IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

DARELL L. MOORE; AND CHARLENE	
A. MOORE, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS)
HUSBAND AND WIFE,	Electronically Filed
Appellants,	Jul 21 2021 05:22 p.m. Elizabeth A. Brown
vs.	Clerk of Supreme Cour
JASON LASRY, M.D. INDIVIDUAL;)
AND TERRY BARTIMUS, RN, APRN,) Supreme Court No. 81659
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Respondents.	_)

APPEAL

From the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County The Honorable Kathleen E. Delaney, District Judge District Court Case No.: A-17-766426-C

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10	Plaintiffs,)
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13	Defendants.)
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16	JURY TRIAL
17	Before the Honorable Kathleen Delaney
18	Tuesday, February 4, 2020, 1:30 p.m.
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1	Las Vegas, Nevada, Tuesday, February 4, 2020
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4	(Thereupon, the following proceedings were
5	had out of the presence of the jury.):
6	THE COURT: I think I know one of the
7	things outside the presence, but just go ahead.
8	What do we have outside the presence?
9	I'll take them in whatever order.
10	MR. MC BRIDE: Sure.
11	One of the things I think that we were
12	concerned about, this goes to one of the motions for
13	partial summary judgment that we filed before the
14	trial about the testimony, and in terms of the
15	evidence of the reasonableness and necessity of the
16	billing and the medical bills coming in in this
17	particular case.
18	We understand from counsel today that this
19	is the first time we've been informed that they
20	intend to get that information out through Dr. Fish
21	today.
22	Well, the problem with that again is, this
23	is what I addressed, Your Honor, is there's no
24	foundation for that because at the time of his
25	deposition Dr. Fish had not been provided with the

1	bills, and in fact when asked, he specifically said
2	his deposition was taken October 24th, 2019, he
3	stated that no rebuttal report was done by Dr. Fish,
4	and no rebuttal report was requested, and he's not
5	been asked to do any further work.
б	Then he also said there were no materials
7	that he reviewed after July 19th, 2019.
8	I have a copy of both his report, as well
9	as his medical evaluation an lifecare plan.
10	Nowhere he talks about the records he
11	reviewed.
12	Nowhere does he discuss the medical bills,
13	or does he address that at all.
14	He states specifically, he was asked to
15	evaluate the medical records and perform an
16	examination of Darell Moore.
17	He does not offer any opinion whatsoever or
18	comment whatsoever on the reasonableness or necessity
19	of medical expenses at all.
20	Again, his medical evaluation and lifecare
21	plan only addresses future lifecare needs.
22	Again, we he also did not speak to any
23	of Mr. Moore's health care providers to get any
24	additional information regarding billing or the

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reasonableness or necessity, and he was not asked to

1	do so.
2	So we think that at the outset I wanted to
3	bring it to the Court's attention now, rather than
4	interrupt the testimony.
5	THE COURT: Sure.
6	MR. MC BRIDE: Because I don't believe
7	there's any foundation for that.
8	THE COURT: Well, for the record, before I
9	hear you Mr. Hymanson, are you going to be
10	addressing the response?
11	MR. P. HYMANSON: Okay.
12	THE COURT: You were standing so.
13	Let me make my record.
14	So each of the parties have submitted their
15	orders on the prior motions that were heard the
16	motions in limine and motions for partial summary
17	judgment.
18	I have actually signed them all.
19	The reason I haven't given them back yet
20	was there was one in the Nurse Practitioner Bartmus'
21	order that I just wanted to double check on the JAVS
22	because I still didn't have the clerk covering that
23	day's minutes, and I thought there was either some
24	additional or new, and I had given the response not

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relevant to this discussion, but I wanted to let you

1	know, that's the only reason I held these up.
2	MR. MC BRIDE: Sure.
3	THE COURT: As far as the one from Dr.
4	Lasry, he prepared, Mr. McBride does indicate that
5	the motion for partial summary judgment and Nurse
6	Practitioner Bartmus was denied without prejudice,
7	and Defendant may raise the motion again should there
8	be a lack of evidence or expert testimony to support
9	Plaintiff's claim for past medical expenses.
10	So we are at that place now.
11	As you indicated, based on your belief that
12	Dr. Fish is not appropriate to be able to provide
13	this testimony, so
14	MR. MC BRIDE: I do have a copy of his
15	report if Your Honor would like to look at it.
16	THE COURT: I will take your
17	representations that they say otherwise, and I need
18	to read it, so be it.
19	If their argument is, it's not in Fish's
20	report, but he did review these things, and should be
21	entitled to supplement now, we can have that
22	discussion, but I don't know what the argument is, so
23	let me hear.
24	Who wishes to make the argument on behalf
25	of the Plaintiff?

1	MR. P. HYMANSON: Court's indulgence, Your
2	Honor.
3	Your Honor, I think counsel made some good
4	points, and I think you are right, we have some
5	arguments we could make, and we come into a slugfest
6	in terms of trying to get evidence into the Court
7	today.
8	Our goal today my goal is to get Dr.
9	Fish on and hope he doesn't have to return again.
10	I think we can address that with regard to
11	witnesses at a later time.
12	So I think rather than get into a joust at
13	this point, we'll just put Dr. Fish on with his
14	report and get to it.
15	THE COURT: So it's not your intention then
16	to try to do past medical expense billing, review
17	with Dr. Fish?
18	MR. P. HYMANSON: I will not do that with
19	Dr. Fish.
20	THE COURT: Thank you.
21	We'll save it for another day.
22	If I get a chance to look at the JAVS, I'll
23	get all the orders filed and back, but I do have them
24	with me if there's ever an issue.
25	But thank you for raising it.

1	We still have the other Dr. Fish matter.
2	Was there anything else?
3	MR. P. HYMANSON: We do have follow-up when
4	the records do come in, Your Honor, there's some
5	issues still have to be clarified.
6	There still needs to be some redaction to
7	the ones were going to be made, plus Exhibit 100 is
8	already admitted, there's some insurance references
9	have to be redacted.
10	THE COURT: Okay, yes, certainly.
11	We can't expect my Court clerk Certainly
12	the Court cannot be responsible to review every piece
13	of paper independently if those items don't have
14	those.
15	MR. P. HYMANSON: We'll address that if we
16	move those into evidence, we'll move them in with the
17	understanding that the redactions may still be
18	necessary.
19	THE COURT: Thank you for that
20	clarification.
21	The last matter of course was left
22	unresolved for the most part in terms of we've
23	already had some of Fish's testimony, we're going to
24	have more, and the issue of the Medicare inquiry.
25	I think we're going to have an opportunity

1	to deal with that between completion of his testimony
2	before we do cross.
3	Originally I thought coming into today was
4	based on Mr. Arntz because Dr. Fish needed a delay,
5	we should deal with that, but he's here ready to go,
6	the jurors are here ready to go.
7	I think we can do that before they do their
8	cross on a break.
9	MR. P. HYMANSON: Very good, Your Honor.
10	THE COURT: Let's go ahead and have Dr.
11	Fish come in.
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1	(Thereupon, the following proceedings were
2	had in open court and in the presence of the jury.):
3	THE COURT: Welcome back, ladies and
4	gentlemen.
5	Thank you for your patience while we
6	addressed a few matters before we had you join us.
7	As we mentioned when we concluded
8	yesterday, we were able to arrange for Dr. Fish to
9	return today, so the witness who we were with on the
10	end of the Court day on Friday is now going to be
11	recalled at this time to complete his testimony.
12	We can officially recall him if you like,
13	Mr. Hymanson.
14	MR. P. HYMANSON: Thank you very much, Your
15	Honor.
16	The Moore's would call Dr. Fish to the
17	stand, please.
18	THE COURT: All right.
19	Thank you, Dr. Fish.
20	When you reach the stand, you may have a
21	seat.
22	You are resuming your testimony. I'm just
23	asking you to acknowledge for the record you're still
24	under oath.
25	We are not going to re-swear you, just ask

1	you to acknowledge for the record you understand you	
2	are still under oath from your prior testimony, which	
3	concluded unfinished on Friday, correct?	
4	THE WITNESS: That's correct.	
5	THE COURT: Thank you.	
6	Mr. Hymanson, you may begin.	
7	MR. P. HYMANSON: Your Honor, may I	
8	approach and turn the board around?	
9	THE COURT: Yes, you may.	
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11	CONTINUING DIRECT EXAMINATION OF DR. DAVID FISH	
12	BY MR. P. HYMANSON:	
13	Q. I'm pretty sure that one is not yours.	
14	All right. Dr. Fish, welcome back?	
15	A. Thank you.	
16	Q. I appreciate your returning.	
17	And let's see what we can do about getting	
18	you home before the sun sets.	
19	We were talking about therapist I believe,	
20	and we just finished, we had done an overview of the	
21	entire plan.	
22	This is the overview of the ten years the	
23	entire projected costs, and we have had been talking	
24	about specifically therapies, and I think we had	
25	we were talking about a dog companion for care.	

1	Would you explain to the ladies and
2	gentlemen of the jury, is that a dog you pet and say
3	thanks for being here?
4	What is the function of such an animal?
5	A. It's actually a trained animal that is a
6	helper animal, not like a service animal you might
7	see in the airplane, everyone can always get away
8	with making a label for that, but it's an actual
9	trained animal that will grab things for you, will
10	tell you if there's things wrong, or if they are
11	warning you about something, their individual owner.
12	They're very highly specialized dogs, and I
13	found with individuals with amputations they just
14	change a lot of the factors of their well-being, and
15	also help them with day-to-day activities.
16	Q. Thank you.
17	Let's move on to diagnostic testing if you
18	could, that is the next thing, the next graft that
19	you have.
20	In that diagnostic testing you have first
21	off an MRI of the knee and hip.
22	What is the purpose of an MRI of the knee
23	and hip for Mr. Moore?
24	A. The idea is to get a surgical case, since
25	I'm projecting he needed a knee and hip replacement,

- 1 the best imaging we have is an MRI to show best and totally, so the surgeon's aware of what to avoid, or 2 3 what to cut, or what to prepare for the surgery. The MRI is a baseline, so the doctors can 4 Ο. 5 know into the future his condition? 6 Well, the idea is, the best way of looking Α. 7 into a knee without invasive -- anything invasive is 8 to do an MRI, the best kind of anatomic structure we 9 can look at, as opposed to opening the knee, see what 10 you can get. 11 You kind of know as the surgeon to plan an 12 MRI as the least invasive, best way we know how to 13 get anatomy structures. 14 In that diagnostic testing, it goes into 0. 15 some detail on the knee and the hip. 16 Would you explain again to the ladies and 17 gentlemen of the jury why you believe that this is 18 not something that may happen, but most likely a replacement of both Mr. Moore's knee and hip would be 19 20 required? 2.1 I'm going to the board? Α. 22 Go to the board. 0. 23 Remember, I drew the picture out, so you Α.
- Remember, this area is removed when he's

all can see.

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1	not wearing a prosthesis and not in his wheelchair,
2	he's going to be putting all the force and weight on
3	what they call the opposite side, the hip and the
4	knee, and in my discussions with him he was already
5	saying he was having hip and knee problems, so based
6	on my experience with other amputees the likelihood
7	and probability of a replacement is high.
8	So you need to have preparation for it, you
9	need to have x-rays yearly to make sure that you know
10	what the joint space looks like, and even after the
11	replacement what the hardware looks like.
12	Q. And you didn't say specifically, but is
13	that also the potential risk is in the ankle as well?
14	A. There's really not good ankle replacement
15	surgery, so that is why it's not included.
16	Yeah, you are putting a lot of force on the
17	ankle, but most of the force is going to translate to
18	the hip and the knee.
19	He's not really complaining of ankle-type
20	problems when I discussed it with him.
21	Q. We got lab testing and blood work over the
22	ten-year period of \$4,950.
23	What type of lab work is that?
24	A. It's going to be a complete blood count,
25	liver function test, PTT, your prothrombin time for

1	bleeding, clotting disorders, given he has poor blood
2	flow already into his lower extremities, you want to
3	make sure that all of the functioning of the organs
4	is appropriately evaluated.
5	Q. And you have x-rays of the knee and hip
6	from age 72 to 78, and a \$1800 charge.
7	Explain to the ladies and gentlemen of the
8	jury the functioning and purpose of those x-rays.
9	A. What I just talked about was to make sure
10	the hardware is intact, hasn't moved, or rotated, or
11	changed in any way, so you want to yearly look at it
12	with the orthopedic surgeon that places the knee and
13	the hip in.
14	Q. And you have x-rays T and L spine for
15	stimulator location. That is yearly cost of 300, for
16	a total of \$1800 over a ten-year period.
17	Explain to the ladies and gentlemen of the
18	jury the purpose of that.
19	A. Okay.
20	I'm going to the board.
21	As you recall, I was talking about the
22	this is the brain and spinal cord and nerve roots
23	come to here, and this was the battery, was the

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spinal dorsal column, so the symptoms of pain are not

1	felt. This battery is kind of like a watch in the
2	lower lumbar spine area and in the upper thoracic
3	area. That is the lumbar, was the low back.
4	So you want to make sure the leads don't
5	migrate or move each year. When you program this
6	thing, you want to make sure the battery's
7	appropriate, so you take x-rays of both the thoracic
8	and lumbar spine to see where the hardware is.
9	Q. And how does that compare, the stimulator,
LO	assuming that it gets worse, would that eliminate the
L1	need for the Oxycontin or Opioids he's taking on a
L2	regular basis?
L3	A. That's the point, you need to come off of
L4	Opiates.
L5	I think I discussed this before, there's an
L6	Opiate epidemic, and we're slow to realize people are
L7	dying from chronic Opioid use, and it's not good to
L8	be on those chronically, and the stimulator can help
L9	eliminate the need for Opiates.
20	Q. Is it your professional opinion that the
21	stimulator will do more to alleviate the phantom pain
22	of the missing limb?
23	A. Right.
24	The Opiates you mean?
25	Q. Correct.

1	A. Correct.
2	Q. So per the diagnostic testing over a
3	ten-year period, you're looking at \$12,250, and based
4	on your experience and expertise do you think that is
5	a reasonable cost for that ten-year plan?
6	A. Correct, yes.
7	Q. All right.
8	If you turn Let's go to next the
9	medications.
LO	There's been discussion, in the deposition
L1	there was discussion where counsel talked to you
L2	about the type of medication he was currently taking,
L3	the type of medication you're recommending, and let's
L4	talk about the medication that you are recommending.
L5	So are you aware if Mr. Moore is currently
L6	using any of those medications?
L7	A. No, I don't think so.
L8	Maybe the multi-vitamin.
L9	Q. Would through the medications for the
20	ladies and gentlemen and explain why these
21	medications would be to his benefit?
22	A. All right.
23	So the plan is to optimize medical care,
24	and so I'm putting a plan together, this is how I
25	treat individuals who are like him not just throwing

things in there to throw things in there, and as I said, before the plan needs be more for medical probability, and the best way to optimize medical care, you are adding a dog, a stimulator, everything I'm putting in there.

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What Cymbalta is, is an antidepressant medication, helps with mood stabilization, but it's also got an advantage in that it also helps with nerve pain, which is what we think the phantom pain sensations are also involved with the nerve pain, or are brain pain, a central process, so what Cymbalta does is not only calms the emotional content of people, but also helps with the nervous system.

Same with Neurontin. Neurontin is a medication that has been used for seizure control, but we found it doesn't do very well for seizures. What it does do really well for is calming peripheral nerves. So Neurontin in combination what Cymbalta really helps with common phantom pain.

The reason why you don't just rely on one medication and treatment only, and you add the stimulator, you want to attack this in multiple different areas.

The ones I found in my experience is that if one thing is not the thing that works, you have to

go with multiple areas to get the best results.

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Colace is a stool softener. That is with all the medications he's taking to make sure he has proper bowel movements.

And then a multi-vitamin because his overall conditioning is decreased, he hasn't been exercising, so you need to try to get as many vitamins in him as you can.

- Q. And you are not saying that these are for a ten-year period, these are the medications and the only medications he will need, it could change as things go, depending on Mr. Moore, is that correct?
 - A. I can even go into more detail with this.

When someone gets a knee or hip replacement, or gets a spinal cord stimulator implant, they are typically placed on antibiotics one or two weeks and may get some pain medications as well.

I'm kind of giving you an overall snapshot, not going into detail because it gets too cumbersome, you kind of lose focus on what the real issues are.

Q. Something as simple as the Colace stool softener, it's delicate because -- but the worst thing for an amputee is if they are constipated or something, get up go to the bathroom several times

1	when they don't have to, they have to get up, move,
2	and there's a lot involved on a daily basis, so that
3	is likely to go over those type of things, but that
4	is pretty critical for someone in that situation, is
5	that correct?
6	A. Well, you also have to remember that my job
7	is also to look at function and how to get someone
8	safely from the bed to the bathroom, to the shower,
9	how to get someone safely from the chair to the
10	bathroom to the shower, how to stay safe in the

So you most people don't think about going to the bathroom.

shower, how to be safe within their own environment.

If you really have to go, don't have your prosthesis on, how do you get up and be safe by yourself and not fall, which he's already fallen a couple times, so those are things that go into the plan and functional analysis for Mr. More Moore and any individual like him.

- Q. So doctor you have your ten-year plan, the medications for \$41,479, correct?
- A. The Cymbalta will be the expensive one because there is no generic for it, but I find it's a very useful medication.
 - Q. Let's talk about that briefly because many

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1	people go to the pharmacy, and they are prescribed a
2	regular medication, but they wind up with the generic
3	because it's less expensive than some of these
4	medications don't qualify for generic, haven't been
5	on the market long enough, is that accurate?
6	A. Well, Colace, multi-vitamins are all
7	generic, and the Cymbalta is a much more newer
8	medication, is not generic yet.
9	Q. Thank you.
10	Let's go to supplies if we could.
11	Again, you have first of all, you have a
12	knee RPM machine.
13	What is that, a rental?
14	A. When someone has a knee replacement, which
15	is different than a hip replacement, we found that if
16	you just sit there after the replacement and not have
17	the knee, gently move in what is called
18	flexion-extension, where you have your knee go back
19	and forth, so it straightens and bends, we find that
20	people have better outcomes, and so that is why the
21	rental unit for a short term, just to make sure the
22	success of the knee replacement is there.
23	Q. So is that the one where you come out of
24	surgery, you wake up, and your knee is actually

moving, is that the machine?

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1	A. I hope you don't wake up from surgery with
2	your knee moving.
3	Q. After surgery, but in your hospital bed
4	after surgery, is that the machine they put on to
5	stimulate movement for ten hours out?
6	A. Correct.
7	Q. Okay.
8	And there's a knee and hip brace for \$450
9	for the life of the ten-year program. What is that
10	for?
11	A. When you replace the knee and the hip, you
12	have to be very cautious of dislocation, especially
13	if the injury was just getting up, so after hip
14	surgery a brace is used to insure the prosthesis
15	stays in place until it's healed, it goes to the knee
16	as well to make sure everything is stabilized,
17	doesn't pop out or go out of place.
18	Q. The next one is electric wheelchair.
19	Mr. Moore is here and has a wheelchair.
20	Are you saying he needs a different chair?
21	A. Yeah, I'm saying he needs an electric
22	chair.
23	Q. Why does he need that?
24	A. What we talked about before, he has a
25	history of shoulder problems, and manually pushing

1	his chair around would put a lot more stress on his
2	shoulder, and then whoever is helping him also has to
3	put a lot of stress pushing him around.
4	And, you know, it's to be more in the
5	community and have that community integration, I
6	think or I believe he would be better off with
7	having an electric wheelchair, it will give him more
8	more ability, put less strain on his heart.
9	While I do think he needs to exercise with
10	his prosthesis, I don't think that is the mode of
11	moving around when he's in a community situation.
12	Q. So you have replacement for two wheelchairs
13	during this ten-year period, so \$9,220. Is that the
14	going price for the wheelchair?
15	A. No, that is the manual wheelchair.
16	Q. I apologize.
17	The electric wheelchair replaced every five
18	years, and they are \$32,352.44 a chair, correct?
19	A. Correct.
20	Q. And that is \$64,740?
21	A. Correct.
22	Q. Is that a reasonable price for an electric
23	wheelchair?
24	A. That's correct, all the prices are average
25	value. They can get very expensive, way higherm

1	depending the type of wheelchairs you get, so I
2	wanted the average reasonable cost.
3	Q. So the titanium, all the other lightweight
4	chairs are a lot more expensive?
5	A. Yeah.
6	If someone is a quadriplegic, can't
7	maneuver themselves at all, actually they blow air
8	into a tube, that type of chair is upwards \$100,000
9	because it has to be very specialized and set for
10	them, as well as all the equipment with someone who
11	is a quadriplegic.
12	Q. The manual wheelchair every four years you
13	have \$9200.
14	If he has an electric chair, why would he
15	need a manual chair?
16	A. A lot of times for ease.
17	Sometimes it's hard to transport an
18	electric chair, so you're doing a quick trip
19	somewhere, having a manual wheelchair gives you
20	flexibility you may not have with an electric
21	wheelchair.
22	If you're only going somewhere for a short
23	distance, not planning on being out all day, you
24	might take the manual chair.

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Sometimes will they keep the electric chair

1	in the van, and so they don't have to keep taking it
2	in and out, and use the manual around the house?
3	A. I found that most people don't, if they are
4	going to do a trip like that, don't make the effort
5	to put the electric wheelchair in the van, and if
6	they do, they might as well just use the electric
7	wheelchair.
8	It's cumbersome to get it in, so if you're
9	doing all the work to get it in, you might as well
10	use it.
11	Q. The next item is you said he's going to
12	need a prosthetic, and he already has one, right?
13	A. He does.
14	Q. A prosthetic that doesn't work, what is the
15	value of that?
16	A. It's not it doesn't work, it just doesn't
17	fit properly, so I guess in essence it doesn't work,
18	but it's not very useful if you can't use it for
19	sure.
20	Q. And is this with some work, is that the
21	type of prosthetic that can work for him, so he
22	doesn't have the second one, or is your opinion he
23	needs a completely different type of prosthetic?
24	A. No, he can use the one he has, it just

needs to fit better.

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1	These are all the supplies for what he has.
2	Q. And there's a lot.
3	The cost is \$18,800.97, and that needs to
4	be replaced every four years, so you have to replace
5	it twice for \$37,795, and as I understand there's a
6	lot involved in the prosthetic in terms of cost and
7	fitting and size and those type of things, is that
8	correct?
9	A. Right.
10	That's included in the cost.
11	Q. But I mean, there are things like sockets
12	and cushions and knee joint locks, things like that,
13	those are all expensive items built into the
14	particular prosthetic, right?
15	A. And when you talk about the components of
16	it.
17	Q. All right.
18	And then we've got a separate item of
19	sockets that need to be replaced twice for \$44,660.
20	What are sockets?
21	A. Well, that is going to be the silicone gel
22	that needs to be replaced more frequently, typically
23	because it's going to be connected to the body most
24	likely, so the prosthetic is one component, then you
25	have the socket that goes inside the prosthetic

1	component, as well as the socks which are cheap, but
2	they wear out pretty quickly.
3	Q. All right.
4	And then the socks are \$98.67, 30 pair for
5	life \$986. Are these the compression socks, or
6	different types of socks?
7	A. They are more for padding. It goes on the
8	silicone gel to insure there's a cushion between the
9	plaster and the silicone, and the body and the
10	plaster, so kind of like a cushion component.
11	Q. Would 30 pair for a ten-year period be
12	enough?
13	A. I would think so.
14	Q. When they wear out, do they wear out in a
15	particular place, or just wear out from use?
16	A. Usually they will wear where the pain is
17	located.
18	If you remember the drawing, the pin goes
19	in to the prosthetic, that is usually where it wears
20	out, or tears, or puts a lot of pressure on it.
21	Q. The last thing, supplies, you have the
22	walker.
23	What if he has a walker now?
24	A. He said he did, but off to top of my head I
25	would have to see the report.

