5 commencement of the examination, ANITA NEVYAS-WALLACE
6 M.D. was duly sworn by me to testify to the truth, the
7 whole truth and nothing but the truth.

8 I do further state that the foregoing is a
9 true and accurate transcript of the testimony as taken
10 stenographically by and before me at the time, place
11 and on the date herein set forth.

12 I do further state that I am neither a
13 relative nor employee nor attorney nor counsel of any
14 of the parties to this action, and that I am neither a
15 relative nor employee of such attorney or counsel and
16 that I am not financially interested in this action.

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19 MAUREEN HAMM REPORTER
20 Notary Public, State of Pennsylvania
21 My Commission expires 5/3/04
22 Date: October 25, 2000
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