1	Q. So if he has a walker that has to be
2	replaced every so many years, is that correct?
3	A. Right.
4	And the point is, that to be safe it's very
5	difficult for an amputee to use a cane, and a walker
6	has four points of support, and when you get up out
7	of bed, you want to get over to the bathroom in the
8	middle of the night, it's easier to use a walker by
9	the side of the bed, or than to put on your
10	prosthetic, or even get into a wheelchair and wheel
11	over.
12	Q. You're suggesting a cane.
13	Would that also include crutches, they
14	probably are not the best implements for Mr. Moore?
15	A. No, because he's already been shown to have
16	fallen, and you want as many points with the ground,
17	and the walker makes more sense, that's why I didn't
18	add a cane or crutches on the plan.
19	Q. All right.
20	And so for annual costs you have \$15,944,
21	and for a ten-year cost \$159,440.
22	Dr. Fish, when you made your analysis of
23	the ten-year timeframe, was that from the time of the
24	amputation, or from the time you initially evaluated
25	him?

1	A. The time I saw him.
2	It wouldn't go from the time of the
3	amputation because you don't know how someone's going
4	to respond, and you also don't know what their needs
5	are, so by the time I actually evaluated him.
б	Q. That was in July of last year?
7	A. Correct.
8	Q. All right.
9	Let's go to durable medical equipment if we
10	could.
11	Now, before we go into detail on this, this
12	is your recommendation.
13	Do you know at this point what equipment
14	Mr. Moore has or doesn't have?
15	A. I don't have my report in front of me.
16	I had it listed out, but I would be
17	guessing at this point.
18	I know he didn't have a bedside motorized
19	chair or a shower recliner I made a mistake.
20	We pointed out in the deposition the walker
21	is in there twice, and electric motorized wheelchair,
22	and the Roho cushion should have been included in the
23	other one, so those should be taken out.
24	Q. For example, on durable medical equipment,
25	the electric motorized chair is listed, but it

1	doesn't have any cost to it, correct?
2	A. Correct.
3	Q. And the shower recliner, what is that?
4	A. Well, the idea is again that being safe in
5	the bathroom, and for him to stand and shower is
6	probably not safe, so you want a bench or recliner he
7	can actually shower with, or someone help him shower
8	to make sure he's safe and doesn't fall in the
9	bathroom.
LO	Most people are actually going to fall into
L1	the transfer in the shower, but once you are in the
L2	shower you tend to fall if you don't have the
L3	recliner.
L4	Q. For recliner, bedside motorized chair, the
L5	toilet bench, and the walker for transfer, the first
L6	three replaced every two years?
L7	A. Correct.
L8	Q. And the walker for transfer should be
L9	replaced every five years, correct?
20	A. Right, but that was covered in the other.
21	Q. All right, very good.
22	So you have for durable medical equipment
23	\$1,058.50, and an annual cost and life expectancy
24	10,565, correct?
25	A. Minus the walker numbers of 6 to 900.

1	Q. All right. Very good.
2	Let's go to home furnishings and accessory.
3	When you do an evaluation such as this, is
4	there always a home furnishing accessory component?
5	A. Yes.
6	Q. The first item you have is an adjustable
7	bed with air mattress.
8	Would you explain to the ladies and
9	gentlemen of the jury why there needs to be an
LO	adjustable air mattress?
L1	A. He's already shown to have skin breakdown
L2	problems, and with poor vascular supply with the
L3	amputation he's not going to be moving around very
L4	well in bed.
L5	It's very hard to move yourself around when
L6	you have a missing a limb.
L7	So the air mattress will help with the skin
L8	breakdown while he's in bed, and adjustable means you
L9	can inflate it more or less, so that you have the
20	proper to pressurize the component of the bed for
21	safety of the skin.
22	Q. And the skin breakdown, is that the type of
23	thing that leads to bed sores?
24	A. Correct.
25	O. And that can be very difficult for someone

who isn't very mobile?

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A. Right, for someone not mobile, and also you could have breakdowns on the residual limb as well.

Q. So that needs to be replaced every five years. The initial cost is \$3500, for a total cost of \$7,000.

And after three years why would that bed need to be replaced?

- A. Well, the air component to it there all the time puts a lot of stress on it, so the lining can breakdown pretty easily.
- Q. Your next item is home modifications, a one-time charge of \$80,000, and before you go into detail on this, I'd advise you Mr. Moore is a former contractor, he may have some disputes with you on that to, but in your capacity as a rehab expert would you please explain to the ladies and gentlemen of the jury what that 80,000 is?
- A. I had a discussion with him. He said it would be a hundred thousand, but I lowered it down for Nevada for the square footage price, but the idea is that the current house he's in doesn't fit the wheelchair, can't get into the closet, can't get into the bathroom.

He needs the walker to get into those

1	places, but if an individual is tired, or having an
2	extremely hard day, he may need to get the wheelchair
3	in there, so you have to modify the house to get
4	the hallways have to be widened, the doors have to be
5	widened, the bathrooms have to be changed, it has to
6	be what we call ADA compatible for disabilities, so
7	that is a modification of the house.
8	Now, you can buy a house with all these
9	changes already made that is more expensive than
10	trying to modify a house.
11	So based on the square footage I came up
12	with \$80,000 to do the repairs.
13	Q. So the house is currently in functional
14	with a wheelchair, fair to say it's not functional
15	for every day use?
16	A. You will probably find most houses are not
17	functional for wheelchairs.
18	The doors aren't built wide enough.
19	The hallways aren't wide enough.
20	But the house he's in needs to be modified
21	so, correct.
22	Q. Next item is a lift chair recliner.
23	What is that?
24	A. Well, if you think about it, he has to get

up with one leg, that's the only way to get out of

1	the chair, unless he has the prosthesis, and even
2	with the prosthesis the way they teach you to get out
3	of the chair, if I can get up and show you.
4	MR. P. HYMANSON: Court's permission?
5	THE COURT: Yes.
6	THE WITNESS: I don't know if you can all
7	see.
8	When you get out of the chair, they have
9	you put your prosthesis straight, and then you have
10	to push off with one leg because you can't have your
11	prosthesis bent when you get up, you don't have quad
12	strength.
13	THE COURT: Obviously the jurors are trying
14	to stand to see.
15	Can you possibly bring the chair over here?
16	THE WITNESS: Sure.
17	Yeah, happy to.
18	Can you all see?
19	MR. P. HYMANSON: Your Honor, if they can't
20	see it, they have permission to stand?
21	THE COURT: They were.
22	If they don't have a problem.
23	I was trying to get him into a location
24	where they could actually see him.
25	THE WITNESS: Mr. Moore's missing his knee,

1	so when you get out of the chair, it's all quad									
2	strength getting up, so what they teach you to do is									
3	keep your leg straight, and really kind of push off									
4	on your left leg, all left leg push, because if you									
5	think about it, if these things, the knee's bent,									
6	it's not going to straighten when you stand, it has									
7	to be straight to push up this way.									
8	BY MR. P. HYMANSON:									
9	Q. And then if he's not wearing a prosthesis									
10	because it's uncomfortable, how does he stand when he									
11	doesn't have the ability to put the prosthesis on the									
12	ground?									
13	A. The same way.									
14	Q. Is that more difficult getting out of the									
15	chair?									
16	A. Like a one-legged squat, but it's really									
17	hard if you are not strong enough to do it.									
18	Q. All right. Thank you.									
19	So the lift chair recliner is a reclining									
20	chair that also assists in helping him get up, so it									
21	will help elevate him, correct?									
22	A. Right.									
23	Q. And you priced that at \$2,000 a chair, and									
24	that is every five years?									

A. Correct.

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1	Q. Would you explain to the ladies and
2	gentlemen of the jury the Hoyer lift?
3	A. What the Hoyer lift is, is really to help
4	someone helping him because he's I don't want to
5	say heavy, but he's heavy, and trying to get him out
6	of bed and pull him out is not an easy task to do, so
7	with the Hoyer lift it allows an individual to place
8	a harness underneath him, and allows them to pull him
9	up out of bed if he's not able to do that.
10	So that needs to be available on bad days,
11	or having a lot of pain, or not as functional, or if
12	he's had surgery as well.
13	Q. And to be able to use a Hoyer lift, does
14	that also require modifications to the home to be
15	able to access that?
16	A. Maybe.
17	I actually didn't go into his house, but it
18	will fit in most rooms.
19	Q. And you say that needs to be replaced every
20	five years, so that is a \$5,000 cost initially, and
21	then the second one for \$10,000 cost over a ten-year
22	period.
23	The last item you have under accessories is
24	a van conversion, you have that as a one-time
25	conversion listed at \$112,000.

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Α. So again, the whole plan and the whole idea for getting anybody that had a devastating injury, to get them involved with the community and make them feel they are part of the community and part of socialization, if you sit around at home all day, one, it's not fun, makes you miserable, so you try to get this person to go out and integrate with society, and if he's going to use an electric wheelchair, it will be the majority of his long-term use to the community, like a mall or something like that, you got be able to get that chair to the place, and so the van is equipped so that it can fit the electric wheelchair either into the driver's space, which probably won't happen, but at least into the van where it can be stored and go places.

- Q. And this would allow him to drive on his own and be able to access the chair from inside the van, and be able to go about life?
 - A. Right.

And don't forget, the chair is not going to miraculously get into the van, it has to have a lift, which is an expensive component to get into the van.

Q. And that is \$112,000 for a total on home

1	furnishings and accessories of \$213,000 over a
2	ten-year period, is that correct?
3	A. Correct.
4	Q. Now, let's go next to the home, assistive
5	care.
6	I think in your deposition you said his
7	wife, Mrs. Moore, spends approximately six hours a
8	day attending or assisting him, is that correct?
9	A. Right.
LO	I think last time I discussed that an
L1	individual would need at least two hours in the
L2	morning, two hours in the evening, and four hours
L3	broken up through the day for meals.
L4	Q. So in reality this is a six-hour day on
L5	24-hour notice, if Mr. Moore's going to need
L6	assistance during the day, if there's nobody else to
L7	care for him, it's Mrs. Moore?
L8	A. That's true, but I think again coming back
L9	to the plan, you got to be realistic. I want him to
20	do stuff for himself too. He's just not an invalid
21	where he can't do anything, so I think you become
22	much better as a person if you are able to fend for
23	yourself and not rely on anybody for 24 hours, that's
24	why the plan doesn't include 24 hours.

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Q. You have home health aid. You have a cost

- 1 of \$18 per hour, that is over a ten-year period, correct, not any inflation over the ten years, it's 2 3 an \$18 an hour fee, correct? Actually, when I did his plan back in the 4 Α. 5 middle of last year, it was 18, but my current plans 6 are up to 25 now per hour. 7 But for this plan we're talking about is Ο. 8 \$18 an hour? 9 Α. Correct. 10 And you have it for eight hours a day for Q. 11 ten years, correct? 12 Α. Correct. 13 And that is a annual cost of \$52,560, and Ο. that is for the ten-year period whether he's going to 14 15 need more care as he gets older or not, that is what 16 you are projecting for this lifecare plan, is that 17 correct?
- 18 A. Yes.
- Q. And that is a total of \$525,600 for the entire ten-year period, is that right?
- 21 A. Right.
- Q. And then you have housekeeping again for ten years, and a weekly cost of \$80, correct?
- 24 A. Correct.
- Q. How did you make that determination?

1	A. Well, his wife is doing the housekeeping at
2	this point, he's helping, but when you formulate a
3	plan, you have to monetize that individual, whether
4	it's family or not, you can't rely on the family and
5	can't rely on the fact she will be there for him the
6	time he's there, so you have to pay somebody, and so
7	that is where the plan is, the home health aid will
8	be focused on him, so there's really no time to make
9	sure the house or laundry and everything else is
10	done, it has to be done by somebody else, that is why
11	there is a housekeeping component.
12	Q. And you factor that into \$4,106 per year
13	for a ten-year period for \$41,600, correct?
14	A. Correct.

- Q. You have a total under the home assistive care of \$567,200?
- A. Correct.

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- Q. So to total projected cost as we seen before, and that is some \$2,021,766, and that is over a ten-year period, correct?
- A. Correct.
- Q. So it works out to about \$200,000 a year?
- A. Correct.
 - Q. Based upon your experience and expertise in this field, your evaluation of Mr. Moore, does that

1	appear to be a reasonable lifecare plan?
2	A. Yes.
3	MR. P. HYMANSON: Dr. Fish, thank you.
4	I have no further questions.
5	MR. ARNTZ: Hold on.
6	MR. P. HYMANSON: Court's indulgence, Your
7	Honor?
8	THE COURT: That's fine.
9	BY MR. P. HYMANSON:
10	Q. Dr. Fish, are your opinions to a reasonable
11	degree of medical certainty?
12	A. Yes.
13	MR. P. HYMANSON: Now I say thank you.
14	And I'll past the witness.
15	THE COURT: Thank you.
16	We're going to take our brief recess before
17	we resume with cross-examination to address one
18	outstanding issue the Court has with counsel that we
19	wanted to do after the direct examination of Dr.
20	Fish.
21	We're going to take a brief recess, no more
22	than five minutes at this point.
23	(Jury admonished by the Court.)
24	THE COURT: We'll bring you right back in
25	as soon as we can.

1	(Jury excused from the courtroom.)
2	(Thereupon, the following proceedings were
3	had out of the presence of the jury.):
4	THE COURT: Dr. Fish, could I have you go
5	back and wait in one of the ante-rooms?
6	I would appreciate that.
7	It just didn't make sense to take the full
8	morning break right now because that went fairly
9	quickly.
10	I don't know how long it will take, butI
11	thought we would take a larger break between his
12	testimony and you calling Dr. Lasry, or whoever the
13	next witness is.
14	So I think I'm going to turn to Mr. Weaver.
15	Do you need to get something out of your
16	bag?
17	MR. WEAVER: No.
18	Thank you.
19	THE COURT: You were the one who made this
20	issue as a concern, a motion basically to ask the
21	Court to allow for there to be essentially what would
22	be an exception to what the current status of the law
23	is in Nevada about being able to inquire as to
24	Medicare coverage of items, and your argument was
25	based at that time primarily on opening statements,

indicating there were things the Plaintiff could not pay for and references specifically to wheelchairs and other things you knew Medicare would pay for, and that you felt that opened the door, and there was a concern that in fairness you should be allowed to have that inquiry.

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We already laid a foundation a little bit for what the law is, but just to re-orient of course as a general rule collateral source, it cannot come in, in the area of medical malpractice that is not generally applicable, but when it comes to federal government substance abuse, whatever you want to call it, it is still applicable because the statute that makes collateral source not applicable in medical malpractice cases also requires a component the Plaintiff not be able to be asked to repay those benefits, and that cannot be done when it comes to Medicare and Medicaid.

So we talked a little bit about that, but we deferred making a decision on that until we heard some of the testimony of Dr. Fish and how Plaintiffs elicited that testimony, focusing specifically on for instance he talked about the manual wheelchair and electric wheelchair, talked about a plan.

I'm not certainly as well-versed as you

Τ	would be in what is covered by Medicare and what is
2	not.
3	So now we had that sufficient testimony,
4	anything else you would like to add to your argument?
5	MR. WEAVER: I think the Court said it very
6	succinctly.
7	I think the only thing I would add is, we
8	now have confirmation of Dr. Fish on Friday said
9	there was some things, quote, unquote, couldn't get
10	meaning Mr. Moore, which implies he couldn't get
11	them not because physicians haven't ordered them,
12	which his testimony in his deposition was there was
13	nothing he couldn't get that was medically-indicated,
14	physicians couldn't order, they just had not.
15	So in addition to the door being opened in
16	Mr. Arntz's opening statement to the jury that there
17	were things he couldn't afford, Dr. Fish I think
18	implicitly confirmed that by saying on Friday there
19	were things, quote, unquote, he couldn't get.
20	So what is the jury is going to conclude is
21	that likely is from the opening statement, where he
22	can't get, or couldn't get likely, is due to what he
23	can't afford.
24	So I think the door is open on the issue of
25	establishing through Dr. Fish what Medicare would have

for and what Medicare wouldn't pay for.

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Dr. Fish can certainly say that Medicare wouldn't pay for all of it, which might be true, or Medicare would only pay for a portion of it, which might be true, and Dr. Fish has every right to say what that amount is or what it is he claims in his deposition. He knows inside and out what Nevada prices are.

So that is why I put it in the report.

So I think he's able to address all of that fairly and too if Medicare is paying, how much of it, and how much Mr. Moore might have personal responsibility for.

THE COURT: But it's the whole purpose of collateral source is -- in this case would be applicable, you're asking for an exception to that. It's the whole purpose of that is to not inquire, not allow the jurors to be able to sort of offset recovery to a Plaintiff because they might be able to get these things paid by insurance or other collateral sources.

I'm struggling to understand why that should be allowed here because it seems to be the exact opposite of the purpose of why we have the rule to begin with.

1	And I have a second component to that sort
2	of question, but let me let you reply to that.
3	MR. WEAVER: I think that is a fair
4	concern.
5	But the concern no longer exists when
б	Plaintiff opens the door.
7	I mean, it's a policy reason that we can't
8	as a general proposition introduce Medicare.
9	It's a policy reason that Plaintiff's can't
10	refer to whether Nurse Practitioner Bartmus and Dr.
11	Lasry have professional liability coverage, but again
12	if I were to have stood up here and said to the jury,
13	don't award any money to Plaintiff because Miss
14	Bartmus is going to lose her home and her car, Mr.
15	Arntz would have been up here saying, I opened the
16	door on an issue that is otherwise precluded from
17	bringing up.
18	For one thing The second thing is, that
19	we have testimony from Dr. Fish already that Mr.
20	Moore could have done this to give any impression to
21	the jury he can't have these things because he can't
22	afford it is a fraud on the jury.
23	Now I'm not saying that Mr. Moore doesn't
24	have these things because what they didn't want to do

is have him have them, and then not be able to have

1	them in the lifecare plan, but I don't think it's
2	fair for the jury to think the reason he hasn't
3	gotten any of these medically-indicated things that
4	Dr. Fish says he could have gotten over the last
5	three years is because he hasn't been able to afford
6	them.
7	I don't know what the answer is quite
8	frankly as to why Mr. Moore hasn't talked to his
9	health care providers about not getting them, or
10	whether he has, and they just decided they aren't
11	medically-indicated.
12	I don't know why Dr. Fish hasn't talked
13	with his medical providers, or ordered them himself
14	quite frankly, but the fact we're here three years
15	after this incident, and Dr. Fish is saying all of
16	these things are medically-indicated today as they
17	were the day of the amputation, at least most of
18	them, and he doesn't have them, it gives the jury the
19	impression not because physicians don't think he
20	needs them, but because he can't afford them.
21	I just think it's a fraud on the jury to
22	believe that may be the case.
23	THE COURT: Okay.

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That segways into my second question then,

1	Generally can you concede the point there
2	certainly are components of the lifecare plan of Dr.
3	Fish that are not covered by Medicare/Medicaid?
4	MR. WEAVER: Yes.
5	THE COURT: And/or things he would have to
6	come out of pocket for?
7	MR. WEAVER: You bet.
8	THE COURT: The main thing stood out to me
9	is an in-home caregiver.
10	MR. WEAVER: You bet.
11	THE COURT: So there are things.
12	MR. WEAVER: Big ticket things, so that is
13	a very expensive thing.
14	The renovations of the home I would
15	certainly agree with, but there are also very
16	significant things aren't covered, and that's my
17	bigger concern.
18	So there's no doubt, Your Honor, there are
19	parts of the lifecare plan that would not be covered
20	by Medicare, and we wouldn't claim they are, but
21	there are also other big ticket items that would be,
22	and just for example for Dr. Fish to testify as he
23	has there are basic safety items that Mr. Moore needs
24	getting in and out of the shower, the commode, some
25	of the things he testified are safety issues, it's

1	not fair for the jury to think that perhaps Mr. Moore
2	doesn't have basic safety issues because he can't
3	afford it.
4	All of those things, the additional medical
5	equipment, or the vast majority of the durable
6	equipment, Dr. Fish indicated they are medically
7	necessary. Dr. Fish would also have to agree they
8	could be covered under Medicare.
9	It's not only the he can't afford it.
10	The jurors are left to believe every day
11	Mr. Moore is in danger because he doesn't have basic
12	safety items, and those basic safety items are things
13	Medicare would cover if his doctor prescribed them.
14	THE COURT: Can't you just inquire of Mr.
15	Moore about that?
16	MR. WEAVER: I would love to, but we're not
17	there yet.
18	THE COURT: Who wants to respond on behalf
19	of the Plaintiff?
20	Mr. McBride.
21	MR. MC BRIDE: I'm joining in the
22	arguments.
23	THE COURT: No additional arguments to
24	make?
25	MR. MC BRIDE: I'm fine.

1	THE COURT: Mr. Hymanson.
2	MR. P. HYMANSON: To allow this discussion
3	on Medicare at the very least is error.
4	To rule against Medicare, and to allow
5	counsel to infer Medicare or any other insurance is a
6	mistrial.
7	In the decades I've spent on that side of
8	the aisle I've never heard of an argument where you
9	can piecemeal.
10	The door hasn't been open.
11	They can certainly do some
12	cross-examination. They can ask some questions, but
13	the door has not been opened, and you can't
14	THE COURT: Can we just nail that down?
15	When we were here before, I know you talked
16	about the potential for the error to be made. I made
17	them before, and probably will make them again. I am
18	trying not to make them, and I'd understand your
19	experience from the other side of the table has been
20	really different, but I want to hone in on this.
21	The argument was made two-fold, essentially
22	I don't know what is coming out in the testimony, but
23	that opening statements made, the argument he does
24	not have essential items for his lifecare and safety,

and he has to have, which he doesn't have now, and he

can't afford it, and it appears there are ample
things he could already have acquired, and/or would
be paid for by other insurers.
I get that is collateral source, but it's a
fine line to walk, isn't it, to indicate that as if
there's nothing that he can get until he gets a jury
verdict, that's the difficulty we have here.
So we have to hone in.
You started earlier in the argument, you
talked about like, look here, we're talking about a
wheelchair of course isn't covered or other things.
I'm thinking this argument here is better
suited to be more specific than the view of potential
error.
MR. P. HYMANSON: I think Mr. Arntz not
only did the opening statement, but he also reviewed
the opening statement, and I don't think the
representations made by opposing counsel is accurate,
and Mr. Arntz, if you want to make a record on it
THE COURT: I did take a look at the
opening statements because we have them as a Court
exhibit, and Court Exhibit Number 2 is Plaintiff's
or sorry, Courts Exhibit Number 3 I'm looking at a
stamp on number 3 says, Court's Exhibit 3, and it

appears to be the Moore's.

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1	MR. MC BRIDE: No, that is actually
2	Defendants.
3	THE COURT: I'm sorry.
4	I think I just read them in a different
5	order.
6	Which one is Plaintiff's, 2?
7	MR. ARNTZ: Are you asking for the actual
8	transcripts, or Power Point?
9	MR. MC BRIDE: The Power Point.
10	THE COURT: The Power Point, I looked at
11	them because I was trying to go back and remember,
12	but so Plaintiff, they didn't go in order which they
13	were provided, it just got logged in, but Court's
14	Exhibit 4, I got it.
15	So your opening with what went into the
16	Power Point was not your argument, it was more your
17	demonstrative, as I recall.
18	Go ahead.
19	MR. ARNTZ: I made one statement about
20	something he couldn't afford, and was very specific
21	to a specific wheelchair not covered by Medicare.
22	THE COURT: Do we have that?
23	We have dailies.
24	Does somebody have that for me?
25	MR. WEAVER: I did have it the other day.

1	I'm sorry, Your Honor.
2	THE COURT: If you have it, great.
3	If you don't, you don't.
4	MR. WEAVER: I agree that
5	THE COURT: When he said he can't afford
б	it, he was specific to just one thing.
7	MR. WEAVER: He said wheelchair, so I would
8	agree he used examples, as opposed to saying
9	everything he needs he can't get.
10	THE COURT: Okay.
11	MR. ARNTZ: This is based on my own
12	conversation with Mr. Moore where he explained to me
13	the problem with the wheelchair Medicare would give
14	him is not feasible for Mrs. Moore to be maneuvering
15	him with that wheelchair, so that if it's true that
16	this particular wheelchair is something that they
17	can't afford right now, and Medicare doesn't cover
18	it, you can't then extrapolate that into saying the
19	door's been wide open to all Medicare issues, because
20	I wasn't talking about something covered by Medicare.
21	THE COURT: I don't have the dailies, but
22	you all do.
23	So any final argument from the Plaintiffs?
24	MR. P. HYMANSON: Very briefly, Your Honor.
25	If and when these issues have ever come up,

1	I always make as part of the record, the McCrosky
2	law, 133 Nevada 930 from 2017 where the Court held,
3	absent application of NRS 42.021 the federal
4	collateral source payments we revert to the per se
5	rule in Nevada the collateral source payments may not
6	be admitted into evidence. See Proctor 112 Nevada.
7	Thus, on remand CTRMC may not introduce
8	evidence of Medicaid payments made on behalf
9	THE COURT: I got it right there.
10	THE COURT: That is other aspects.
11	MR. P. HYMANSON: That's why when we get
12	into area like this, Your Honor, without the
13	collateral source rule being done properly, we get
14	the opportunity to come back and try it a second
15	time.
16	THE COURT: Thank you.
17	MR. WEAVER: You know, I'm not going to say
18	the same type of things, if the Court's wrong on
19	this, it would be an appellate issue.
20	Here's our position on this, but here's the
21	point on this, we don't dispute McCrosky.
22	McCrosky is the law.
23	What we dispute is whether in this instance
24	McCrosky is applied.
25	If all there were as an issue today is do

1	we introduce to the jury Mr. Moore's past medical
2	specials paid by Medicare, or arguing about future
3	Medicare payments, that would be a different story,
4	that would be McCrosky.
5	That is not what we're talking about.
6	What we're talking about is the case law I
7	cited to the Court, which I think is crystal clear,
8	when a subject matter is introduced or opened in
9	opening statement, not just in general, but in
10	opening statement, the subject matter becomes fair
11	game.
12	Why is that?
13	Because you are not allowed to use a policy
14	argument as a sword and a shield.
15	You are not allowed to infer to the jury an
16	example that wasn't well, the jury wasn't told the
17	only thing you are going to here from Dr. Fish is
18	about a wheelchair that he can't afford.
19	What the beginning of that paragraph was,
20	was Dr. Fish is going to talk about 2 million dollars
21	in future medical needs, and how Mr. and Mrs. Moore
22	need them, and then comes up the wheelchair, which is
23	the impression to the jury here's an example out of
24	this 2 million dollar plan, that is just an example.

The inference or implication being all of

this other stuff they can't afford either, that's
where the issue is different than McCrosky.

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law is, don't introduce Medicare, but because you can't introduce Medicare, we can still say anything we want you.

Again, I agree that it was an example or two that was used, but that is not the issue.

The example was just that, an example that implied or inferred that there was a whole lot more, and it's the subject matter that opens the door, it's not a specific example.

Again, it would be the same thing as if we brought up the jury shouldn't find in favor of Plaintiffs because Miss Bartmus is going to have to sell her car, and then I say, well, I only said car, I didn't say her house.

THE COURT: Okay.

I think you're both correct obviously, and the law implies in the circumstances generally, yes, when a door's open, there are circumstances where in fairness things should be able to be explored, you know we must allow that, but I think Plaintiff is right that we do have to look at McCrosky, and I do think it applies in this scenario because what I

don't perceive is that the opening statement or the lifecare plan of Dr. Fish truly opened the door to this inquiry.

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I know you used that example multiple times. I don't know what the impact will be if this is an unfavorable verdict to Nurse Practitioner

Bartmus or Dr. Lastly, and that is not something coming into the trial, but I think we're comparing apples to not apples at this point because it's a different situation to a Plaintiff who's going to be asking the jury for a particular verdict and trying to show the jury what that is based on and going through items by items that is a natural expectation, and that is necessary, and the reality is that whether some of those things are covered or not is collateral source and doesn't come in.

It's not the same thing as asking that you have to do this because of sympathy, for there might be an inability to pay here, or might be a harm there if there's a large verdict. It's not the point.

The point really is, it's a collateral source, and just is.

I don't believe the door is open to make an exception to collateral source.

This is Medicare.

Granted McCrosky was Medicaid, but same
concept, which is Medicare cannot be precluded from
coming back recovering these expenses from the
Plaintiff, and therefore it's collateral source
because it's not a certain fee, they would just get
it and wouldn't have to necessarily repay it, and
ultimately there might by coverage, might not be
coverage, they might have to reimburse.

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At the end of the day the general concept and the specific application of collateral source in medicals is limited to federal subsidies still applies in this case.

I see no basis to indicate that a general opening the door because an argument is being made there are some things haven't been paid for that he can't afford because that is surely true, and even though certain examples were given that may or may not have been covered by Medicare, it's just not enough, there wasn't enough in the opening statement to open the door and to overcome what is otherwise a very thorough and well thought through by the Appellate Court basis upon which we would consider these types of payments collateral source.

So I appreciate the argument.

I think you have a right to make it, but

1	ultimately at the end of the day I think it would be
2	an error truly on my part to allow Dr. Fisg to refer
3	to what is covered my Medicare and what is not.
4	You will still have the opportunity to find
5	out what has been obtained at this point and what
6	hasn't, and why, but to get into a line item of this
7	is covered by Medicare, this isn't, it's not
8	appropriate under the circumstances.
9	Generally, again I don't sit here making my
10	rules because of what I think the Appellate Court
11	will do, I gave up a long time ago guessing what that
12	would be, I just try to make the best call, and I
13	think under this circumstances you do have enough
14	information in the opening or from testimony of Dr.
15	Fish would implicate an exception to or a
16	non-application of collateral source under the
17	circumstances.
18	MR. WEAVER: Thank you, Your Honor.
19	THE COURT: Thank you for the time.
20	That did take a few minutes.
21	(Thereupon, a discussion was had off the
22	record.)
23	(Thereupon, a recess was had.)
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1	(Thereupon, the following proceedings were
2	had out of the presence of the jury.):
3	THE COURT: All right.
4	Anything else before we bring the jurors
5	back?
6	(Thereupon, a discussion was had off the
7	record.)
8	THE COURT: All right.
9	(Thereupon, the following proceedings were
10	had in open court and in the presence of the jury.):
11	THE COURT: Before we resume with the
12	questions by counsel, Dr. Fish, can you please tell
13	us for the record you understand you're still under
14	oath?
15	THE WITNESS: Yes.
16	THE COURT: Thank you.
17	Mr. Weaver.
18	MR. WEAVER: Thank you, Your Honor.
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20	CROSS-EXAMINATION OF DR. DAVID FISH
21	BY MR. WEAVER:
22	Q. Good afternoon, Dr. Fish.
23	Welcome back to Las Vegas.
24	A. Thank you.
25	Q. I took your deposition a few months ago,

1	correct?
2	A. Correct.
3	Q. And none of your opinions in this case have
4	changed, correct?
5	A. I don't think so.
6	Q. None of the factual basis of your opinions
7	changed, correct?
8	A. No.
9	Q. And none of your opinions have changed
10	since Friday, correct?
11	A. No.
12	Q. And none of the factual bases for your
13	opinions have changed since Friday, correct?
14	A. Correct.
15	Q. Could you go to the board for a moment,
16	please?
17	A. I'd be happy to.
18	Q. Dr. Fish, very briefly, you told us on
19	Friday about the challenges with somebody who has a
20	below knee amputation, above the knee amputation, and
21	I think you told the jury that typically people with
22	amputations up to the level of the hip have the most
23	difficulty, is that correct?
24	A. Correct.
25	Q. Why is that?

1	A. Well, there's a lot more energy required
2	when you are missing the entire leg. The more leg
3	you have, the less energy requirements to do your
4	daily activities.
5	Q. And could you just very briefly, then I'll
6	let you get back to your post, could you show us
7	where the amputation typically is when it's at the
8	hip?
9	A. The hip disarticulation?
LO	Q. Yes, sir.
L1	A. Well, can I draw a different image?
L2	Q. Sure.
L3	A. You have your pelvis, and then you have
L4	what is called the acetabulum, which is where the
L5	socket of the hip is, and this is your femur.
L6	Typically it depends on what happens, but
L7	multiple type of cancers of the pelvis you remove the
L8	pelvis at this point here, that is considered a hip
L9	replacement.
20	You can try to do You can do an
21	interarticular removal of the hip, but that still
22	leaves the joint space here, and then you have to
23	fuse it.
24	So most of the time you are just taking the

entire hip out at this point here.

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1	Q. Thank you.
2	That's all I have on that.
3	Thank you.
4	Dr. Fish, in your deposition that I took a
5	few months ago do you recall me asking you if there
6	was any additional work you needed to do on this
7	case?
8	A. Yes, I believe you did ask me that
9	question.
10	Q. Your answer was, your opinions were
11	trial-ready, correct?
12	A. Correct.
13	Q. And you haven't been asked to do any
14	additional work on this case since your opinions were
15	trial-ready a few months ago, correct?
16	A. Well, I looked at some other documents, but
17	didn't change my opinions.
18	Q. Okay.
19	Well, when I took your deposition, we went
20	through all of the documents that you said you needed
21	in order to have trial-ready opinions, correct?
22	A. Correct.
23	Q. And those documents that you reviewed at
24	that time were the St. Rose Hospital records related
25	Mr. Moore's amputation, correct?

1	A. Correct.
2	Q. And the records that you reviewed at that
3	time related to his prosthetics, correct?
4	A. Correct.
5	Q. Those are the only medical records that you
6	reviewed at that time, which you prepared your
7	opinions to which you're testifying to today,
8	correct?
9	A. Medical records, yes.
10	Q. All right.
11	And you told Mr. Hymanson on Friday that in
12	preparation for providing trial testimony you
13	reviewed all relevant records, correct, meaning those
14	ones?
15	A. Correct.
16	Q. And since that time you have not reviewed
17	any depositions, correct, other than the ones you
18	identified in your report, which were Mr. and Mrs.
19	Moore, correct?
20	A. That's correct.
21	Q. And since that time you didn't have any
22	since October when I took your deposition, you
23	haven't had any follow-up communications with Mr. or
24	Mrs. Moore, correct?

A. Correct.

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1	Q. And you haven't relied on any oral
2	representations of Mr. and Mrs. Moore's counsel,
3	correct?
4	A. Correct.
5	Q. And you haven't examined Mr. Moore again,
6	correct?
7	A. That's correct.
8	Q. And you never talked to any of the health
9	care providers, correct?
10	A. Yes, I've not.
11	Correct.
12	Q. And am I correct that you haven't made any
13	changes to your lifecare plan that was made back in
14	July?
15	A. Just the one we talked about with the
16	walker being duplicated.
17	Q. Well, you you haven't made that change,
18	correct?
19	A. Well, I did in the deposition, but I didn't
20	do a formalized change on the actual report.
21	Q. So just so I'm clear on this, when I took
22	your deposition, there were a number of things in
23	your report that were inaccurate, correct?
24	MR. P. HYMANSON: Objection, Your Honor.
25	THE COURT: Restate it.

1	MR. WEAVER: Sure.
2	BY MR. WEAVER:
3	Q. Do you agree with me or let me ask you,
4	were there a number of things when I took your
5	deposition that you agreed were inaccurate in your
6	report?
7	A. I believe we went over a few things, that's
8	correct.
9	Q. So one of them had to do with the walker,
10	correct?
11	A. That
12	Q. Another thing had to do with you said Mr.
13	Moore should get crutches, and then we talked about
14	Dr. Jansen saying the crutches would be good for him,
15	and then you decided he shouldn't have crutches after
16	all, correct?
17	A. I think that's correct.
18	Q. And then the third thing was a big ticket
19	item that was tens of thousands of dollars, where in
20	your report you talked about something Mr. Moore
21	should have for five to 15 years, even though he's
22	only going to live ten years, correct?
23	A. Right, I think we talked about that in my
24	on Friday.
25	Q. We also talked about it in your deposition,

1	right?
2	A. That's correct.
3	Q. So even though we talked about all of those
4	things in your deposition, that were errors, and it
5	made a substantial difference in the cost of your
6	lifecare plan, you have never changed and corrected
7	your lifecare plan to reflect the new correct
8	amounts, right?
9	A. No, I would disagree.
10	It's not a substantial amount difference,
11	just an error in terms of the years we talked about,
12	and I think the walker was \$900, that is not
13	substantial.
14	Q. It may not be substantial if you are not
15	paying for it, right?
16	Is it your opinion that it should just be
17	not worth your time to correct your report from three
18	months ago that you got paid \$3,000 to do, and I paid
19	you thousands of dollars in your deposition, it's not
20	worth your time to correct the report?
21	MR. P. HYMANSON: Your Honor, may we
22	approach?
23	THE COURT: Yes.
24	(Thereupon, a discussion was had between
25	Court and counsel at sidehar)

1	THE COURT: Thank you.
2	The objection is overruled, but go ahead,
3	proceed.
4	MR. WEAVER: Thank you, Your Honor.
5	BY MR. WEAVER:
6	Q. Just in case I wasn't clear, you have
7	corrected today and Friday errors in your report that
8	were already corrected in your deposition, right?
9	A. Yeah, that's correct.
10	Q. What you haven't done since I took your
11	deposition a few months ago when we talked about all
12	those errors is to make those corrections into your
13	report, correct?
14	A. That's correct.
15	Q. So one of those things is crutches, right?
16	A. Correct.
17	Q. One of those things was a walker, correct?
18	A. Correct.
19	Q. And then one of those things and we'll
20	get to it, I just don't remember it off the top of my
21	head had to do with whatever medical services he
22	would need for up to 15 years, I think it was
23	injections twice a year for ten years, but you had to
24	15 years, correct?
25	A. It was five to 15 years, and it was a

1	ten-year block. It just wasn't written correctly in
2	terms of zero to ten it was five to 15.
3	Excuse me.
4	Q. So
5	A. I didn't feel that was a substantive enough
6	change would make a difference.
7	It didn't make a difference in the cost, it
8	was an error on my part in terms of what the years
9	were, and I didn't feel that really changed anything,
10	wasn't substantive, and that's why I didn't take the
11	effort to change it appropriately.
12	I discussed it
13	Q. When we talked on Friday, there was
14	discussion about there was going to be corrections to
15	the numbers, correct?
16	A. Just the years, from five to 15 should have
17	been zero to ten.
18	Q. Are you saying that just the years were
19	what was wrong, because they weren't taken out of
20	some other template or something, but the actual
21	calculation of the dollar amounts was correct?
22	A. The dollar amounts were correct.
23	Q. All right.
24	So if those corrections were to have been
25	made, your lifecare plan is accurate, is that fair?

1	A. That's correct.
2	Q. And you indicated in response to some of
3	Mr. Hymanson's questions about the lifecare plan, you
4	also put this in your report is a dynamic document,
5	is that correct?
6	A. That
7	Q. So it could change from back in July when
8	you created it, to October when I took your
9	deposition, to now three months later when you are
10	here in trial, if there were any corrections that
11	needed to be made to the lifecare plan, or any
12	additions or deletions could have been made, right?
13	A. They could.
14	Q. And you haven't made any, is that right?
15	A. I didn't feel the need to do any, but I
16	haven't made any.
17	Q. And if you felt you needed to be done, you
18	could have, is that right?
19	A. Yes.
20	Q. And just to be clear about this, is there
21	even one opinion in your deposition that you would
22	correct, or rethink?

Such as?

I don't know.

I'm just asking you.

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1	A. I don't know.
2	We can talk about it if there was
3	something.
4	Q. Did you prepare You reviewed your
5	deposition it sounded like to prepare for today,
6	correct?
7	A. I did.
8	Q. Remember in your deposition you held the
9	opinion that the Defense expert, Dr. Jansen, had
10	or does not have insight into amputees, and he's
11	insulting to amputees because he used the term stump,
12	instead of residual limb, correct?
13	A. I did say that.
14	Q. And you still are as firm in that opinion
15	as you were a few months ago, is that fair?
16	A. Yes.
17	Q. And you also testified in your deposition
18	that any place in any literature that anybody uses
19	that term they are as equally insulting and equally
20	lacking in insight as Dr. Jansen who used it,
21	correct?
22	A. I would agree.
23	Q. And you still hold that opinion, correct?
24	A. Yes.
25	Q. And would you hold that opinion even if

1	it's in literature say from UCLA?
2	A. I would think UCLA is using it wrong, and
3	dit's insulting.
4	Q. And if there's Defense expert Dr. Wilson,
5	been a vascular surgeon for decades, were to say that
6	it's commonly used, you would say he and any of his
7	colleagues who use it also are insulting and lacking
8	in insight, correct?
9	A. In what?
10	Q. The term of stump, instead of residual
11	limb?
12	A. Yeah, I believe that is insulting to any
13	individual.
14	Q. Okay.
15	And if any MVA facilities, or any
16	Department Of Defense medical facilities, or anybody
17	working in them, referred to an amputation like Mr.
18	Moore's left above the knee residual being a stump,
19	you would say that is equally insulting, correct?
20	A. It is insulting.
21	Q. And lacking in insight with regard to
22	amputees, correct?
23	A. That's true.
24	Q. Okay.
25	You talked about your experience with

1	prices in Nevada, is that correct?
2	A. Yes.
3	Q. So all of the pricing that you have is
4	specific to Nevada, is that correct?
5	A. That's correct.
6	Q. Is there anything in any of your pricing
7	for any items that would be different if you were
8	retained by the Defense, as opposed to the
9	Plaintiffs?
10	A. No.
11	Q. It's exactly the same?
12	A. Correct.
13	Q. So if Mr. McBride or I had retained you to
14	do the lifecare plan, it would be exactly the same as
15	it is for Mr. Arntz, is that correct?
16	A. That's correct.
17	Q. Can you think of anything at all would be
18	different if the Defense retained you, versus if the
19	Plaintiffs have retained you?
20	A. No.
21	Q. So nothing that you would put in a Defense
22	lifecare plan would be any different or any less, is
23	that correct?
24	A. The plan is based on an amputee. Not much
25	you can change because those are the things amputees

1	need, so if I was hired by the Defense, I would say
2	this is what the person needs, it wouldn't be a
3	change.
4	Q. So if I were to review any deposition
5	Have you testified in Nevada cases before on behalf
6	of the Defense?
7	A. I have.
8	Q. So for example when it comes to the home
9	health aid, would I find in your deposition that the
10	pricing was the same?
11	A. The pricing would be the same.
12	Q. Could you think of any reason that might
13	not be the same?
14	A. No.
15	Q. We'll get into your report in a minute.
16	Just a couple more questions.
17	In your CV that you talked to Mr. Hymanson
18	about I did computer word search of your CV. I
19	didn't see the word amputation or amputee come up
20	even once in your CV.
21	Does that surprise you?
22	A. No.
23	Q. Why not?
24	A. Most of my research is spine.
25	I have experience with amputees, and I work

1	with them.
2	I haven't done research or talks on
3	specifically those topics, but if anything would be a
4	phantom pain, so I don't know if you did a search on
5	phantom limb pain or spinal cord stimulators, that
6	might show up.
7	Q. You never authored anything specific to
8	amputees or amputations, is that fair?
9	A. I would agree with that.
10	Q. You told Mr. Hymanson that you interviewed
11	Mrs. Moore, correct?
12	A. I didn't really interview her.
13	She was in the room.
14	Q. Are you saying you didn't use the term on
15	Friday you interviewed her?
16	A. I might have, but I didn't do a formal
17	interview.
18	She was in the room, so I asked her some
19	questions, but I don't think I did a formal
20	interview.
21	Q. She was in the room when?
22	A. When Mr. Moore was there.
23	Q. Do you remember I specifically asked you in
24	your deposition if you talked to Mrs. Moore, and you
25	said no and not only do or did you believe at

1	the time you didn't talk to her, but it was your
2	custom to not have a family member in the room?
3	A. Yeah, that's true, but I think I may have
4	said a couple things to her or talked to her, and I
5	think in the deposition she may not have been in the
6	room the entire time.
7	Q. What you told Mr. Hymanson in response to
8	one of his questions he asked you why you talked to
9	Mrs. Moore, and you said it was important to talk to
LO	her, correct?
L1	A. That's true.
L2	Q. But when I asked you in your deposition if
L3	you talked to her, you said, no.
L4	So did you talk to her, or did you not?
L5	A. I'm sure I did because she was there, but I
L6	don't know what the exact question was. It might
L7	have been a different context, I don't know.
L8	Q. Well, the context, it's I simply asked you
L9	whether or not in the context of you saying there
20	needed to be eight hours of care a day, did you talk
21	to Mrs. Moore, and you said, no.
22	A. Then I must have misspoken.
23	I don't know.
24	Q. Is there any reason we can't rely on what
25	vou said in vour deposition?

1	A. Rely for what?
2	Q. Rely on what you said in your deposition,
3	you didn't talk to Ms. Moore, any reason we can't
4	believe you were telling the truth?
5	A. No.
6	Q. Okay.
7	You didn't correct make any corrections
8	in your deposition after you had time to think about
9	it and reflect on it, correct?
10	A. That's true.
11	Q. And in your report you indicated it was a
12	thorough report, it doesn't give any indication you
13	talked to Ms. Moore, correct?
14	A. I believe that would be correct.
15	Q. So just on the point of primarily the eight
16	hours a day, is that to help Mr. Moore, or is that to
17	help Ms. Moore, or to help both of them?
18	A. No, only to help Mr. Moore.
19	Q. So Let me back up for a second.
20	You recall that in your report didn't you
21	say that Mrs. Moore was providing six hours of help a
22	day?
23	A. Correct.
24	Q. Did Mr. Moore tell you something that lead
25	you to believe, even though he told you it was

1 referencing six hours a day, you needed to add in two 2 more hours? 3 I would think people underestimate, and so Α. I based it on my experience, that's why I came up 4 5 with the eight hours. 6 Why not just rely on what Mr. Moore said, O. 7 as opposed to just adding in stuff? Because it's my experience, training, 9 education, and I take into consideration what they 10 are saying, but I also know the reality of a lot of 11 things, and people may be very stoic, don't realize 12 it, so based on my experience with individuals like 13 Mr. Moore eight hours a day is the average time that 14 they need help. 15 So was Mr. Moore in your discussion with Ο. 16 him, was he as forthcoming in everything as he could 17 be as far as you were concerned? 18 Α. I hope so. Was there anything you think he wasn't 19 Ο. 20 forthcoming in? 2.1 I don't know. Α. 22 And you met with him for an hour and 15 Ο. 23 minutes, correct? 2.4 Α. Whatever that time was on my chart.

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I don't remember.

1	Q. If your report says, an hour and 15
2	minutes, any reason we can't believe it's true?
3	A. No, if that's what I marked down.
4	Q. So you have testified that Mr. Moore has
5	needed, and will need, two hours of help in the
6	morning getting out of bed?
7	A. Correct.
8	Q. And what do those two hours consist of
9	presently?
LO	A. That would be making sure he gets up,
L1	making sure he takes his medication, making sure he
L2	gets out of bed safely, making sure he can go to the
L3	bathroom, making sure he puts on his clothes, if he's
L4	going to put his prosthesis on, which I would assume
L5	he would, to put that on, do all the care that is
L6	necessary to get it prepared to put it on, and then
L7	get him up and going to the bathroom, making sure
L8	he's safe.
L9	Some people like to take showers in the
20	morning, I don't know if he does it in the morning or
21	evening, I didn't go into that detail.
22	Making sure he's safe in the bathroom,
23	making sure he brushes his teeth and combs his hair,
24	do all the things he needs, and then get ready for

his day.

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1	Q. Have you now told us everything that Mr.
2	Moore needs a home health aid for for two hours in
3	the morning?
4	A. I think that would be the majority of it.
5	Probably little things I might have
6	forgotten, but that seems to encompass most of the
7	things an individual needs.
8	Q. That's what Mr. Moore told you?
9	A. Partly told me.
LO	I don't think he told me everything.
L1	We talked a little bit about what he needed
L2	and what the help he was needing, and how he had
L3	difficulties with the pain in his residual limb, and
L4	so those were things we had in our discussion, and
L5	based on my experience with other individuals like
L6	him these are the things I would recommend for
L7	anybody in this situation.
L8	Q. I'm just talking about all the things Mr.
L9	Moore told you that he needs help with for two hours
20	in the morning.
21	Have you told us all those things?
22	A. I hope so.
23	Q. And then what were the things Mr. Moore
24	told you he needed two hours of help with at night?

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Well, again that is going to be getting

1	ready for bed, getting ready for the bathroom again,
2	getting to bed, going to be removing the clothes,
3	removing the prosthesis, brushing teeth, making sure
4	if he takes a shower at night, because it's been a
5	long day, he's sweaty during the summertime, might
6	get a shower, making sure he's safe, and making sure
7	he's safe in bed, all the things he needs to do, in
8	case he needs something in the middle of the night.
9	Q. You read his deposition, right?
10	A. I did.
11	Q. And he was asked those type of questions,
12	what types of things he needs help with.
13	What did he say?
14	A. I would have to look at the deposition.
15	I don't remember it offhand.
16	Q. Was it even most of the things that you are
17	saying he told you he needs?
18	A. I'd have to see the deposition.
19	MR. P. HYMANSON: Objection, Your Honor.
20	Speculation.
21	THE COURT: Hold on.
22	He answered while you were trying to make
23	objections.
24	Hold on.
25	What was your objection?

1	MR. P. HYMANSON: Speculation for this
2	witness to make a determination on what Mr. Moore may
3	or may not have said.
4	THE COURT: All right.
5	He answered already, but let me overrule
6	and allow you to finish your answer.
7	Do you remember what he said?
8	THE WITNESS: I think I finished.
9	THE COURT: I know, but he didn't get it
10	because he was speaking at the same time he was
11	speaking trying to make his objection.
12	THE WITNESS: I don't remember.
13	I got sidetracked.
14	THE COURT: Ask the question again.
15	BY MR. WEAVER:
16	Q. You reviewed Mr. Moore's deposition,
17	correct?
18	A. I did.
19	Q. Based on what he said in his deposition,
20	are you able to tell us what of those things were
21	articulated in his two hours in the morning he needed
22	help with, and two hours in the evening he needed
23	help with?
24	A. I answered that question.
25	Q. I'm asking based on what he said in his

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- A. I don't remember what his deposition said.

 I would have to see it.
 - Q. Did you review it to prepare for your trial testimony?
 - A. I may have looked at it.
 - I don't recall specifically.
 - Q. And then what about the four hours that he needs help with during the day, he needs a home health aid in his home?
 - A. Well, during the day you want to be as productive as possible, make sure you're safe in the house, also meals prepared, most people eat three meals a day, so making sure you're safe standing in the kitchen, making sure that you're lifting something heavy, that you are not going to compromise yourself, and then if you have hobbies or doing other things, other getting prepared to go out of the house, you got to make sure he's getting in and out of the house and in and out of his car.

The wheelchair, like I said before, the electric one is not going to go into the driver's seat, so making sure that wheelchair is up there and safe too.

Then those are going to take up about four

1	hours of your day.
2	Q. Okay.
3	Have you now told us everything Mr. Moore
4	told you he needs four hours worth of help with in
5	the home in the morning, at night, and every day?
б	A. I hope so.
7	Q. Dr. Fish, why didn't you talk to any of Mr.
8	Moore's health care providers?
9	A. I don't know. That option never came up.
10	There wasn't really a need for it.
11	I don't think it would have changed my
12	opinions, and I wasn't confused about anything based
13	on what I reviewed.
14	Q. So you weren't confused about any of the
15	medical care Mr. Moore was getting?
16	A. No.
17	Well, if I was confused on anything, it was
18	the lack of medical care I felt he needed to maximize
19	his best outcome possible, and so I mean I could call
20	a doctor, say hey, why don't do you do this for that
21	person, but that is not my role.
22	My role was to evaluate him and see what he
23	needed at the time I evaluated him.
24	And I also don't think doctors take too
25	kindly when you tell them, hey listen, you're not

1	doing something appropriately, you're missing
2	something.
3	And I wasn't consulted by doctors to make
4	those opinions either.
5	Q. But you don't even know his doctors were
6	aware of the fact that you made a medical diagnosis
7	of Mr. Moore and told Mr. Moore things he needed,
8	correct?
9	A. All the diagnoses that were made, I didn't
10	make those, those are already made in the records.
11	Q. You testified Go ahead.
12	A. So the care that he had was appropriate.
13	He just needed to be maximized, but I
14	didn't make up any diagnosis, these are all diagnoses
15	in his medical chart.
16	Q. You testified on Friday, Dr. Fish, that
17	when you met with Mr. Moore, you formulated a
18	diagnosis as to what was going on with him, and then
19	formulated a medical plan for his future care?
20	A. That's correct.
21	Q. So you just said a moment ago you didn't
22	make any diagnosis for him.
23	A. I think your question was that I made
24	diagnoses that weren't in the medical record.
25	I didn't make up anything.

1	It was diagnoses that were already there,
2	and I confirmed them.
3	Q. Dr. Fish, so your position is, the
4	diagnosis that you came up with when you examined Mr.
5	Moore were already diagnoses in Mr. Moore's medical
6	records, is that right?
7	A. That's true.
8	Q. What medical records did you review again,
9	where you got those diagnoses?
10	A. The ones talked about St. Rose Hospital and
11	the prosthetic records.
12	Q. The only medical records, Dr. Fish, that
13	you reviewed that had anything to do with any of Mr.
14	Moore's diagnoses when you evaluated him in July were
15	the prosthesis, correct?
16	A. No, I had all the hospital medical records
17	and the care that was done.
18	Q. With all due respect, you didn't.
19	The St. Rose Hospital records related to
20	the amputation. We went over this in your
21	deposition, correct?
22	A. I think so.
23	Q. And you didn't have the Kindred records you
24	identified in your deposition, all the records you
25	had was St. Rose Hospital records and prosthesis

1	records, correct?
2	A. I don't know.
3	Q. We can rely on whatever you said in your
4	deposition, whatever you put in your report, correct?
5	A. You can look at the deposition.
6	MR. WEAVER: Can we publish the doctor's
7	deposition.
8	THE COURT: We got several up here.
9	I want to make sure we have it.
10	All right.
11	BY MR. WEAVER:
12	Q. Dr. Fish, you also have your report?
13	A. In one of these binders, I'm assuming.
14	Q. You wouldn't have come today without
15	bringing your report, would you?
16	A. Those are usually here.
17	Q. But do you have your report with you or
18	not, sir?
19	A. Electronically.
20	MR. WEAVER: May I approach, Your Honor?
21	THE COURT: You may.
22	So there's no confusion, the report,
23	doctor, is not an exhibit typically.
24	It might be present in the courtroom, but
25	it would not be an exhibit.

1	Your testimony is related to that.
2	We do have the deposition published now and
3	ready to go.
4	For the jury's edification, when you say,
5	published, it's coming out of a sealed envelope, so
6	you know what the status it was in when it's
7	finalized.
8	And that is a formality we have here.
9	So we do have that resolved.
10	BY MR. WEAVER:
11	Q. Dr. Fish, would you turn to the first page
12	of your report that has medical evaluation and
13	records review, you see that?
14	A. Yes.
15	Q. Do you see the medical records reviewed in
16	that accurately reflect the medical records you
17	reviewed for purposes of your July 19th, 2019 report?
18	A. Yeah.
19	It doesn't include the Nevada Comprehensive
20	Pain Center.
21	Q. But
22	A. I didn't realize that.
23	Q. Dr. Fish, we talked about in your
24	deposition you didn't have that Nevada Pain Center
25	records, correct?

1 Right, I think that is when we talked about Α. -- when you asked me earlier, were there other 2 3 records I got to review, I think that was one of the records I had. 4 5 Ο. When you did your lifecare plan, when you 6 did your report, when I took your deposition, you had 7 all the records that you felt were relevant to your review of this case, correct? 8 9 Correct. Α. 10 Q. And then are you -- Then do you remember 11 just a few minutes ago when I went through, said are 12 there any opinions from your deposition that are 13 different, and anything from your report that is 14 different, and you didn't bring up the Nevada Pain 15 Center records, correct? 16 No, I didn't. Α. 17 Q. I'm sorry? 18 Α. I did not bring up the Nevada Pain Center. 19 Ο. Do you think it would have been a good idea 20 to review the Nevada Pain Center records before you 2.1 formed your opinions for which you were prepared to 22 testify at trial when I took your deposition? 23 It would help. Α. 2.4 And the reason it would have helped is Q.

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because you would have known what Mr. Moore's current

1 treatment was from a pain management specialist that he used monthly, correct? 2 3 I got it from him too, he was taking Α. medications, so he was telling me about the care he 4 received there, so I had all the information I 5 6 needed. 7 You testified on Friday that he told you Ο. 8 that he had hip and knee pain, correct? 9 That's correct. Α. 10 Now that you reviewed the Nevada Pain Q. 11 Center records, you didn't see in a single place in 12 the Nevada Pain Center records where he complained of 13 knee and hip pain, would you agree with that? 14 I would have to see the records. Α. 15 I'm just asking you, based on your Ο. 16 recollection of records you reviewed since your 17 deposition, did you see anything from Nevada Pain 18 Center that identified he had knee and hip pain? 19 Α. I'd have to see the records. 20 But you can't answer without going through Q. 21 page by page? 22 Α. Correct. 23 You would expect if Mr. Moore was seeing a Ο. 24 pain management specialist since the date of this

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incident to the present, that if he had pain in those

locations, he would be tell his pain management
physician, correct?
A. Not necessarily.
Q. Why not?
A. Some patients don't bring up some of the
things that bother them because they want to get
they're medication, or just focused on getting in and
out of there, or they're having a very quick visit,
have no time with the physicians.
So there's a lot of reasons.
Q. So you think that Mr. Moore may not have
brought up the totality of that he has significant
pain, for which you think he should get hundreds of
thousands of dollars because why, why wouldn't he
have brought it up?
A. I don't know.
MR. P. HYMANSON: Your Honor, objection to
speculation.
THE COURT: Sustained as to that last
question.
MR. WEAVER: Okay.
BY MR. WEAVER:
Q. So if Mr. Moore did not bring up to his
pain medication physician where he has significant

pain, would you just be guessing the answers to why

1	he wouldn't?
2	A. I wouldn't know.
3	You would have to ask him.
4	Q. If for example he needed a spinal cord
5	stimulator, if for example he needed injections in
6	any location in his body, that is something that a
7	pain management specialist that he was seeing could
8	do, correct?
9	A. Not necessarily.
10	Q. Well, you don't know that this pain
11	management specialist, Dr. Ross, couldn't insert a
12	spinal cord stimulator, correct?
13	A. I don't know.
14	Q. Do you know whether Mr. Moore has ever
15	talked to any of his health care providers about any
16	of the care and treatment you have recommended that
17	he get?
18	A. You would have to ask him.
19	My feeling would be that he had possibly
20	discussed some of these things, and either they
21	didn't understand his complaints, or he wasn't
22	following through with the symptoms, or he felt
23	frustrated with the care.
24	Q. What are you basing that on?
25	That is not something you said in your

deposition,	right?

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- A. I don't know if I was specifically asked that question in my deposition, but I'm basing it on -- if I could finish, I'm basing it on the fact I talked to him, and I know patients like him who have the same problem when they come to a pain clinic.
- Q. When you met with Mr. Moore, and you say you made these diagnoses, and formulated the treatment plan, obviously you told him these are things that he needed, right?
- A. I may have had a discussion with him, but don't forget, I didn't make up the diagnoses, these are diagnoses in the chart, so it's not like I just pulled them out of nowhere, these are common issues that happen with common people that have amputations, and so they are not made up by any means.
 - Q. But you made these diagnoses?
- A. I made the diagnoses that were already in the chart.
- Q. If the diagnoses that you identified for Mr. Moore aren't in his medical records, that means you made them that day, is that fair?
- A. I don't know.
- I wouldn't agree.
 - Q. Why wouldn't you agree with that?

1	If they are not in his medical records, and
2	you identified them as diagnoses, and they did not
3	come from you, where did they come from?
4	A. I would have to look at his medical
5	records.
6	I'm assuming they are all in the medical
7	records one, and then two, you know I'm projecting
8	ten years out for the person.
9	This is not something happens in one day.
10	So when you are projecting out ten years,
11	you also have to think of what are the pitfalls and
12	trials and issues come up with somebody has an
13	amputation like Mr. Moore.
14	So while he may have had complaints to his
15	providers, and issues, and problems, the providers
16	are not necessarily looking into the future like I've
17	been tasked to do, so because of that it's not that
18	I'm making up a diagnosis, but these are common
19	things that happen, especially with the complaints he
20	described in the records.
21	Q. Sure.
22	Can you say in your deposition tell us
23	if your opinions changed that you assumed Mr. Moore's
24	health care providers that the date of this incident

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to the time of your deposition were competent,

1	correct?	
2	A.	I don't understand the question.
3	Q.	Did you assume that Mr. Moore's current
4	treating	health care providers are competent?
5	Α.	I would hope so.
6	Q.	Do you even know who they are?
7	Α.	Yeah.
8	Q.	Who who is the primary care physician?
9	Α.	I don't know who his primary care physician
LO	is.	
L1	Q.	You just said you know who they are?
L2	A.	Well, yeah, it's the surgeon, Dr. Wiencek.
L3		The vascular surgeon, I don't have his
L4	name. It	's at the bottom of the record.
L5	Q.	No, my question is:
L6		Who is his primary care physician?
L7	A.	I don't know.
L8	Q.	I'm sorry?
L9	A.	I don't know.
20	Q.	Who is his pain management physician?
21	A.	I think it was a PA he had. I didn't put
22	the PA's	name down.
23		Most of the time they see a physician's
24	assistant	· •
25	Q.	You don't know who his physician is?

1	A. I'd have to look at his chart.
2	Q. Who is his orthopedic surgeon?
3	A. I don't think he has an orthopedic surgeon.
4	I think he has a vascular surgeon and a
5	general surgeon, Dr. Wiencek.
6	Q. So if on July 29th you would have told Mr.
7	Moore, Mr. Moore, here are things I think you need
8	for your safety, here are things I think would
9	improve your quality of life, here are things that I
10	think you need medically, given the diagnoses that
11	I've made of you, is there any reason you can think
12	of that Mr. Moore wouldn't have passed those along to
13	his health care providers?
14	MR. P. HYMANSON: Again, Your Honor,
15	speculation as to what Mr. Moore would or would not
16	have done.
17	THE COURT: Rephrase.
18	MR. WEAVER: Sure.
19	BY MR. WEAVER:
20	Q. Did you tell Mr. Moore the things in the
21	lifecare plan that you felt he needed when you made
22	the diagnosis and formulated the plan?
23	A. Well, I didn't make the diagnoses, they
24	were already in his charts, and I think I had a
25	discussion with him about what some of the options

1	were for things he could expect to have occurred as
2	well as what things would be safe for him, but I
3	don't know if he went on, told his providers that.
4	Q. Dr. Fish, you testified on Friday that
5	after you examined Mr. Moore, you looked at his
6	residual limb, at what the issues were, and then
7	formulated diagnoses as to what was going on with
8	him, and formulated a medical plan for his future
9	care.
10	Did you do that after you evaluated Mr.
11	Moore, or not?
12	A. You mean, the day I evaluated him?
13	Q. At any time from when you said you
14	diagnoses him and came up with the medical plan for
15	his future care.
16	A. Sure, I did.
17	Q. So did you tell Mr. Moore anything that you
18	thought he should ask physicians to prescribe or
19	order for him?
20	A. I don't think I told him specifically, you
21	should talk to your physicians about doing this, this
22	and this.
23	I think I advised him that these were the
24	things he potentially could do, and it's up to him to
25	talk to his providers.

1	Q. If he didn't, and we don't know if he did
2	or not, all we know is from the medical records if he
3	didn't, do you have an opinion one way or another as
4	to why he didn't?
5	A. You would have to ask him.
6	Q. Is there anything at all on your lifecare
7	plan that has to do with medical treatment?
8	We'll talk about revisions to the home,
9	we'll talk about all of those things.
LO	Is there anything at all on your lifecare
L1	plan for Mr. Moore for purposes of medical treatment
L2	that you believe any current health care provider
L3	that he's had from the day of this incident to the
L4	present couldn't order for him, or prescribe for him?
L5	A. I don't understand the question.
L6	Q. Sure.
L7	It's long and convoluted.
L8	Let me back up.
L9	A. Right.
20	Q. Sorry.
21	You have a laundry list of things that Mr.
22	Moore needs for purposes of his future care, correct?
23	A. Correct.
24	Q. Let's start with this:
25	Is there a single thing on your lifecare

1	plan that from the day of this incident to today Mr.
2	Moore has gotten?
3	A. Yeah, I think we talked a little bit about
4	that, he had the equipment that he had, the walker,
5	the wheelchair, the cane, the crutches, the reacher,
6	the hand bars, the shower bench, medication
7	management.
8	Q. So he's had the durable medical equipment,
9	the walker, the wheelchair.
10	What kind of wheelchair?
11	A. The manual wheelchair you can see here, and
12	he's got the prosthesis.
13	He had help in terms of his wife helping
14	him with his medical care and needs and function.
15	Q. All right.
16	So we've got from the date of the incident
17	to present things that you got on your lifecare plan
18	for him a manual wheelchair, walker, attendant care
19	in the home, hand bars, shower.
20	What did you say, something about the
21	shower?
22	A. I didn't say, shower.
23	He has his prosthesis.
24	Q. And is his prosthesis properly fitted now?
25	A. I don't know about now.

1	He's not wearing it today.
2	Q. Well, remember in your deposition a few
3	months ago I asked you about the prosthesis, and you
4	said that you understood he was getting it fitted at
5	the time.
6	Do you know one way or another whether it's
7	been fitted?
8	A. I don't.
9	Q. You talked in your deposition a few months
10	ago that he was in the process of having his electric
11	wheelchair fitted, correct?
12	A. I think we discussed that.
13	Q. Has it been fitted?
14	A. I don't know.
15	Q. All right.
16	So other than the durable medical equipment
17	that we just listed, and the fact that he's getting
18	medication management, whose that from?
19	A. A pain management doctor.
20	Q. Do you have any reason to believe he's not
21	getting adequate medication management?
22	A. I don't know.
23	His recent records, I haven't seen his
24	recent records.
25	As you know, you only get a certain amount

1	of records from a certain amount of time.
2	I don't know what the actual records say
3	over the last four months.
4	Q. Why didn't you ask for them?
5	A. You know, sir, that we don't usually get
6	those records. Usually they are cut off at a certain
7	time frame, so I'm not privy to have those records.
8	Q. You didn't have them before even?
9	A. That is more on point.
10	Q. You got them after your deposition, right?
11	A. That's correct.
12	Q. You didn't have them when you formulated
13	your lifecare plan, true?
14	A. That's true.
15	Q. All right.
16	So is there a single other thing that you
17	can think of from your lifecare plan from the day of
18	the incident to the present that he's gotten, other
19	than what you articulated just a minute ago?
20	A. I think we covered it.
21	Q. Is there anything on the lifecare plan that
22	could be ordered by a physician or prescribed by a
23	physician that Mr. Moore hasn't gotten?
24	MR. P. HYMANSON: Objection.
25	Speculation, Your Honor, as to what another

1	doctor may have done for Mr. Moore.
2	THE COURT: Rephrase, Mr. Weaver.
3	MR. WEAVER: Sure.
4	I'll see if I can ask it a little bit
5	better better.
6	BY MR. WEAVER:
7	Q. As a physician, is there anything on Mr.
8	Moore's lifecare plan that you think is
9	medically-indicated, and you think everything is
LO	medically-indicated, is that fair, or you wouldn't
L1	have had it in there?
L2	A. Yes, correct.
L3	Q. Anything you think in the lifecare plan Mr.
L4	Moore would not be entitled to by a physician
L5	ordering it or prescribing it, assuming that that
L6	physician is competent and willing to do so?
L7	A. Entitled?
L8	I don't understand the question.
L9	Q. Sure.
20	If Mr. Moore's current treating physicians,
21	whether it's a PCB, PCP, Dr. Wiencek, cardio-thoracic
22	surgeon, pain management surgeon, orthopedic surgeon,
23	anyone else he might be treating with, is there
24	anything that you can think on their lifecare plan

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that if they were to order it, or prescribe it, he

1	wouldn't get?
2	A. I don't really understand what you're
3	talking about.
4	Sorry, I don't understand your question.
5	Q. Is there anything they can't order for him?
6	A. I would like them to order all of the
7	things on the plan.
8	Q. I'm sorry?
9	A. I'd like any physician
10	Q. Like you?
11	A. Sure.
12	Q. So why haven't you ordered any of that for
13	Mr. Moore?
14	A. That is not my role.
15	Q. Why not?
16	You diagnosed him. Why didn't you order it
17	for him if he needs it?
18	A. That's not my role.
19	I didn't come in here to be a treating
20	physician.
21	I didn't come in here to be management for
22	him.
23	I came in here as a expert in this medical
24	case for the purposes of the lawsuit.
25	Could I have done that?

1	Yes, sure I could have done that.
2	But I don't know if I can take his medical
3	insurance when I see him, I just don't know the
4	facts.
5	I'm at UCLA, he's here in Nevada.
6	So that's not my understanding, that is not
7	what the role was when I came in.
8	But it was to look at the individual and
9	try to decipher through what that person needs for
10	the future based on my training and experience and
11	education and my work with other amputees.
12	Q. Fair enough
13	THE COURT: Can I see counsel at the bench
14	before proceed any further, Mr. Weaver?
15	(Thereupon, a discussion was had between
16	Court and counsel at sidebar.)
17	THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen of the
18	jury, I'm going to need to read you now an
19	instruction is going to be given to you at the end
20	of the trial, but I think it's imperative we have
21	that instruction now in light of some testimony
22	that was just offered by Dr. Fish.
23	That instruction that you will by given at
24	the end of the trial, which of course is entitled and
25	intended to guide your deliberations as you consider

Τ	his testimony and proceed, you are not to discuss or
2	even consider whether or not the Plaintiffs were
3	carrying insurance to cover their medical bills or
4	any or damages that Plaintiff had sustained.
5	You are not to discuss, or even consider,
6	whether or not the Defendants were carrying insurance
7	that would reimburse them for whatever sum of money
8	they may be called upon to pay for to Plaintiff.
9	Whether or not either party was insured is
10	immaterial and should make no difference in any
11	verdict you may render in this case.
12	Thank you.
13	You may proceed, Mr. Weaver.
14	BY MR. WEAVER:
15	Q. Dr. Fish, I'll move on from this area in
16	one second, but if you were asked, if you were asked
17	for it to be part of your role, you could order or
18	prescribe the things on your lifecare plan that are
19	medically-indicated for Mr. Moore, is it fair
20	MR. P. HYMANSON: Your Honor, speculation.
21	What relevance does that have in this case
22	at all?
23	THE COURT: Your objection is speculation.
24	I understand.
25	Thank you.

1	Mr. Weaver.
2	MR. WEAVER: What I would respond to that
3	is
4	THE COURT: Without too much detail.
5	MR. WEAVER: Dr. Fish told us at length
6	that he's a physical medicine and rehab physician,
7	that he diagnosed Mr. Moore and came up with a plan
8	of things Mr. Moore doesn't have.
9	All I want to establish is that if he were
10	asked by Plaintiffs to order things Mr. Moore doesn't
11	currently have, he could have.
12	THE COURT: I have no problem with the
13	aspect of the question that you base these questions
14	on.
15	He's indicated to you they were in the
16	record.
17	So again the way the question is formed I
18	think is improper.
19	But what things he can do, you can
20	certainly inquire.
21	So sustained as to the way the question was
22	formed.
23	But you may restate the question.
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1	BY MR. WEAVER:
2	Q. You're a physical medicine and
3	rehabilitation physician, correct?
4	A. Correct.
5	Q. And you also talked about here and in your
6	deposition part of that encompasses things like
7	prosthesis and these type of things, correct?
8	A. Correct.
9	Q. So if we were to go off your report that
LO	you made a diagnosis, correct?
L1	A. I made a diagnosis based on the records,
L2	correct.
L3	Q. Based on that, you could if you chose, and
L4	if you were asked to, order or prescribe
L5	medically-indicated care for Mr. Moore, correct?
L6	A. Anything in this plan is something I would
L7	recommend for any patient like him, and if he were my
L8	patient, this plan would be what I would do for my
L9	patient.
20	Q. Thank you.
21	Let's go through it, if we might, and I'll
22	go through as quickly as I can, Dr. Fish, some of the
23	categories.
24	If we could start please with the first
25	category, which I think is on page 3 of your lifecare

1	plan.	
2	Α.	You have a copy?
3		Okay.
4	Q.	So a physiatrist, that is what you are,
5	correct	?
6	Α.	Correct.
7	Q.	You have indicated Mr. Moore should have
8	one, co	rrect?
9	А.	I believe any amputee should have a
10	physiat	rist because we are one of the only few
11	doctors	deal with function and prosthetics, but a
12	vascula	r surgeon could do it clearly, but I think
13	there's	an advantage of having a physiatrist.
14	Q.	He has a vascular surgeon, correct?
15	Α.	He does.
16	Q.	So Dr. Wiencek could do that role if he
17	chose,	is that fair?
18	Α.	It's possible.
19	Q.	Is there a single thing on this lifecare
20	plan th	at Mr. Moore is as far as you know intending
21	to get	based on
22		MR. P. HYMANSON: Objection, Your Honor.
23		Speculation as to Mr. Moore.
24		THE COURT: Sustained.
25		Mr. Weaver, any questions you're asking him

1	about what Mr. Moore might do are inappropriate.
2	MR. WEAVER: I'm just asking based on if
3	you know from having evaluated him.
4	MR. P. HYMANSON: It's still speculation,
5	Your Honor.
6	MR. WEAVER: Fair enough.
7	THE COURT: It's a different question.
8	You may ask a question about his knowledge,
9	but beyond that is speculation.
10	Sustained.
11	MR. WEAVER: Thank you, Your Honor.
12	BY MR. WEAVER:
13	Q. So you think Mr. Moore would benefit from a
14	psychologist, is that correct?
15	A. I know he would.
16	Q. Did you see anywhere in the records where
17	it was recommended, and he declined?
18	A. You would have to point that out.
19	I don't recall that.
20	Q. Do you recall in his deposition saying he
21	wouldn't get help from a psychologist in any event?
22	A. I think I do remember something like that.
23	Q. You do, or don't?
24	A. You would have to pull it up, but whether
25	or not someone that doesn't want help that is

1	appropriate help is a different story.
2	You would have to talk to Mr. Moore about
3	that.
4	Q. So a lot of things in the lifecare plan are
5	not things Mr. Moore will necessarily, get so far as
6	you would get, just things you recommend, correct?
7	A. No, these are things he will get, he should
8	imminently get.
9	If I speculated that he's not going to get
10	them at all, why would I put them in the plan?
11	So the plan is designed for him to have
12	these items.
13	Q. So a treating physician, whether it's Dr.
14	Wiencek, his orthopedic surgeon, primary care
15	physician, or someone from the pain management
16	center, at any time they could have come up with
17	these things on their own, correct?
18	A. That's true.
19	Q. Or since July in any event had this been
20	given, your report given, to any one of his health
21	care providers, or combination of them, they could
22	have evaluated and ordered or prescribed these
23	things, fair?
24	A. I don't know.
25	Q. You don't know they couldn't, true?

1	A. I don't know.
2	Q. Do you know they've been given to any of
3	his health care providers?
4	A. I don't know.
5	Q. So if we could go to the next page under
6	page 4, the psychological services, why all the
7	psychological testing?
8	A. Well, I think I discussed it last time.
9	Losing a limb is quite a life-changing
LO	experience, you become less functional, you rely on
L1	other people, you are sitting in a wheelchair, which
L2	is very humbling, you're missing a limb.
L3	It's stressful, it's you are not a whole
L4	person anymore.
L5	Mental health is very important to try to
L6	keep the person's spirits up and realize they can
L7	still go on.
L8	I think all of us can use that at some
L9	point in our life, especially if there's been a
20	dynamic change to us.
21	Q. Those are the answers you gave why he needs
22	the psychotherapy.
23	My question was:
24	Why does he need the testing?
25	A. Again, the testing is important to

1	establish a base lane.
2	Also, to establish what goes on over the
3	next ten years.
4	So the testing I think I went through,
5	there's a bunch of difference questions included with
6	this would help a provider know what the pitfalls
7	are, and the treatment, and how the medication is
8	doing, and how Mr. Moore's doing on a day-to-day
9	basis.
10	Q. So your opinion is, if he's getting
11	psychiatry care, neuropsychiatrist medication,
12	management, and psychotherapy on a regular basis, he
13	would still need almost \$20,000 worth of
14	psychological testing to assist in that?
15	A. Yes.
16	Q. All right.
17	If we could go to number 5 please, this has
18	to do with procedures, hospitalizations, surgeries,
19	and spinal injections.
20	The MBB you told us is the medial block,
21	basically the preliminary hearing, is that fair?
22	A. Preliminary diagnosis, is the
23	determination, yes.
24	Q. Below that is the basically \$121,000 with
25	ablation, is that right?

1	A. Radio frequency ablation, correct.
2	Q. That easily can be done by a pain
3	management specialist if the pain management
4	specialist thought it was medically-indicated,
5	correct?
6	A. A pain management specialist, who do
7	injections, I don't know that he's just a medication
8	management individual, I don't have any recent
9	records to know if they actually been done or not, or
LO	has even been addressed.
L1	Q. They haven't been done, I'll represent that
L2	to you.
L3	But if his pain management specialist is,
L4	among others, an anesthesiologist, it could be done,
L5	is that correct?
L6	A. That's correct.
L7	Q. And then in terms of the right total joint
L8	replacement of the hip and knee, I think you
L9	indicated that he's going to need this \$270,000 worth
20	of services in a few years because of having some
21	lift up out of his wheelchair in order to use his
22	prosthesis, do I have that right?
23	A. That's part of it.
24	The other part I can explain if you want.

Q. Sure.

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1	A. It's he has to maneuver on one leg, throws
2	off his balance, and puts a lot of pressure on the
3	hip and knee, as we discussed on the chart, and so
4	that is going to put stress on the joint.
5	Q. We have already talked about you told the
6	jury he's going to spend almost all his time in a
7	wheelchair, right?
8	A. I think a majority of the time he's going
9	to be in a wheelchair, but as I discussed, he needs
10	the exercise, needs to get up, needs to stand, he
11	needs to feel that he's one with everybody else.
12	Again, it's very humbling being in a
13	wheelchair all that time, so you have to have that
14	option to get up and move around.
15	Q. But you told the jury most of the time he's
16	going to spend in a wheelchair, correct?
17	A. He has to get in and out of the wheelchair,
18	and in and out of the toilet, and walk around his
19	house.
20	You are not He's not going to sleep in
21	the wheelchair either.
22	So there's transfers that happen every day.
23	And he may sit on the couch too.
24	There's various things.
25	He has a recliner they can nut him in as

1	well.
2	So all of this leads to more stress on
3	those joints.
4	Q. Thank you.
5	But maybe I just misunderstood.
6	I thought what you told us on Friday was,
7	the reason he's going to need the total joint
8	replacement and the hip and knee wasn't because of
9	getting in and out of his wheelchair for transfer to
10	the toilet for example, it was going because he was
11	going to either have a prosthesis, or going to be
12	using his walker, and he was going to put the
13	pressure on the right knee and the right hip.
14	A. I
15	Q. In other words, walking around?
16	A. Your question was a little bit convoluted.
17	Q. Let me re-ask it.
18	A. Let me break it down I think what your
19	trying to say.
20	Q. Let me re-ask it, so I can cut to the
21	chase, and you answer a question I ask you.
22	I thought you testified that the reason for
23	the hip and knee replacement is because when he is up
24	and out of his wheelchair, he's going to put pressure
25	on his right knee and right hip.

1	Do I have that right?
2	A. That it's part of it, correct.
3	Q. What is the rest?
4	A. The transfer, putting on the device,
5	getting to the bathroom, getting to the chair,
6	putting a lot of weight on that one side because he's
7	missing the other side, so it's not just using the
8	prosthesis, although this will also put stress on his
9	knee and hip.
LO	Q. Fair enough.
L1	In your deposition we had a few months ago
L2	you told he he was going to actually likely use this
L3	prosthesis very little, including because of his
L4	arthrosclerosis and cardiopulmonary condition, is
L5	that fair?
L6	A. I don't know if I said that.
L7	I don't know exactly what I said.
L8	You would have to pull out the deposition,
L9	but my understanding was if I portrayed that he's
20	going to use the device to get to exercising, to use
21	the device to walk around, but the majority of the
22	time he's going to be in the wheelchair if he does
23	anything out in the community because he's going to
24	be limited to walking far and sit down at some point.

Q.

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Do you recall saying in your deposition

1	that you	didn't recommend that he did much exercise
2	or walked	very far?
3	Α.	I'd have to see that.
4		I don't remember that.
5	Q.	What about your testimony today, is it your
6	recommend	ation he uses his prosthesis for exercise?
7	А.	I would recommend that, yes.
8	Q.	Okay.
9		So if that's different than what you said
10	in your d	eposition, what you said reflected
11	different	ly today?
12	Α.	I don't know what question you asked me
13	then.	
14	Q.	If be could go to the next page, please.
15		So here we're talking in the first category
16	about rou	ghly \$245,000 worth of injections, correct?
17	Α.	Correct.
18	Q.	Are you aware of any accepted literature
19	that iden	tifies that protein rich platelets or
20	plasma	
21	Α.	Platelet-rich plasma.
22	Q.	Platelet-rich plasma, right?
23	Α.	Right.
24	Q.	So you're saying, blood taken out of Mr.
25	Moore and	put back into him to help him heal, is that

1	correct?
2	A. Almost.
3	Blood taken out, and then it's spun down to
4	the plasma level to remove the red blood cells and
5	some of the other proteins, and it's a plasma
6	component we found that is a product.
7	Q. I saw in your CV.
8	You gave a talk about this at a YMCA to the
9	athletes about this?
10	A. I think I did.
11	Q. It's primarily for athletes for enhanced
12	performance, is that fair?
13	A. No, it's commonly used in all around the
14	United States to help with joint pain and back pain.
15	Q. So is it your position to the jury that Mr.
16	Moore medically needs the platelet-rich plasma in
17	order to tied him over until he gets the hip and knee
18	replacement?
19	A. Yes.
20	Q. So for \$245,000 is there a reason he
21	wouldn't just get the hip and knee replacement now,
22	or is it just he doesn't need it?
23	A. He needs it.
24	I mean, you could I just don't think now
25	would be the time.

1	He is still working on his prosthesis,
2	still needs some other medical care, he has the pain.
3	To me it makes sense to try the injections
4	first, which should help him, before going into the
5	replacement phase.
6	Q. But if he needs \$245,000 worth of
7	injections right now, I don't understand why that
8	would go towards something that is going to be
9	inevitable anyway.
10	A. Well, what I can tell you is, the hip and
11	knee replacement is not an easy thing to do, it's a
12	stressful situation, you have to go through a complex
13	surgery, the recovery of that is complex, rehab of
14	that is complex.
15	When you can come in, get an injection that
16	takes maybe 10 to 20 minutes to do, and gives you
17	relief, why would you go through the replacement now,
18	why don't you go through the injections now.
19	Q. So the idea is, if he gets this \$245,000
20	worth of treatment, he won't need the hip and knee
21	replacement, or just prolonging it for a couple
22	years?
23	A. I mean, it's possible he doesn't need it,
24	but based open my experience amputation patients

eventually get the replacements.

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1	Q. Can you cite us to any medical literature
2	where this is commonly accepted in your field, or any
3	other field?
4	A. Sure.
5	Q. What is it?
6	A. There's prosthesis orthotic literature,
7	there's orthopedic literature, there's physical
8	rehabilitation literature, there's a lot of
9	amputations show the over use of stress on the
10	contralateral joints eventually ends up getting
11	treatment, so there's tons of literature.
12	Q. You would at least agree there's in
13	terms of every case how well it works?
14	A. No.
15	Q. You think the basic conformity or unanimity
16	of thinking in the medical community is that
17	platelet-rich plasma injections work?
18	A. I mean, there's all kinds of controversial
19	issues on any kind of medical issues.
20	Some people argue pace makers don't work,
21	or even stents don't work for arthrosclerotic hearts,
22	so there's always literature one way or the other,
23	but the plethora of literature I've seen with
24	experience working with individuals is PRP works very
25	well with people with knee pain, but eventually will

1	need knee replacements.
2	Q. What is the hyaluronic acids I see for
3	cosmetics?
4	I wasn't aware of injecting it into the hip
5	and knee.
6	A. That is collagen, a little bit different.
7	Hyaluronic acid is a compound actually
8	stimulates cardio growth, and so that with PRP as a
9	combination can help with the joint pain, stiffness
LO	symptoms that can last up to four months.
L1	The Rejuviderm, some of the stuff you put
L2	on your face, are not the same thing.
L3	You wouldn't want to put the knee injection
L4	into your face.
L5	Q. Are you aware of any literature that
L6	identifies they should be used together?
L7	A. Yes.
L8	Q. You would agree using them together, let
L9	alone individually is controversial, you don't
20	dispute that in terms of every case?
21	A. No, there's a lot of different types
22	approaches and a lot of different doctors using the
23	combination of things that to help the knee pain and
24	joint pain.

Q.

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And I'm trying to get through this as

1	quickly as we can.
2	We already talked about the spinal cord
3	stimulator.
4	If Mr. Moore's pain management physician
5	thought it was medically-indicated, he could do it
6	himself, or refer him to somewhere here in the
7	community it would be done, correct?
8	A. I would think so.
9	Q. Okay.
10	So far as you know, that recommendation
11	hasn't been made, is that fair?
12	A. I don't know.
13	Q. You're not aware of it being made, is that
14	fair?
15	A. I'm only aware of it since July.
16	I don't have any new records, so I don't
17	know.
18	Q. As of July, you weren't aware of his pain
19	management specialist recommending a spinal cord
20	stimulator, true?
21	A. I don't believe so.
22	Q. If we could go to page 7, please, so the
23	re-programming of the spinal cord stimulator, is that
24	basically still within the gambit of the spinal cord
25	stimulator?

1	In other words, I'm not sure why it's under
2	therapies.
3	A. Because that is not included in the kind of
4	therapeutic realm.
5	The device goes in, but you have to work
6	the device, that is why it's a re-programming
7	component.
8	Q. My question is:
9	Why is it under therapies?
10	A. Because it's a therapeutic The
11	implantation on the other page is putting a device
12	in, but then you have to use the device, that is
13	where the therapy component comes from.
14	Q. For purposes of the knee and residual limb
15	therapy, I missed this, I'm sorry, is this after he
16	gets the knee replacement on the other side, or
17	talking currently?
18	A. Currently, because he's having problems the
19	at the time I saw him, having problems with his
20	residual limb, and the prosthesis wasn't fitting, so
21	I felt it would be important he get some therapy to
22	understand why the residual limb was not fitting
23	properly within the prosthesis.
24	Q. Do you have any understanding one way or

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another whether the prosthesis issue has been

1	resolved?
2	A. I don't know.
3	Q. But certainly things like physical therapy
4	and knee and residual limb therapy, physical therapy
5	for scar management, all could be ordered or
6	prescribed by all or any of his current medical
7	providers, is that true?
8	A. I don't know about anybody.
9	The providers that deal with amputations.
10	Q. Like Dr. Wiencek?
11	A. True.
12	Q. And then the dog companion with care,
13	nearly \$30,000, this morning I think you explained
14	you are not just talking about a comfort care dog, I
15	think you used the good example on the airplane it
16	seems like everybody has one now, is there a specific
17	type of \$30,000 dog companion that is typical?
18	A. Usually Golden Retrievers are the best
19	animals, but I've seen all different types, depends
20	on the way they are trained.
21	Q. Did Mr. Moore give you any indication when
22	you made these recommendations to him whether he
23	would be interested in that?
24	A. I don't recall.

Q.

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So within the dog companion care you

1	indicated it's roughly 5,000 for the cost of the
2	training of the dog, is that right?
3	A. I think so.
4	I don't have the rationale on the bottom of
5	it.
6	Q. Okay.
7	If that's what you put in the report, is
8	that correct?
9	A. That's correct.
10	Q. And then the monthly maintenance is \$200 a
11	month, how do you get to that?
12	A. That would be the food, the harnesses, the
13	continual training, any other equipment the dog
14	needs.
15	Q. And thankfully for Mr. Moore, and hopefully
16	for the dog, it will live at least ten years, is that
17	fair?
18	A. No, they can get a new dog.
19	I didn't put down a new dog would be
20	necessary because my thought would be they would live
21	ten years, but these animals can die, and they
22	usually get a replacement dog, and I didn't factor
23	that in, I didn't think it was necessary.
24	Again, you're getting into such minute
25	details, I was trying to get the big picture to

1	everybody at this point.
2	Q. Dr. Fish, you just brought that up. That's
3	what your report says.
4	So I didn't mean to make it seem like your
5	report had more detail than it needed, that's just
6	where I got it from.
7	A. Okay.
8	Q. If we could go to the next page, page 8 has
9	to do with the diagnostic testing, is that right?
10	A. That's correct.
11	Q. So again, any of this diagnostic testing,
12	any reason it couldn't be ordered or prescribed by
13	any of his current treating providers, so far as you
14	know, if it's medically-indicated?
15	A. I think they could.
16	Q. All right.
17	Thank you, sir.
18	The next page, page 9, these are
19	medications, correct?
20	A. Yes.
21	Q. And the only thing that Mr. Moore could get
22	on his own without prescription is a multi-vitamin,
23	is that right?
24	A. You might be able to get the Colace too.
25	Q. Do you know if he's getting those?

1	Α.	I don't.
2	Q.	Did you recommend them?
3	Α.	I did.
4	Q.	To him?
5	Α.	I may have discussed it with him.
6	Q.	And any of his current health care
7	providers	so far as you know could prescribe the
8	Cymbalta,	Neurontin, if it was medically-indicated,
9	is that fa	ir?
10	Α.	I think so.
11	Q.	All right.
12		The next page under supplies, I'm confused
13	of about t	he knee range of motion machine. Is that
14	what it is	?
15	Α.	That's correct.
16	Q.	If he's using that post-surgical, correct?
17	Α.	Right.
18	Q.	Isn't he going to be using that as part of
19	any physic	al therapy he gets after the procedure?
20	Α.	No, that is in conjunction.
21	Q.	So that is something you would want him to
22	be at home	with?
23	Α.	Right, a rental unit.
24		So when he's not actively participating in
25	therapy, i	t's a passive machine, so constantly moving

1 the knee. It's your experience that patients get one 2 Q. 3 of those prescribed for them after knee replacement 4 surgery? They do at our center. 5 Α. 6 The knee and hip brace we talked about. Ο. 7 The electric wheelchair so far as you told 8 us in your deposition he had an electric wheelchair, 9 or was in the process of being fitted for one a few 10 months ago, is that right? 11 Α. I don't know exactly. If that's what the discussion was, do you 12 Ο. 13 have any reason to disagree with it? 14 Α. No. 15 And so far as you know -- or I'm sorry, you Ο. 16 don't know one way or another right now what the status of his prosthetics is, is that correct? 17 18 Α. That's correct. 19 O. Did you bother to ask his lawyers what the 20 status of any of this is? 2.1 Bother to ask? Α. 22 Yes. 0. 23 No, I don't think it came up. Α. 2.4 I think it was more about focusing about 25 the information we had at this point in time.

1	Q. At what point in time?
2	A. When I made the reports and getting ready
3	for trial.
4	I don't think there was any kind of current
5	status evaluation. We didn't discuss it, was all the
6	information was what we had before.
7	Q. But this is a dynamic report you told us,
8	correct?
9	A. I agree.
10	Q. Could be updated at any time with any new
11	information, correct?
12	A. I agree.
13	Q. So for you to tell the jury Mr. Moore's
14	most updated the current status and updated
15	information of what he had and what he needed, do you
16	see any reason you couldn't ask his lawyer?
17	A. I don't know if that is part of this whole
18	process.
19	I mean, that's up to you all.
20	I don't know if I have that capability of
21	doing that.
22	If I did, they would allow me, I would have
23	said, hey, we want you to see him one more time
24	before trial, but I didn't know that was part of the
25	role.

1	Q. You didn't ask, right?
2	A. Well, I don't know if that came up, asked
3	or not.
4	Q. Did you ask?
5	A. I didn't ask.
6	Q. Did you ask if you could talk to Mr. Moore
7	about whether in the past six months there's any new
8	updated information?
9	A. I didn't know I could.
10	Q. Sir, did you ask?
11	A. Well, I didn't know I could, so I didn't
12	ask.
13	Q. Did you know if you could ask?
14	A. I didn't know.
15	Q. You indicated in your deposition, and I
16	think you responded to Mr. Hymanson, you think you're
17	at an advantage over Dr. Jacobson (sic)in his
18	evaluation Jansen, I'm sorry, Dr. Jansen in his
19	evaluation because you evaluated Mr. Moore, fair?
20	A. I agree.
21	Q. So you knew if you could evaluate Mr. Moore
22	to be able to formulate diagnoses and a lifecare plan
23	for him, that you could at least follow-up with him,
24	does that make sense?
25	A. No, because typically I get one opportunity

1	to see somebody even, when I'm working on the Defense
2	side, I get one opportunity to see somebody, don't
3	have multiple options to see them multiple times,
4	that's not what I've been brought in, and not what I
5	understood.
6	Q. If you thought you could ask to get updated
7	information about Mr. Moore, or from Mr. Moore, would
8	you have?
9	A. I don't know.
10	Q. All right.
11	If we could go to the durable medical
12	equipment, please.
13	Is there anything I'm sorry if I missed
14	what you told us before.
15	Is there anything other than the walker for
16	transfers which shouldn't be on here?
17	A. The electronic motorized wheelchair
18	shouldn't be on there, and it's blank.
19	Q. Sure.
20	Are there any of these things that Mr.
21	Moore doesn't currently have?
22	A. I don't know.
23	I don't know about current.
24	I only know from when I saw him.
25	Q. Did he have any of these things at the time

1	you saw him?
2	How about looking at your report?
3	A. A shower bed or shower recliner.
4	Q. He had at the time?
5	A. Correct.
6	Q. What about the bedside commode?
7	A. No, he didn't have that.
8	Q. You told us that the bedside commode or
9	did you tell us it is a safety issue?
LO	A. In the middle of the night, yes.
L1	Q. So did you tell him that, especially when
L2	it came to things that were safety issues, that he
L3	really should get them?
L4	A. I think I had a discussion with him to make
L5	him more safe because he's already fallen three
L6	times, so I was concerned about that.
L7	Q. And you brought up the following three
L8	times:
L9	Are you aware Mr. Moore's son wasn't aware
20	he had fallen three times?
21	A. I'm not aware.
22	MR. P. HYMANSON: Speculation, Your Honor,
23	Mr. Moore's son.
24	THE COURT: He asked whether he's aware.
25	That is a fair question.

1	MR. P. HYMANSON: Withdraw.
2	THE COURT: Was or was not was your
3	question.
4	The way you said it, it wasn't clear.
5	BY MR. WEAVER:
6	Q. Dr. Fish, are you aware that Mr. Moore's
7	son testified that he didn't know his father had
8	fallen?
9	THE COURT: Did or did not?
10	BY MR. WEAVER:
11	Q. Did not know his father had fallen three
12	times?
13	A. I wasn't aware of that.
14	Q. In the deposition you weren't able to give
15	us any detail of the falls, correct?
16	A. I just knew he fell.
17	Q. Do you have any additional information that
18	you can tell us about those falls, other than they
19	happened?
20	A. Not at this time.
21	Q. All right.
22	If we could just go to the home furnishings
23	and accessories, please.
24	The adjustable bed with air mattress for
25	3500, you indicated that he needs one every five

1	years because the air goes out of the mattress?
2	A. No, the equipment goes bad, the air that is
3	contained in there can defray the mattress.
4	Q. So is it your understanding that these
5	adjustable beds with air mattresses only last five
6	years?
7	A. Correct.
8	Q. That's your experience?
9	A. Yes.
10	Q. And then home modifications, you talked to
11	us in your report and here what needs to be done.
12	Was there anything besides why any of the
13	doors that need to be done, that was widening?
14	A. Ramps, widening of the doors, widening the
15	hallways, retrofitting the bathroom with more safety
16	equipment, and then any other getting into the
17	closet, the closet had to be changed as well.
18	Q. So ramp, widening doors, getting into the
19	closet, anything else?
20	A. Widening the hallways.
21	Q. So are you
22	A. And the bathrooms retrofitted to make sure
23	there are grab bars and space enough to take a
24	wheelchair if you needed to.
25	Q. Anything else?

1	A. I think we covered it.	
2	Q. Do you have an opinion on out of the	
3	\$80,000 roughly how much a ramp would cost?	
4	A. Ramps depends on how many stairs he has	
5	going into the space, so ramps can cost anywhere	
6	between \$1,000 to 10,000, maybe 15, depends on the	
7	complexity of the ramp.	
8	Q. If Mr. Moore's son testified that there is	
9	a ramp, would we be able to take that out of the	
10	80,000?	
11	A. If there's a ramp, you can take it out.	
12	Q. By the way, did you see his home?	
13	A. I didn't see his home.	
14	Q. Is it fair to say you're relying on your	
15	experience what with need to be done?	
16	A. No, I'm relying on Mr. Moore telling me	
17	what his house is like and what is missing.	
18	Q. So you relied on Mr. Moore, who is a	
19	contractor, to tell you what with needs to be done,	
20	is that fair?	
21	A. There's an advantage, he's a contractor.	
22	Yes.	
23	Q. Are you relying on what Mr. Moore told you	
24	needs to be done?	
25	A. I'm relying on Mr. Moore for the things he	

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- Q. And then we talked about the lift chair recliner to help him get out of the wheelchair, is that right?
- 5 A. Not necessarily the wheelchair, it's a 6 different chair.

When he's not in a wheelchair, he's in a recliner, can get up out of the recliner or whatever he's doing.

- Q. Something that would help take the stress off of the shoulders, or any other body parts, right?
- A. Yes, and his residual limb, and his contralateral leg.
 - Q. And what is the Hoyer lift again?
- 15 A. The harness device would get him out of led.
 - Q. And that is the part that I missed, why can't he get out of bed?
 - A. Like I said, some days he may have a lot more pain, some days he may not be comfortable, some days will be harder to pull somebody out, or have someone pull him out of bed, or help him transfer, so you want to have that lift available for when they aren't able to get him out.
 - Q. He never told you he has any difficulty

getting out of bed, did he?

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- A. He said he had difficulty with all his activities of daily living.
- Q. So he specifically told you that he had difficulties getting out of the bed to the point he may need a lift to get him out?
 - A. Correct.
 - Q. He told you that?
- A. I don't know specifically that, but we talked about bed mobility, transfers, walking, getting in and out of the bathroom, getting in and out of his closet, just standing at a sink, since he only -- didn't have his prosthesis that fit, so a lot of different factors we discussed of his activities of daily living, and bed mobility is one of them.
- Q. Can you point that out for me in your report where there was any reference in any way, shape, or form of him having difficulty getting out of bed to the point where he needs a \$5,000 lift?
- A. Well, I think I just discussed some of the difficulties in his pain and functional difficulties, so that is his -- My assessment of his overall difficulties with his residual limb and pain.
- Q. But I'm asking to show me anywhere in your report where you talked about any difficulty by him

1	getting in and out of bed.
2	A. It's about transfers and functions, so it's
3	on page 2 in the chief complaint.
4	Q. Okay.
5	Would you I don't see transfer function.
6	Would you read it?
7	A. Functional difficulties, prolonged sitting,
8	numbness in buttocks.
9	Q. I'm just talking about
10	A. I'm trying to answer your question.
11	You cut me off.
12	THE COURT: Clarify the question, please.
13	BY MR. WEAVER:
14	Q. I'm not asking about getting in and out of
15	chairs, we've gone over that in all the other
16	categories.
17	What I'm specifically asking you, Dr. Fish,
18	is:
19	Would you please tell me where in your
20	report it says Mr. Moore has difficulty getting out
21	of bed to the point he needs a \$5,000 lift?
22	A. Well, I tried to explain to you, it's the
23	whole chief complaint and all the symptoms, and so
24	getting out of bed, and getting out of a chair, and
25	transferring to the toilet, and getting in the

1	shower, these are all different functional activities
2	he's having difficulty with, and he described to me
3	he's having pain, difficulty and needs help, so it's
4	listed in the chief complaints.
5	Q. Where is it listed in the chief complaints,
6	where are you talking about difficulty getting out of
7	the chair?
8	A. That and the functional difficulties and
9	the pain he has with the residual limb, and his
10	pressure and pain in his limb while he's sitting, and
11	numbness in his buttocks, these are all aspects of
12	his other all functions.
13	Q. But nowhere is there a complaint about
14	difficult getting out of bed, true?
15	A. I don't know specifically out of bed, but
16	out of any type of chairs, or bed, or toilet.
17	Q. Can we go to the next page?
18	So we talked about why Mr. Moore needs
19	eight hours of daily care every day, correct?
20	A. I think we covered it, yes.
21	Q. And then housekeeping, is that things that
22	you understood Mr. Moore was doing at the time he no
23	longer can?
24	A. Not that he no longer can, just has

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difficulty doing them with all his functional

deficits, it's hard to do laundry, cleaning of the house, making meals, doing dishes, all the things you would think that a housekeeper would do in tidying up, he's having a lot of problems with those, that's why I included that in the plan.

Q. Fair enough.

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Those were things he told you he had been doing that he no longer can, is that right, that's true?

- Q. About the residual limb pain, obviously if that was a significant issue, it would be something he would be raising over the last three years with of all people, a pain management specialist, true?
 - A. You would have to ask him.
- Q. Can you think of any reason Mr. Moore wouldn't tell his pain management physician if he was having residual limb pain?
- A. The frustrations of not having a limb, the embarrassment of not having a limb, the pain he has in his other factors, the fact the medication's helping him, the difficulty in getting physicians sometimes to listen to you and your complaints, the fact the visit may be very quick, he fell, feels frustrated, a lot of different things can go into that whole factor him not explaining clearly,

1	depression, anxiety, future care, limitations of what								
2	he's able to do at home.								
3	Q. You don't have any evidence of any of those								
4	being a reason Mr. Moore hasn't told the pain								
5	management physician that, correct?								
6	A. You would have to ask him.								
7	Q. And then with regard to the medication you								
8	brought up, are you aware the pain management records								
9	are reflecting that Mr. Moore's having for lack of a								
10	better term 80 percent feeling better or success on								
11	his medications?								
12	A. I'd have to see the record.								
13	I don't recall.								
14	Q. Would you have to see the records because								
15	you don't even know what pain medication or any								
16	medication he's on?								
17	A. Yeah.								
18	I know what medications he's on.								
19	Q. What?								
20	A. He's on Xarelto, Lisinopril, Oxycodone,								
21	aspirin								
22	Q. The success of any of his pain medicine								
23	you're unaware of, is that correct?								
24	A. I don't understand.								
25	Q. How successful his pain management is, is								

1 not something that you are aware of, is that fair? I don't understand what are you asking me. 2 Α. 3 I'm asking you, do you have any idea what Ο. 4 his pain management physicians are reporting how he's 5 feeling with pain management? 6 Currently I don't know. Α. 7 You would have to ask him. Is that something you knew at the time you 8 0. 9 evaluated him? 10 Α. I had discussions with him about his 11 current symptoms and problems, and his difficulties 12 with his pain and phantom sensation, so I assume he 13 would describe it to other providers. 14 And, Dr. Fish, wrapping up in a moment, but Ο. 15 you are a member of the American Academy Of Physical 16 Medicine And Rehabilitation, correct? 17 Α. Correct. 18 And do you subscribe to the expert witness Ο. 19 testimony principles of ethics, have you ever heard 20 of them? 21 Α. No. 22 Q. Okay. 23 Have you ever heard that expert witnesses 2.4 who are members of the American Academy Of Physical 25 Medicine And Rehabilitation have certain guidelines

1	they should follow?
2	MR. P. HYMANSON: Your Honor, may we
3	approach?
4	THE COURT: Yes.
5	(Thereupon, a discussion was had between
6	Court and counsel at sidebar.)
7	THE COURT: Thank you.
8	For the record, the objection is overruled,
9	but with the understanding we talked about.
10	MR. WEAVER: Thank you, Your Honor.
11	Thank you, Dr. Fish.
12	THE WITNESS: You are welcome.
13	THE COURT: Mr. McBride, do you have any
14	questions for this witness?
15	MR. MC BRIDE: Yes, Your Honor, I think
16	just one.
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18	CROSS-EXAMINATION OF DR. DAVID FISH
19	BY MR. MC BRIDE:
20	Q. I want to assume hypothetically if Mr.
21	Moore had been admitted to the hospital on December
22	25, 2016 and started on thrombolytic therapy, but
23	they were unable to clear the clot, and he would have
24	required an above the knee amputation on 12:26 or
25	12:27, would all of the items that you have listed.

1	would those still be items Mr. Moore would be						
2	required to have?						
3	A. If he had the amputation?						
4	Q. Yes.						
5	A. Yes.						
6	MR. MC BRIDE: That's all I have.						
7	Thank you.						
8	THE COURT: Mr. Hymanson, any redirect?						
9	MR. P. HYMANSON: Briefly, Your Honor.						
10	Thank you.						
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12	REDIRECT EXAMINATION OF DR. DAVID FISH						
13	BY MR. P. HYMANSON:						
14	Q. Dr. Fish, I'm going to be quick.						
15	You have been up for a long time.						
16	Let's clarify a few things.						
17	Is it unusual for a patient three years						
18	after they have an unexpected amputation to not have						
19	a lifecare plan in place like the one you are						
20	suggesting?						
21	A. Unusual?						
22	Q. Yes.						
23	A. I don't know what you're asking.						
24	Q. I'm asking, everything that you are						
25	recommending, if it hasn't been done yet, should it						

1	be done?
2	A. Yes.
3	Q. All right.
4	And if it hasn't been recommended by the
5	current treaters, does that mean that it's not
6	necessary?
7	A. No.
8	Q. In your opinion do you think for the
9	well-being and long-term care of Mr. Moore it's
LO	critical?
L1	A. Yes.
L2	Q. Have you ever recommended a replacement of
L3	a knee, or hip, or ankle, or elbow prior to trying
L4	some type of medication that alleviates the pain and
L5	allows someone to have a longer period with that
L6	joint?
L7	A. It depends on the age of the individual.
L8	Typically I'm going to try the conservative
L9	thing and least invasive, and there would be
20	injections before going to a replacement.
21	Q. And this Dr. Jansen, who is he a medical
22	doctor?
23	A. No, he's not.
24	Q. This gentleman, if I understand, is missing
25	a leg

1	Are you aware of that?							
2	A. I have heard he has.							
3	Q. And apparently from what we've seen							
4	probably as high as the hip.							
5	A. I don't know where his amputation is.							
6	Q. Will that change any of your analyses or							
7	your recommendations to the ladies and gentlemen of							
8	the jury?							
9	A. No.							
10	Q. And when you were captain of the United							
11	States Army, and did you work with amputees during							
12	that time?							
13	A. Well, I was active duty, so we didn't have							
14	amputees.							
15	Q. Okay.							
16	Did you ever refer to anybody in the							
17	military, any patient, that is a nice looking stump?							
18	A. No.							
19	Q. When you did a fellowship in Baltimore							
20	A. I did my residency at Johns Hopkins.							
21	Q. Probably the one of the most sought after							
22	residencies in the nation?							
23	A. Yeah.							
24	Q. Did you work with amputees then?							
25	A. I did, with Dr. Dillingham, one of the							

- foremost experts on amputations and prosthetics.
 - Q. Did you ever hear Dr. Dillingham refer to a patient as that individual with a stump?
 - A. He would have be so upset with any of the residents and any of the doctors that would refer to any individual that had a stump, and it was a residual limb.
 - Q. Is it fair to say, if you would have done that, you would have been potentially a former resident?
 - A. He became the chairman of the department, so yeah, there's certain things you get taught about respect for individuals, and those are one of the things I'll never forget.
 - Q. All right.
 - And is there anything in your afternoon discussion with counsel that changes your analysis of your left hip pain?
- 19 A. No.

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- Q. And the changes that you did not make in written form to your lifecare plan, they were less than 1,000, \$2,000, is that correct?
- A. Correct.
- Q. And you said, if I worked for the Defense, you wouldn't change anything in terms of how you did

1	your analysis.						
2	In fact, you have worked for the Defense,						
3	haven't you?						
4	A. I have.						
5	Q. In fact, you worked for Mr. Weaver's firm,						
6	Lewis Brisbois?						
7	A. Correct.						
8	Q. Mr. McBride's firm as an expert?						
9	A. I don't know if I worked with Mr. McBride.						
10	Q. But you have worked both sides?						
11	A. Yes.						
12	Q. And whether you're working on the Defense						
13	side or Plaintiff's side, your testimony under oath						
14	doesn't change, does it?						
15	A. No.						
16	MR. P. HYMANSON: Dr. Fish, thank you.						
17	THE COURT: Mr. Weaver, any recross?						
18	MR. WEAVER: Thank you, Your Honor.						
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20	RECROSS-EXAMINATION OF DR. DAVID FISH						
21	BY MR. WEAVER:						
22	Q. So, Dr. Fish, you have doubled down on how						
23	insulting it is on to refer to residual limb as a						
24	stump, right to the point where Mr. Hymanson's asking						
25	von if you used that term during your residency you						

might	have	got	kicked	out,	that's	how	bad	you	think
it is	?								

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A. I know Dr. Dillingham, and he was like most of my mentors in medical school, especially at Johns Hopkins, sticklers about us being respectful to any individual with any kind of medical needs, and his interest mainly was in amputees, and I never used the word because it was drilled into us on the first day when we got to the rotations, you never would use that word out of respect for an individual.

Q. We're not just talking about differences of opinions and the language.

It's your testimony to this jury, that it's so insulting, so outside the norm of a term, that anybody who uses it like Dr. Jansen doesn't have insight with amputees, correct?

A. I think you're blowing it out of proportion, one, and being argumentative with me too, but what I'm saying is, that if someone is going to say they know much about amputees, and they are an amputee themselves, I would expect them to have at least a little bit of knowledge about how to respect other individual that have residual limbs.

If you want to make a big deal about this one term, that is fine, but you just asked me that

1	based on a lot of different factors with Mr. Jansen,
2	and one of the things I noticed was the way he
3	utilized the term.
4	So I don't know why it's such a big deal
5	today, you're the one brought it up.
6	Q. The reason why I think it's a big deal
7	today is because you made it a big deal in your your
8	deposition because he used the term.
9	A. No, I didn't.
10	Q. Unless you're going to sustain another one,
11	make your own objection
12	MR. P. HYMANSON: I'll object.
13	Argumentative.
14	MR. WEAVER: I'll move on.
15	THE COURT: It is.
16	Go ahead.
17	BY MR. WEAVER:
18	Q. So you brought up my firm.
19	I want to be clear about this one more
20	time.
21	You never would have told anybody working
22	from the Defense that any number that you put on a
23	lifecare plan here today in Las Vegas, comparing
24	apples to apples, is anymore expensive than on any
25	lifecare plan for any Defendant, right?

1	A. So when I'm asked by the Defense to look at
2	a lifecare plan, the Defense group always wants to
3	know what you're on the hook for, and I'm going to
4	give you the same numbers I gave on the Plaintiff as
5	I did on Defense.
6	Q. And you would never have told any lawyer on
7	the Defense any of those numbers would be any
8	different, right?
9	A. The numbers are the numbers because that's
10	the value of the community in terms of an average,
11	and the Defense usually asks me, what are we on the
12	hook for if this person gets all the care, and I tell
13	them this is what they are on the hook for.
14	Q. I want to be clear about this.
15	You would never have told say within the
16	last year or two any Defense lawyer a number in any
17	category that is different than any of those,
18	specifically a lower number, right?
19	A. I don't believe I did.
20	MR. WEAVER: Thank you.
21	Thank you, Your Honor.
22	THE COURT: Mr. Hymanson.
23	MR. P. HYMANSON: Thank you, Your Honor.
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1 2 REDIRECT EXAMINATION OF DR. DAVID 3 BY MR. P. HYMANSON: So, Dr. Fish, you see where this is going, 4 5 someone is going to come in, have literature in 6 regards to a stump, someone will come in say, I can 7 talk about a stump to a person missing a leg. Does -- If that is to happen, does that 9 change your opinion in the manner in which you and 10 those that you have worked with over the decades 11 would refer to a patient missing a limb? 12 Α. No, it wouldn't me at all. 13 MR. P. HYMANSON: Thank you, sir. 14 THE COURT: Let's see if any of the jurors 15 have questions for this witness. 16 It looks like we have a few jurors 17 questions. 18 Go ahead and complete them, and make sure 19 you include your juror name and juror number. 20 Once you complete them, the marshal will 2.1 bring them to me. 22 Will counsel approach please to review the 23 questions? 2.4 (Thereupon, a discussion was had between

Court and counsel at sidebar.)

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1	THE COURT: All right.
2	Dr. Fish, we do have some questions from
3	the jurors. They appear to all be sort of stand
4	alone questions, so I'm going to ask them one at a
5	time.
6	You will respond to the best of your
7	ability to the jurors, and of course when we are
8	completed with all the questions, counsel will have
9	an opportunity to follow-up.
10	The first question:
11	Was his smoking habit a factor in assessing
12	Mr. Moore's life expectancy for purposes of the life
13	plan?
14	THE WITNESS: Yes.
15	As you recall when I talked about the
16	e3xpectation of life, I prefaced it by six years, and
17	smoking would be a factor.
18	THE COURT: Do you know the approximate
19	date of the three times that Mr. Moore fell since his
20	amputation?
21	THE WITNESS: I don't.
22	THE COURT: Is the prosthetic cost on the
23	chart the cost of new prosthetics, or the cost of
24	parts slash supplies to fix slash modify Mr. Moore's
25	existing prosthetic?

1	THE WITNESS: New.
2	We can always go into little details, but
3	little brings break here, and there it's again to be
4	detailed, and trying to give you a bigger picture,
5	these are for new pieces, or a whole unit.
6	THE COURT: Okay.
7	Dr. Fish, how much of the lifecare plan is
8	directed towards the above the knee amputation and
9	potential future needs, and how much is directed
10	towards Mr. Moore's co-morbidity?
11	THE WITNESS: Most of it's going to be
12	directed at the above knee amputation.
13	The co-morbidity is a factor has to be
14	dealt with within the plan.
15	THE COURT: Mr. Hymanson, any follow-up
16	questions with regard to the jurors?
17	MR. P. HYMANSON: None.
18	Compliments to the jurors.
19	No questions, Your Honor.
20	THE COURT: How about Mr. Weaver?
21	MR. WEAVER: Just one moment, Your Honor.
22	THE COURT: Yes.
23	MR. MC BRIDE: Nothing from me, Your Honor.
24	THE COURT: All right.
25	MR. WEAVER: I'm just looking to see what

1	the co-morbidities were.
2	It's such a good question.
3	Thank you, Your Honor.
4	No questions.
5	THE COURT: All right. Thank you.
6	Dr. Fish, your testimony is completed.
7	You are excused.
8	THE WITNESS: Thank you.
9	THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen of the
10	jury, we are going to take our evening recess at this
11	time, and we'll ask you to return tomorrow at 1:30
12	and resume with testimony at that time.
13	(Jury admonished by the Court.)
14	THE COURT: Thank you.
15	Have a good night.
16	See you tomorrow.
17	(Jury excused from the courtroom.)
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1	(Thereupon, the following proceedings were
2	had out of the presence of the jury.):
3	THE COURT: Just a couple of quick
4	housekeeping matters, then I want to have a quick
5	scheduling decision.
6	Because this most recent thing we
7	discussed, I wanted to note Court's Exhibit 7 and 8,
8	those are marked respectively, the recent juror
9	questions we asked of Dr. Fish.
10	Juror Number 1 had three questions we
11	asked, and Juror Number 5 had one question.
12	I want to know the questions I did not ask
13	on jurors number 1's list is Court's Exhibit 7, was
14	because Juror Number 1 X'd it out, so that is the
15	juror's mark, not the Court's.
16	We also had a bench conference with Dr.
17	Fish's examation, this was an objection posed by Mr.
18	Hymanson during Mr. Weaver's questioning when he was
19	asking about errors in the report, and whether or not
20	they had been corrected.
21	The report itself had been re-corrected, or
22	reprinted, or reissued, however you want to phrase
23	it, where Mr. Hymanson asked to approach.
24	We had some conversation about what we were
25	discussing, and I think when we returned, Mr. Weaver

1	sort of clarified what he was asking, and finished
2	that line of questioning there.
3	I honestly don't remember at this moment
4	whether I sustained or overruled, but at the end of
5	the day I think we were able to proceed properly with
6	question.
7	Mr. Hymanson, any further record on that
8	bench conference regarding the objection to the
9	question regarding Dr. Fish, or regarding others in
10	his report?
11	MR. P. HYMANSON: No, Your Honor.
12	THE COURT: Mr. Weaver.
13	MR. WEAVER: No, Your Honor.
14	THE COURT: The scheduling question then,
15	do we have a better estimate now how far behind we
16	are?
17	I know we thought today we would get done
18	with him, and we were going to take a Defendant's
19	witness out of order, and I'm guess you figured out
20	that wasn't going to happen, but what are we looking
21	at for tomorrow, and how far do we think we are
22	behind right now?
23	I didn't finish explaining yesterday, I do
24	not technically have a trial next week. I did have
25	to send a three to four day criminal trial to

overflow. Obviously if you were only going to take Monday, we can take that trial back, and we are
Monday, we can take that trial back, and we are
obligated to take them back if I don't know for sure
about that until Thursday afternoon, before we appear
at the overflow.
I'm assuming we're going past Monday of
next week.
Any estimates from the Plaintiff how far
behind we are?
MR. P. HYMANSON: Do you want to do that
trial?
THE COURT: Don't ask me right now.
Mr. Arntz, what are we estimating we're at
right now, so we can go to Dr. Lasry and the Moore's,
what else do we have?
MR. ARNTZ: Are you calling Wilson?
MR. ARNTZ: Are you calling Wilson? MR. MC BRIDE: Yeah.
MR. MC BRIDE: Yeah.
MR. MC BRIDE: Yeah. THE COURT: So
MR. MC BRIDE: Yeah. THE COURT: So MR. MC BRIDE: Wilson and Dr. Jansen.
MR. MC BRIDE: Yeah. THE COURT: So MR. MC BRIDE: Wilson and Dr. Jansen. THE COURT: Out of order then?
MR. MC BRIDE: Yeah. THE COURT: So MR. MC BRIDE: Wilson and Dr. Jansen. THE COURT: Out of order then? MR. MC BRIDE: Yes.
MR. MC BRIDE: Yeah. THE COURT: So MR. MC BRIDE: Wilson and Dr. Jansen. THE COURT: Out of order then? MR. MC BRIDE: Yes. THE COURT: And then finish.

1	THE COURT: That's them tomorrow, and I
2	know we talked about taking the Moores on Thursday.
3	We are still trying to figure out a
4	location. It's one of the things I haven't finished,
5	but we will figure that out tomorrow to do that, but
6	it will depend Mr. Moore in the morning or afternoon,
7	so
8	MR. ARNTZ: On Thursday?
9	I thought Thursday was a half day.
10	THE COURT: Yeah, that's right.
11	So sorry.
12	The afternoon on Thursday.
13	So then if we end up over into Friday,
14	would it make a difference?
15	Where are we at?
16	MR. ARNTZ: Maybe a day behind.
17	THE COURT: Okay.
18	MR. MC BRIDE: As it stands right now, Your
19	Honor, I would agree with that.
20	I would think we can try to push through.
21	The difficulty will be putting our clients
22	on and getting them off and on.
23	I think at the most I would say we could do
24	closings by Tuesday, Tuesday afternoon.
25	THE COURT: That is okay.

1	I'll leave the trial in overflow, but
2	counsel didn't have huge heartburn over that.
3	I don't have any connection to it, other
4	than it's assigned to me as the criminal docket.
5	When do we think we'll call Mr. Moore, to
6	have a better idea?
7	MR. ARNTZ: I'm still looking at Thursday.
8	THE COURT: Okay.
9	I understand we can't be certain.
10	MR. ARNTZ: I can be flexible.
11	He may not be able to be flexible.
12	THE COURT: There may not be a dig
13	difference on Thursday afternoon as Friday.
14	I don't want to ask now for Thursday and
15	tomorrow go, never mind, make it for Friday.
16	I know upi can be flexible.
17	So are we better served saying Friday
18	morning, or pretty sure Thursday afternoon, and need
19	it for Thursday afternoon?
20	I'm trying to get some certainty as much as
21	possible when you will call him, so I can get that
22	arranged.
23	MR. MC BRIDE: We have some of our experts
24	flying in for Friday, so our preference would be if
25	they can be off and on on Friday, and we do the

Plaintiff's on Thursday, plan for that.
I think that was kind of our thinking.
THE COURT: If that works, that's fine,
we'll secure something for Thursday afternoon.
MR. MC BRIDE: Great.
MR. ARNTZ: Okay.
THE COURT: Anything else?
MR. MC BRIDE: I don't think so, Your
Honor.
MR. ARNTZ: Thank you.
THE COURT: Have a good night.
(Proceedings concluded.)

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7	CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA
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9	DARELL MOORE, ET AL,)
10	Plaintiffs,)
11	vs.) Case No. A-17-766426-C
12) Dept. No. 25 JASON LASRY, ET AL,)
13	Defendants.)
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16	JURY TRIAL
17	Before the Honorable Kathleen Delaney
18	Tuesday, February 4, 2020, 1:30 p.m.
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4	(Thereupon, the following proceedings were
5	had out of the presence of the jury.):
6	THE COURT: I think I know one of the
7	things outside the presence, but just go ahead.
8	What do we have outside the presence?
9	I'll take them in whatever order.
10	MR. MC BRIDE: Sure.
11	One of the things I think that we were
12	concerned about, this goes to one of the motions for
13	partial summary judgment that we filed before the
14	trial about the testimony, and in terms of the
15	evidence of the reasonableness and necessity of the
16	billing and the medical bills coming in in this
17	particular case.
18	We understand from counsel today that this
19	is the first time we've been informed that they
20	intend to get that information out through Dr. Fish
21	today.
22	Well, the problem with that again is, this
23	is what I addressed, Your Honor, is there's no
24	foundation for that because at the time of his
25	deposition Dr. Fish had not been provided with the

1	bills, and in fact when asked, he specifically said
2	his deposition was taken October 24th, 2019, he
3	stated that no rebuttal report was done by Dr. Fish,
4	and no rebuttal report was requested, and he's not
5	been asked to do any further work.
б	Then he also said there were no materials
7	that he reviewed after July 19th, 2019.
8	I have a copy of both his report, as well
9	as his medical evaluation an lifecare plan.
10	Nowhere he talks about the records he
11	reviewed.
12	Nowhere does he discuss the medical bills,
13	or does he address that at all.
14	He states specifically, he was asked to
15	evaluate the medical records and perform an
16	examination of Darell Moore.
17	He does not offer any opinion whatsoever or
18	comment whatsoever on the reasonableness or necessity
19	of medical expenses at all.
20	Again, his medical evaluation and lifecare
21	plan only addresses future lifecare needs.
22	Again, we he also did not speak to any
23	of Mr. Moore's health care providers to get any
24	additional information regarding billing or the

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reasonableness or necessity, and he was not asked to

1	do so.
2	So we think that at the outset I wanted to
3	bring it to the Court's attention now, rather than
4	interrupt the testimony.
5	THE COURT: Sure.
6	MR. MC BRIDE: Because I don't believe
7	there's any foundation for that.
8	THE COURT: Well, for the record, before I
9	hear you Mr. Hymanson, are you going to be
10	addressing the response?
11	MR. P. HYMANSON: Okay.
12	THE COURT: You were standing so.
13	Let me make my record.
14	So each of the parties have submitted their
15	orders on the prior motions that were heard the
16	motions in limine and motions for partial summary
17	judgment.
18	I have actually signed them all.
19	The reason I haven't given them back yet
20	was there was one in the Nurse Practitioner Bartmus'
21	order that I just wanted to double check on the JAVS
22	because I still didn't have the clerk covering that
23	day's minutes, and I thought there was either some
24	additional or new, and I had given the response not

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relevant to this discussion, but I wanted to let you

1	know, that's the only reason I held these up.
2	MR. MC BRIDE: Sure.
3	THE COURT: As far as the one from Dr.
4	Lasry, he prepared, Mr. McBride does indicate that
5	the motion for partial summary judgment and Nurse
6	Practitioner Bartmus was denied without prejudice,
7	and Defendant may raise the motion again should there
8	be a lack of evidence or expert testimony to support
9	Plaintiff's claim for past medical expenses.
10	So we are at that place now.
11	As you indicated, based on your belief that
12	Dr. Fish is not appropriate to be able to provide
13	this testimony, so
14	MR. MC BRIDE: I do have a copy of his
15	report if Your Honor would like to look at it.
16	THE COURT: I will take your
17	representations that they say otherwise, and I need
18	to read it, so be it.
19	If their argument is, it's not in Fish's
20	report, but he did review these things, and should be
21	entitled to supplement now, we can have that
22	discussion, but I don't know what the argument is, so
23	let me hear.
24	Who wishes to make the argument on behalf
25	of the Plaintiff?

1	MR. P. HYMANSON: Court's indulgence, Your
2	Honor.
3	Your Honor, I think counsel made some good
4	points, and I think you are right, we have some
5	arguments we could make, and we come into a slugfest
6	in terms of trying to get evidence into the Court
7	today.
8	Our goal today my goal is to get Dr.
9	Fish on and hope he doesn't have to return again.
10	I think we can address that with regard to
11	witnesses at a later time.
12	So I think rather than get into a joust at
13	this point, we'll just put Dr. Fish on with his
14	report and get to it.
15	THE COURT: So it's not your intention then
16	to try to do past medical expense billing, review
17	with Dr. Fish?
18	MR. P. HYMANSON: I will not do that with
19	Dr. Fish.
20	THE COURT: Thank you.
21	We'll save it for another day.
22	If I get a chance to look at the JAVS, I'll
23	get all the orders filed and back, but I do have them
24	with me if there's ever an issue.
25	But thank you for raising it.

1	We still have the other Dr. Fish matter.
2	Was there anything else?
3	MR. P. HYMANSON: We do have follow-up when
4	the records do come in, Your Honor, there's some
5	issues still have to be clarified.
6	There still needs to be some redaction to
7	the ones were going to be made, plus Exhibit 100 is
8	already admitted, there's some insurance references
9	have to be redacted.
10	THE COURT: Okay, yes, certainly.
11	We can't expect my Court clerk Certainly
12	the Court cannot be responsible to review every piece
13	of paper independently if those items don't have
14	those.
15	MR. P. HYMANSON: We'll address that if we
16	move those into evidence, we'll move them in with the
17	understanding that the redactions may still be
18	necessary.
19	THE COURT: Thank you for that
20	clarification.
21	The last matter of course was left
22	unresolved for the most part in terms of we've
23	already had some of Fish's testimony, we're going to
24	have more, and the issue of the Medicare inquiry.
25	I think we're going to have an opportunity

1	to deal with that between completion of his testimony
2	before we do cross.
3	Originally I thought coming into today was
4	based on Mr. Arntz because Dr. Fish needed a delay,
5	we should deal with that, but he's here ready to go,
6	the jurors are here ready to go.
7	I think we can do that before they do their
8	cross on a break.
9	MR. P. HYMANSON: Very good, Your Honor.
10	THE COURT: Let's go ahead and have Dr.
11	Fish come in.
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1	(Thereupon, the following proceedings were
2	had in open court and in the presence of the jury.):
3	THE COURT: Welcome back, ladies and
4	gentlemen.
5	Thank you for your patience while we
6	addressed a few matters before we had you join us.
7	As we mentioned when we concluded
8	yesterday, we were able to arrange for Dr. Fish to
9	return today, so the witness who we were with on the
10	end of the Court day on Friday is now going to be
11	recalled at this time to complete his testimony.
12	We can officially recall him if you like,
13	Mr. Hymanson.
14	MR. P. HYMANSON: Thank you very much, Your
15	Honor.
16	The Moore's would call Dr. Fish to the
17	stand, please.
18	THE COURT: All right.
19	Thank you, Dr. Fish.
20	When you reach the stand, you may have a
21	seat.
22	You are resuming your testimony. I'm just
23	asking you to acknowledge for the record you're still
24	under oath.
25	We are not going to re-swear you, just ask

1	you to acknowledge for the record you understand you
2	are still under oath from your prior testimony, which
3	concluded unfinished on Friday, correct?
4	THE WITNESS: That's correct.
5	THE COURT: Thank you.
6	Mr. Hymanson, you may begin.
7	MR. P. HYMANSON: Your Honor, may I
8	approach and turn the board around?
9	THE COURT: Yes, you may.
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11	CONTINUING DIRECT EXAMINATION OF DR. DAVID FISH
12	BY MR. P. HYMANSON:
13	Q. I'm pretty sure that one is not yours.
14	All right. Dr. Fish, welcome back?
15	A. Thank you.
16	Q. I appreciate your returning.
17	And let's see what we can do about getting
18	you home before the sun sets.
19	We were talking about therapist I believe,
20	and we just finished, we had done an overview of the
21	entire plan.
22	This is the overview of the ten years the
23	entire projected costs, and we have had been talking
24	about specifically therapies, and I think we had
25	we were talking about a dog companion for care.

1	Would you explain to the ladies and
2	gentlemen of the jury, is that a dog you pet and say
3	thanks for being here?
4	What is the function of such an animal?
5	A. It's actually a trained animal that is a
6	helper animal, not like a service animal you might
7	see in the airplane, everyone can always get away
8	with making a label for that, but it's an actual
9	trained animal that will grab things for you, will
10	tell you if there's things wrong, or if they are
11	warning you about something, their individual owner.
12	They're very highly specialized dogs, and I
13	found with individuals with amputations they just
14	change a lot of the factors of their well-being, and
15	also help them with day-to-day activities.
16	Q. Thank you.
17	Let's move on to diagnostic testing if you
18	could, that is the next thing, the next graft that
19	you have.
20	In that diagnostic testing you have first
21	off an MRI of the knee and hip.
22	What is the purpose of an MRI of the knee
23	and hip for Mr. Moore?
24	A. The idea is to get a surgical case, since
25	I'm projecting he needed a knee and hip replacement,

- 1 the best imaging we have is an MRI to show best and totally, so the surgeon's aware of what to avoid, or 2 3 what to cut, or what to prepare for the surgery. The MRI is a baseline, so the doctors can 4 Ο. 5 know into the future his condition? 6 Well, the idea is, the best way of looking Α. 7 into a knee without invasive -- anything invasive is 8 to do an MRI, the best kind of anatomic structure we 9 can look at, as opposed to opening the knee, see what 10 you can get. 11 You kind of know as the surgeon to plan an 12 MRI as the least invasive, best way we know how to 13 get anatomy structures. 14 In that diagnostic testing, it goes into 0. 15 some detail on the knee and the hip. 16 Would you explain again to the ladies and 17 gentlemen of the jury why you believe that this is 18 not something that may happen, but most likely a replacement of both Mr. Moore's knee and hip would be 19 20 required? 2.1 I'm going to the board? Α. 22 Go to the board. 0. 23 Remember, I drew the picture out, so you Α.
- Remember, this area is removed when he's

all can see.

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1	not wearing a prosthesis and not in his wheelchair,
2	he's going to be putting all the force and weight on
3	what they call the opposite side, the hip and the
4	knee, and in my discussions with him he was already
5	saying he was having hip and knee problems, so based
6	on my experience with other amputees the likelihood
7	and probability of a replacement is high.
8	So you need to have preparation for it, you
9	need to have x-rays yearly to make sure that you know
10	what the joint space looks like, and even after the
11	replacement what the hardware looks like.
12	Q. And you didn't say specifically, but is
13	that also the potential risk is in the ankle as well?
14	A. There's really not good ankle replacement
15	surgery, so that is why it's not included.
16	Yeah, you are putting a lot of force on the
17	ankle, but most of the force is going to translate to
18	the hip and the knee.
19	He's not really complaining of ankle-type
20	problems when I discussed it with him.
21	Q. We got lab testing and blood work over the
22	ten-year period of \$4,950.
23	What type of lab work is that?
24	A. It's going to be a complete blood count,
25	liver function test, PTT, your prothrombin time for

1	bleeding, clotting disorders, given he has poor blood
2	flow already into his lower extremities, you want to
3	make sure that all of the functioning of the organs
4	is appropriately evaluated.
5	Q. And you have x-rays of the knee and hip
6	from age 72 to 78, and a \$1800 charge.
7	Explain to the ladies and gentlemen of the
8	jury the functioning and purpose of those x-rays.
9	A. What I just talked about was to make sure
10	the hardware is intact, hasn't moved, or rotated, or
11	changed in any way, so you want to yearly look at it
12	with the orthopedic surgeon that places the knee and
13	the hip in.
14	Q. And you have x-rays T and L spine for
15	stimulator location. That is yearly cost of 300, for
16	a total of \$1800 over a ten-year period.
17	Explain to the ladies and gentlemen of the
18	jury the purpose of that.
19	A. Okay.
20	I'm going to the board.
21	As you recall, I was talking about the
22	this is the brain and spinal cord and nerve roots
23	come to here, and this was the battery, was the

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spinal dorsal column, so the symptoms of pain are not

1	felt. This battery is kind of like a watch in the
2	lower lumbar spine area and in the upper thoracic
3	area. That is the lumbar, was the low back.
4	So you want to make sure the leads don't
5	migrate or move each year. When you program this
6	thing, you want to make sure the battery's
7	appropriate, so you take x-rays of both the thoracic
8	and lumbar spine to see where the hardware is.
9	Q. And how does that compare, the stimulator,
LO	assuming that it gets worse, would that eliminate the
L1	need for the Oxycontin or Opioids he's taking on a
L2	regular basis?
L3	A. That's the point, you need to come off of
L4	Opiates.
L5	I think I discussed this before, there's an
L6	Opiate epidemic, and we're slow to realize people are
L7	dying from chronic Opioid use, and it's not good to
L8	be on those chronically, and the stimulator can help
L9	eliminate the need for Opiates.
20	Q. Is it your professional opinion that the
21	stimulator will do more to alleviate the phantom pain
22	of the missing limb?
23	A. Right.
24	The Opiates you mean?
25	Q. Correct.

1	A. Correct.
2	Q. So per the diagnostic testing over a
3	ten-year period, you're looking at \$12,250, and based
4	on your experience and expertise do you think that is
5	a reasonable cost for that ten-year plan?
6	A. Correct, yes.
7	Q. All right.
8	If you turn Let's go to next the
9	medications.
LO	There's been discussion, in the deposition
L1	there was discussion where counsel talked to you
L2	about the type of medication he was currently taking,
L3	the type of medication you're recommending, and let's
L4	talk about the medication that you are recommending.
L5	So are you aware if Mr. Moore is currently
L6	using any of those medications?
L7	A. No, I don't think so.
L8	Maybe the multi-vitamin.
L9	Q. Would through the medications for the
20	ladies and gentlemen and explain why these
21	medications would be to his benefit?
22	A. All right.
23	So the plan is to optimize medical care,
24	and so I'm putting a plan together, this is how I
25	treat individuals who are like him not just throwing

things in there to throw things in there, and as I said, before the plan needs be more for medical probability, and the best way to optimize medical care, you are adding a dog, a stimulator, everything I'm putting in there.

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What Cymbalta is, is an antidepressant medication, helps with mood stabilization, but it's also got an advantage in that it also helps with nerve pain, which is what we think the phantom pain sensations are also involved with the nerve pain, or are brain pain, a central process, so what Cymbalta does is not only calms the emotional content of people, but also helps with the nervous system.

Same with Neurontin. Neurontin is a medication that has been used for seizure control, but we found it doesn't do very well for seizures. What it does do really well for is calming peripheral nerves. So Neurontin in combination what Cymbalta really helps with common phantom pain.

The reason why you don't just rely on one medication and treatment only, and you add the stimulator, you want to attack this in multiple different areas.

The ones I found in my experience is that if one thing is not the thing that works, you have to

go with multiple areas to get the best results.

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Colace is a stool softener. That is with all the medications he's taking to make sure he has proper bowel movements.

And then a multi-vitamin because his overall conditioning is decreased, he hasn't been exercising, so you need to try to get as many vitamins in him as you can.

- Q. And you are not saying that these are for a ten-year period, these are the medications and the only medications he will need, it could change as things go, depending on Mr. Moore, is that correct?
 - A. I can even go into more detail with this.

When someone gets a knee or hip replacement, or gets a spinal cord stimulator implant, they are typically placed on antibiotics one or two weeks and may get some pain medications as well.

I'm kind of giving you an overall snapshot, not going into detail because it gets too cumbersome, you kind of lose focus on what the real issues are.

Q. Something as simple as the Colace stool softener, it's delicate because -- but the worst thing for an amputee is if they are constipated or something, get up go to the bathroom several times

1	when they don't have to, they have to get up, move,
2	and there's a lot involved on a daily basis, so that
3	is likely to go over those type of things, but that
4	is pretty critical for someone in that situation, is
5	that correct?
6	A. Well, you also have to remember that my job
7	is also to look at function and how to get someone
8	safely from the bed to the bathroom, to the shower,
9	how to get someone safely from the chair to the
10	bathroom to the shower, how to stay safe in the

So you most people don't think about going to the bathroom.

shower, how to be safe within their own environment.

If you really have to go, don't have your prosthesis on, how do you get up and be safe by yourself and not fall, which he's already fallen a couple times, so those are things that go into the plan and functional analysis for Mr. More Moore and any individual like him.

- Q. So doctor you have your ten-year plan, the medications for \$41,479, correct?
- A. The Cymbalta will be the expensive one because there is no generic for it, but I find it's a very useful medication.
 - Q. Let's talk about that briefly because many

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1	people go to the pharmacy, and they are prescribed a
2	regular medication, but they wind up with the generic
3	because it's less expensive than some of these
4	medications don't qualify for generic, haven't been
5	on the market long enough, is that accurate?
6	A. Well, Colace, multi-vitamins are all
7	generic, and the Cymbalta is a much more newer
8	medication, is not generic yet.
9	Q. Thank you.
10	Let's go to supplies if we could.
11	Again, you have first of all, you have a
12	knee RPM machine.
13	What is that, a rental?
14	A. When someone has a knee replacement, which
15	is different than a hip replacement, we found that if
16	you just sit there after the replacement and not have
17	the knee, gently move in what is called
18	flexion-extension, where you have your knee go back
19	and forth, so it straightens and bends, we find that
20	people have better outcomes, and so that is why the
21	rental unit for a short term, just to make sure the
22	success of the knee replacement is there.
23	Q. So is that the one where you come out of
24	surgery, you wake up, and your knee is actually

moving, is that the machine?

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1	A. I hope you don't wake up from surgery with
2	your knee moving.
3	Q. After surgery, but in your hospital bed
4	after surgery, is that the machine they put on to
5	stimulate movement for ten hours out?
6	A. Correct.
7	Q. Okay.
8	And there's a knee and hip brace for \$450
9	for the life of the ten-year program. What is that
10	for?
11	A. When you replace the knee and the hip, you
12	have to be very cautious of dislocation, especially
13	if the injury was just getting up, so after hip
14	surgery a brace is used to insure the prosthesis
15	stays in place until it's healed, it goes to the knee
16	as well to make sure everything is stabilized,
17	doesn't pop out or go out of place.
18	Q. The next one is electric wheelchair.
19	Mr. Moore is here and has a wheelchair.
20	Are you saying he needs a different chair?
21	A. Yeah, I'm saying he needs an electric
22	chair.
23	Q. Why does he need that?
24	A. What we talked about before, he has a
25	history of shoulder problems, and manually pushing

1	his chair around would put a lot more stress on his
2	shoulder, and then whoever is helping him also has to
3	put a lot of stress pushing him around.
4	And, you know, it's to be more in the
5	community and have that community integration, I
6	think or I believe he would be better off with
7	having an electric wheelchair, it will give him more
8	more ability, put less strain on his heart.
9	While I do think he needs to exercise with
10	his prosthesis, I don't think that is the mode of
11	moving around when he's in a community situation.
12	Q. So you have replacement for two wheelchairs
13	during this ten-year period, so \$9,220. Is that the
14	going price for the wheelchair?
15	A. No, that is the manual wheelchair.
16	Q. I apologize.
17	The electric wheelchair replaced every five
18	years, and they are \$32,352.44 a chair, correct?
19	A. Correct.
20	Q. And that is \$64,740?
21	A. Correct.
22	Q. Is that a reasonable price for an electric
23	wheelchair?
24	A. That's correct, all the prices are average
25	value. They can get very expensive, way higherm

1	depending the type of wheelchairs you get, so I
2	wanted the average reasonable cost.
3	Q. So the titanium, all the other lightweight
4	chairs are a lot more expensive?
5	A. Yeah.
6	If someone is a quadriplegic, can't
7	maneuver themselves at all, actually they blow air
8	into a tube, that type of chair is upwards \$100,000
9	because it has to be very specialized and set for
10	them, as well as all the equipment with someone who
11	is a quadriplegic.
12	Q. The manual wheelchair every four years you
13	have \$9200.
14	If he has an electric chair, why would he
15	need a manual chair?
16	A. A lot of times for ease.
17	Sometimes it's hard to transport an
18	electric chair, so you're doing a quick trip
19	somewhere, having a manual wheelchair gives you
20	flexibility you may not have with an electric
21	wheelchair.
22	If you're only going somewhere for a short
23	distance, not planning on being out all day, you
24	might take the manual chair.

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Sometimes will they keep the electric chair

1	in the van, and so they don't have to keep taking it
2	in and out, and use the manual around the house?
3	A. I found that most people don't, if they are
4	going to do a trip like that, don't make the effort
5	to put the electric wheelchair in the van, and if
6	they do, they might as well just use the electric
7	wheelchair.
8	It's cumbersome to get it in, so if you're
9	doing all the work to get it in, you might as well
10	use it.
11	Q. The next item is you said he's going to
12	need a prosthetic, and he already has one, right?
13	A. He does.
14	Q. A prosthetic that doesn't work, what is the
15	value of that?
16	A. It's not it doesn't work, it just doesn't
17	fit properly, so I guess in essence it doesn't work,
18	but it's not very useful if you can't use it for
19	sure.
20	Q. And is this with some work, is that the
21	type of prosthetic that can work for him, so he
22	doesn't have the second one, or is your opinion he
23	needs a completely different type of prosthetic?
24	A. No, he can use the one he has, it just

needs to fit better.

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1	These are all the supplies for what he has.
2	Q. And there's a lot.
3	The cost is \$18,800.97, and that needs to
4	be replaced every four years, so you have to replace
5	it twice for \$37,795, and as I understand there's a
6	lot involved in the prosthetic in terms of cost and
7	fitting and size and those type of things, is that
8	correct?
9	A. Right.
10	That's included in the cost.
11	Q. But I mean, there are things like sockets
12	and cushions and knee joint locks, things like that,
13	those are all expensive items built into the
14	particular prosthetic, right?
15	A. And when you talk about the components of
16	it.
17	Q. All right.
18	And then we've got a separate item of
19	sockets that need to be replaced twice for \$44,660.
20	What are sockets?
21	A. Well, that is going to be the silicone gel
22	that needs to be replaced more frequently, typically
23	because it's going to be connected to the body most
24	likely, so the prosthetic is one component, then you
25	have the socket that goes inside the prosthetic

1	component, as well as the socks which are cheap, but
2	they wear out pretty quickly.
3	Q. All right.
4	And then the socks are \$98.67, 30 pair for
5	life \$986. Are these the compression socks, or
6	different types of socks?
7	A. They are more for padding. It goes on the
8	silicone gel to insure there's a cushion between the
9	plaster and the silicone, and the body and the
10	plaster, so kind of like a cushion component.
11	Q. Would 30 pair for a ten-year period be
12	enough?
13	A. I would think so.
14	Q. When they wear out, do they wear out in a
15	particular place, or just wear out from use?
16	A. Usually they will wear where the pain is
17	located.
18	If you remember the drawing, the pin goes
19	in to the prosthetic, that is usually where it wears
20	out, or tears, or puts a lot of pressure on it.
21	Q. The last thing, supplies, you have the
22	walker.
23	What if he has a walker now?
24	A. He said he did, but off to top of my head I
25	would have to see the report.

1	Q. So if he has a walker that has to be
2	replaced every so many years, is that correct?
3	A. Right.
4	And the point is, that to be safe it's very
5	difficult for an amputee to use a cane, and a walker
6	has four points of support, and when you get up out
7	of bed, you want to get over to the bathroom in the
8	middle of the night, it's easier to use a walker by
9	the side of the bed, or than to put on your
10	prosthetic, or even get into a wheelchair and wheel
11	over.
12	Q. You're suggesting a cane.
13	Would that also include crutches, they
14	probably are not the best implements for Mr. Moore?
15	A. No, because he's already been shown to have
16	fallen, and you want as many points with the ground,
17	and the walker makes more sense, that's why I didn't
18	add a cane or crutches on the plan.
19	Q. All right.
20	And so for annual costs you have \$15,944,
21	and for a ten-year cost \$159,440.
22	Dr. Fish, when you made your analysis of
23	the ten-year timeframe, was that from the time of the
24	amputation, or from the time you initially evaluated
25	him?

1	A. The time I saw him.
2	It wouldn't go from the time of the
3	amputation because you don't know how someone's going
4	to respond, and you also don't know what their needs
5	are, so by the time I actually evaluated him.
б	Q. That was in July of last year?
7	A. Correct.
8	Q. All right.
9	Let's go to durable medical equipment if we
10	could.
11	Now, before we go into detail on this, this
12	is your recommendation.
13	Do you know at this point what equipment
14	Mr. Moore has or doesn't have?
15	A. I don't have my report in front of me.
16	I had it listed out, but I would be
17	guessing at this point.
18	I know he didn't have a bedside motorized
19	chair or a shower recliner I made a mistake.
20	We pointed out in the deposition the walker
21	is in there twice, and electric motorized wheelchair,
22	and the Roho cushion should have been included in the
23	other one, so those should be taken out.
24	Q. For example, on durable medical equipment,
25	the electric motorized chair is listed, but it

1	doesn't have any cost to it, correct?
2	A. Correct.
3	Q. And the shower recliner, what is that?
4	A. Well, the idea is again that being safe in
5	the bathroom, and for him to stand and shower is
6	probably not safe, so you want a bench or recliner he
7	can actually shower with, or someone help him shower
8	to make sure he's safe and doesn't fall in the
9	bathroom.
LO	Most people are actually going to fall into
L1	the transfer in the shower, but once you are in the
L2	shower you tend to fall if you don't have the
L3	recliner.
L4	Q. For recliner, bedside motorized chair, the
L5	toilet bench, and the walker for transfer, the first
L6	three replaced every two years?
L7	A. Correct.
L8	Q. And the walker for transfer should be
L9	replaced every five years, correct?
20	A. Right, but that was covered in the other.
21	Q. All right, very good.
22	So you have for durable medical equipment
23	\$1,058.50, and an annual cost and life expectancy
24	10,565, correct?
25	A. Minus the walker numbers of 6 to 900.

1	Q. All right. Very good.
2	Let's go to home furnishings and accessory.
3	When you do an evaluation such as this, is
4	there always a home furnishing accessory component?
5	A. Yes.
6	Q. The first item you have is an adjustable
7	bed with air mattress.
8	Would you explain to the ladies and
9	gentlemen of the jury why there needs to be an
LO	adjustable air mattress?
L1	A. He's already shown to have skin breakdown
L2	problems, and with poor vascular supply with the
L3	amputation he's not going to be moving around very
L4	well in bed.
L5	It's very hard to move yourself around when
L6	you have a missing a limb.
L7	So the air mattress will help with the skin
L8	breakdown while he's in bed, and adjustable means you
L9	can inflate it more or less, so that you have the
20	proper to pressurize the component of the bed for
21	safety of the skin.
22	Q. And the skin breakdown, is that the type of
23	thing that leads to bed sores?
24	A. Correct.
25	O. And that can be very difficult for someone

who isn't very mobile?

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A. Right, for someone not mobile, and also you could have breakdowns on the residual limb as well.

Q. So that needs to be replaced every five years. The initial cost is \$3500, for a total cost of \$7,000.

And after three years why would that bed need to be replaced?

- A. Well, the air component to it there all the time puts a lot of stress on it, so the lining can breakdown pretty easily.
- Q. Your next item is home modifications, a one-time charge of \$80,000, and before you go into detail on this, I'd advise you Mr. Moore is a former contractor, he may have some disputes with you on that to, but in your capacity as a rehab expert would you please explain to the ladies and gentlemen of the jury what that 80,000 is?
- A. I had a discussion with him. He said it would be a hundred thousand, but I lowered it down for Nevada for the square footage price, but the idea is that the current house he's in doesn't fit the wheelchair, can't get into the closet, can't get into the bathroom.

He needs the walker to get into those

1	places, but if an individual is tired, or having an
2	extremely hard day, he may need to get the wheelchair
3	in there, so you have to modify the house to get
4	the hallways have to be widened, the doors have to be
5	widened, the bathrooms have to be changed, it has to
6	be what we call ADA compatible for disabilities, so
7	that is a modification of the house.
8	Now, you can buy a house with all these
9	changes already made that is more expensive than
10	trying to modify a house.
11	So based on the square footage I came up
12	with \$80,000 to do the repairs.
13	Q. So the house is currently in functional
14	with a wheelchair, fair to say it's not functional
15	for every day use?
16	A. You will probably find most houses are not
17	functional for wheelchairs.
18	The doors aren't built wide enough.
19	The hallways aren't wide enough.
20	But the house he's in needs to be modified
21	so, correct.
22	Q. Next item is a lift chair recliner.
23	What is that?
24	A. Well, if you think about it, he has to get

up with one leg, that's the only way to get out of

1	the chair, unless he has the prosthesis, and even
2	with the prosthesis the way they teach you to get out
3	of the chair, if I can get up and show you.
4	MR. P. HYMANSON: Court's permission?
5	THE COURT: Yes.
6	THE WITNESS: I don't know if you can all
7	see.
8	When you get out of the chair, they have
9	you put your prosthesis straight, and then you have
10	to push off with one leg because you can't have your
11	prosthesis bent when you get up, you don't have quad
12	strength.
13	THE COURT: Obviously the jurors are trying
14	to stand to see.
15	Can you possibly bring the chair over here?
16	THE WITNESS: Sure.
17	Yeah, happy to.
18	Can you all see?
19	MR. P. HYMANSON: Your Honor, if they can't
20	see it, they have permission to stand?
21	THE COURT: They were.
22	If they don't have a problem.
23	I was trying to get him into a location
24	where they could actually see him.
25	THE WITNESS: Mr. Moore's missing his knee,

1	so when you get out of the chair, it's all quad
2	strength getting up, so what they teach you to do is
3	keep your leg straight, and really kind of push off
4	on your left leg, all left leg push, because if you
5	think about it, if these things, the knee's bent,
6	it's not going to straighten when you stand, it has
7	to be straight to push up this way.
8	BY MR. P. HYMANSON:
9	Q. And then if he's not wearing a prosthesis
10	because it's uncomfortable, how does he stand when he
11	doesn't have the ability to put the prosthesis on the
12	ground?
13	A. The same way.
14	Q. Is that more difficult getting out of the
15	chair?
16	A. Like a one-legged squat, but it's really
17	hard if you are not strong enough to do it.
18	Q. All right. Thank you.
19	So the lift chair recliner is a reclining
20	chair that also assists in helping him get up, so it
21	will help elevate him, correct?
22	A. Right.
23	Q. And you priced that at \$2,000 a chair, and
24	that is every five years?

A. Correct.

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1	Q. Would you explain to the ladies and
2	gentlemen of the jury the Hoyer lift?
3	A. What the Hoyer lift is, is really to help
4	someone helping him because he's I don't want to
5	say heavy, but he's heavy, and trying to get him out
6	of bed and pull him out is not an easy task to do, so
7	with the Hoyer lift it allows an individual to place
8	a harness underneath him, and allows them to pull him
9	up out of bed if he's not able to do that.
10	So that needs to be available on bad days,
11	or having a lot of pain, or not as functional, or if
12	he's had surgery as well.
13	Q. And to be able to use a Hoyer lift, does
14	that also require modifications to the home to be
15	able to access that?
16	A. Maybe.
17	I actually didn't go into his house, but it
18	will fit in most rooms.
19	Q. And you say that needs to be replaced every
20	five years, so that is a \$5,000 cost initially, and
21	then the second one for \$10,000 cost over a ten-year
22	period.
23	The last item you have under accessories is
24	a van conversion, you have that as a one-time
25	conversion listed at \$112,000.

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Α. So again, the whole plan and the whole idea for getting anybody that had a devastating injury, to get them involved with the community and make them feel they are part of the community and part of socialization, if you sit around at home all day, one, it's not fun, makes you miserable, so you try to get this person to go out and integrate with society, and if he's going to use an electric wheelchair, it will be the majority of his long-term use to the community, like a mall or something like that, you got be able to get that chair to the place, and so the van is equipped so that it can fit the electric wheelchair either into the driver's space, which probably won't happen, but at least into the van where it can be stored and go places.

- Q. And this would allow him to drive on his own and be able to access the chair from inside the van, and be able to go about life?
 - A. Right.

And don't forget, the chair is not going to miraculously get into the van, it has to have a lift, which is an expensive component to get into the van.

Q. And that is \$112,000 for a total on home

1	furnishings and accessories of \$213,000 over a
2	ten-year period, is that correct?
3	A. Correct.
4	Q. Now, let's go next to the home, assistive
5	care.
6	I think in your deposition you said his
7	wife, Mrs. Moore, spends approximately six hours a
8	day attending or assisting him, is that correct?
9	A. Right.
LO	I think last time I discussed that an
L1	individual would need at least two hours in the
L2	morning, two hours in the evening, and four hours
L3	broken up through the day for meals.
L4	Q. So in reality this is a six-hour day on
L5	24-hour notice, if Mr. Moore's going to need
L6	assistance during the day, if there's nobody else to
L7	care for him, it's Mrs. Moore?
L8	A. That's true, but I think again coming back
L9	to the plan, you got to be realistic. I want him to
20	do stuff for himself too. He's just not an invalid
21	where he can't do anything, so I think you become
22	much better as a person if you are able to fend for
23	yourself and not rely on anybody for 24 hours, that's
24	why the plan doesn't include 24 hours.

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Q. You have home health aid. You have a cost

- 1 of \$18 per hour, that is over a ten-year period, correct, not any inflation over the ten years, it's 2 3 an \$18 an hour fee, correct? Actually, when I did his plan back in the 4 Α. 5 middle of last year, it was 18, but my current plans 6 are up to 25 now per hour. 7 But for this plan we're talking about is Ο. 8 \$18 an hour? 9 Α. Correct. 10 And you have it for eight hours a day for Q. 11 ten years, correct? 12 Α. Correct. 13 And that is a annual cost of \$52,560, and Ο. that is for the ten-year period whether he's going to 14 15 need more care as he gets older or not, that is what 16 you are projecting for this lifecare plan, is that 17 correct?
- 18 A. Yes.
- Q. And that is a total of \$525,600 for the entire ten-year period, is that right?
- 21 A. Right.
- Q. And then you have housekeeping again for ten years, and a weekly cost of \$80, correct?
- A. Correct.
- Q. How did you make that determination?

1	A. Well, his wife is doing the housekeeping at
2	this point, he's helping, but when you formulate a
3	plan, you have to monetize that individual, whether
4	it's family or not, you can't rely on the family and
5	can't rely on the fact she will be there for him the
6	time he's there, so you have to pay somebody, and so
7	that is where the plan is, the home health aid will
8	be focused on him, so there's really no time to make
9	sure the house or laundry and everything else is
10	done, it has to be done by somebody else, that is why
11	there is a housekeeping component.
12	Q. And you factor that into \$4,106 per year
13	for a ten-year period for \$41,600, correct?
14	A. Correct.

- Q. You have a total under the home assistive care of \$567,200?
- A. Correct.

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- Q. So to total projected cost as we seen before, and that is some \$2,021,766, and that is over a ten-year period, correct?
- A. Correct.
- Q. So it works out to about \$200,000 a year?
- A. Correct.
 - Q. Based upon your experience and expertise in this field, your evaluation of Mr. Moore, does that

1	appear to be a reasonable lifecare plan?
2	A. Yes.
3	MR. P. HYMANSON: Dr. Fish, thank you.
4	I have no further questions.
5	MR. ARNTZ: Hold on.
6	MR. P. HYMANSON: Court's indulgence, Your
7	Honor?
8	THE COURT: That's fine.
9	BY MR. P. HYMANSON:
10	Q. Dr. Fish, are your opinions to a reasonable
11	degree of medical certainty?
12	A. Yes.
13	MR. P. HYMANSON: Now I say thank you.
14	And I'll past the witness.
15	THE COURT: Thank you.
16	We're going to take our brief recess before
17	we resume with cross-examination to address one
18	outstanding issue the Court has with counsel that we
19	wanted to do after the direct examination of Dr.
20	Fish.
21	We're going to take a brief recess, no more
22	than five minutes at this point.
23	(Jury admonished by the Court.)
24	THE COURT: We'll bring you right back in
25	as soon as we can.

1	(Jury excused from the courtroom.)
2	(Thereupon, the following proceedings were
3	had out of the presence of the jury.):
4	THE COURT: Dr. Fish, could I have you go
5	back and wait in one of the ante-rooms?
6	I would appreciate that.
7	It just didn't make sense to take the full
8	morning break right now because that went fairly
9	quickly.
10	I don't know how long it will take, butI
11	thought we would take a larger break between his
12	testimony and you calling Dr. Lasry, or whoever the
13	next witness is.
14	So I think I'm going to turn to Mr. Weaver.
15	Do you need to get something out of your
16	bag?
17	MR. WEAVER: No.
18	Thank you.
19	THE COURT: You were the one who made this
20	issue as a concern, a motion basically to ask the
21	Court to allow for there to be essentially what would
22	be an exception to what the current status of the law
23	is in Nevada about being able to inquire as to
24	Medicare coverage of items, and your argument was
25	based at that time primarily on opening statements,

indicating there were things the Plaintiff could not pay for and references specifically to wheelchairs and other things you knew Medicare would pay for, and that you felt that opened the door, and there was a concern that in fairness you should be allowed to have that inquiry.

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We already laid a foundation a little bit for what the law is, but just to re-orient of course as a general rule collateral source, it cannot come in, in the area of medical malpractice that is not generally applicable, but when it comes to federal government substance abuse, whatever you want to call it, it is still applicable because the statute that makes collateral source not applicable in medical malpractice cases also requires a component the Plaintiff not be able to be asked to repay those benefits, and that cannot be done when it comes to Medicare and Medicaid.

So we talked a little bit about that, but we deferred making a decision on that until we heard some of the testimony of Dr. Fish and how Plaintiffs elicited that testimony, focusing specifically on for instance he talked about the manual wheelchair and electric wheelchair, talked about a plan.

I'm not certainly as well-versed as you

Τ	would be in what is covered by Medicare and what is
2	not.
3	So now we had that sufficient testimony,
4	anything else you would like to add to your argument?
5	MR. WEAVER: I think the Court said it very
6	succinctly.
7	I think the only thing I would add is, we
8	now have confirmation of Dr. Fish on Friday said
9	there was some things, quote, unquote, couldn't get
10	meaning Mr. Moore, which implies he couldn't get
11	them not because physicians haven't ordered them,
12	which his testimony in his deposition was there was
13	nothing he couldn't get that was medically-indicated,
14	physicians couldn't order, they just had not.
15	So in addition to the door being opened in
16	Mr. Arntz's opening statement to the jury that there
17	were things he couldn't afford, Dr. Fish I think
18	implicitly confirmed that by saying on Friday there
19	were things, quote, unquote, he couldn't get.
20	So what is the jury is going to conclude is
21	that likely is from the opening statement, where he
22	can't get, or couldn't get likely, is due to what he
23	can't afford.
24	So I think the door is open on the issue of
25	establishing through Dr. Fish what Medicare would have

for and what Medicare wouldn't pay for.

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Dr. Fish can certainly say that Medicare wouldn't pay for all of it, which might be true, or Medicare would only pay for a portion of it, which might be true, and Dr. Fish has every right to say what that amount is or what it is he claims in his deposition. He knows inside and out what Nevada prices are.

So that is why I put it in the report.

So I think he's able to address all of that fairly and too if Medicare is paying, how much of it, and how much Mr. Moore might have personal responsibility for.

THE COURT: But it's the whole purpose of collateral source is -- in this case would be applicable, you're asking for an exception to that. It's the whole purpose of that is to not inquire, not allow the jurors to be able to sort of offset recovery to a Plaintiff because they might be able to get these things paid by insurance or other collateral sources.

I'm struggling to understand why that should be allowed here because it seems to be the exact opposite of the purpose of why we have the rule to begin with.

1	And I have a second component to that sort
2	of question, but let me let you reply to that.
3	MR. WEAVER: I think that is a fair
4	concern.
5	But the concern no longer exists when
б	Plaintiff opens the door.
7	I mean, it's a policy reason that we can't
8	as a general proposition introduce Medicare.
9	It's a policy reason that Plaintiff's can't
10	refer to whether Nurse Practitioner Bartmus and Dr.
11	Lasry have professional liability coverage, but again
12	if I were to have stood up here and said to the jury,
13	don't award any money to Plaintiff because Miss
14	Bartmus is going to lose her home and her car, Mr.
15	Arntz would have been up here saying, I opened the
16	door on an issue that is otherwise precluded from
17	bringing up.
18	For one thing The second thing is, that
19	we have testimony from Dr. Fish already that Mr.
20	Moore could have done this to give any impression to
21	the jury he can't have these things because he can't
22	afford it is a fraud on the jury.
23	Now I'm not saying that Mr. Moore doesn't
24	have these things because what they didn't want to do

is have him have them, and then not be able to have

1	them in the lifecare plan, but I don't think it's
2	fair for the jury to think the reason he hasn't
3	gotten any of these medically-indicated things that
4	Dr. Fish says he could have gotten over the last
5	three years is because he hasn't been able to afford
6	them.
7	I don't know what the answer is quite
8	frankly as to why Mr. Moore hasn't talked to his
9	health care providers about not getting them, or
10	whether he has, and they just decided they aren't
11	medically-indicated.
12	I don't know why Dr. Fish hasn't talked
13	with his medical providers, or ordered them himself
14	quite frankly, but the fact we're here three years
15	after this incident, and Dr. Fish is saying all of
16	these things are medically-indicated today as they
17	were the day of the amputation, at least most of
18	them, and he doesn't have them, it gives the jury the
19	impression not because physicians don't think he
20	needs them, but because he can't afford them.
21	I just think it's a fraud on the jury to
22	believe that may be the case.
23	THE COURT: Okay.

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That segways into my second question then,

1	Generally can you concede the point there
2	certainly are components of the lifecare plan of Dr.
3	Fish that are not covered by Medicare/Medicaid?
4	MR. WEAVER: Yes.
5	THE COURT: And/or things he would have to
6	come out of pocket for?
7	MR. WEAVER: You bet.
8	THE COURT: The main thing stood out to me
9	is an in-home caregiver.
10	MR. WEAVER: You bet.
11	THE COURT: So there are things.
12	MR. WEAVER: Big ticket things, so that is
13	a very expensive thing.
14	The renovations of the home I would
15	certainly agree with, but there are also very
16	significant things aren't covered, and that's my
17	bigger concern.
18	So there's no doubt, Your Honor, there are
19	parts of the lifecare plan that would not be covered
20	by Medicare, and we wouldn't claim they are, but
21	there are also other big ticket items that would be,
22	and just for example for Dr. Fish to testify as he
23	has there are basic safety items that Mr. Moore needs
24	getting in and out of the shower, the commode, some
25	of the things he testified are safety issues, it's

1	not fair for the jury to think that perhaps Mr. Moore
2	doesn't have basic safety issues because he can't
3	afford it.
4	All of those things, the additional medical
5	equipment, or the vast majority of the durable
6	equipment, Dr. Fish indicated they are medically
7	necessary. Dr. Fish would also have to agree they
8	could be covered under Medicare.
9	It's not only the he can't afford it.
10	The jurors are left to believe every day
11	Mr. Moore is in danger because he doesn't have basic
12	safety items, and those basic safety items are things
13	Medicare would cover if his doctor prescribed them.
14	THE COURT: Can't you just inquire of Mr.
15	Moore about that?
16	MR. WEAVER: I would love to, but we're not
17	there yet.
18	THE COURT: Who wants to respond on behalf
19	of the Plaintiff?
20	Mr. McBride.
21	MR. MC BRIDE: I'm joining in the
22	arguments.
23	THE COURT: No additional arguments to
24	make?
25	MR. MC BRIDE: I'm fine.

1	THE COURT: Mr. Hymanson.
2	MR. P. HYMANSON: To allow this discussion
3	on Medicare at the very least is error.
4	To rule against Medicare, and to allow
5	counsel to infer Medicare or any other insurance is a
6	mistrial.
7	In the decades I've spent on that side of
8	the aisle I've never heard of an argument where you
9	can piecemeal.
10	The door hasn't been open.
11	They can certainly do some
12	cross-examination. They can ask some questions, but
13	the door has not been opened, and you can't
14	THE COURT: Can we just nail that down?
15	When we were here before, I know you talked
16	about the potential for the error to be made. I made
17	them before, and probably will make them again. I am
18	trying not to make them, and I'd understand your
19	experience from the other side of the table has been
20	really different, but I want to hone in on this.
21	The argument was made two-fold, essentially
22	I don't know what is coming out in the testimony, but
23	that opening statements made, the argument he does
24	not have essential items for his lifecare and safety,

and he has to have, which he doesn't have now, and he

can't afford it, and it appears there are ample
things he could already have acquired, and/or would
be paid for by other insurers.
I get that is collateral source, but it's a
fine line to walk, isn't it, to indicate that as if
there's nothing that he can get until he gets a jury
verdict, that's the difficulty we have here.
So we have to hone in.
You started earlier in the argument, you
talked about like, look here, we're talking about a
wheelchair of course isn't covered or other things.
I'm thinking this argument here is better
suited to be more specific than the view of potential
error.
MR. P. HYMANSON: I think Mr. Arntz not
only did the opening statement, but he also reviewed
the opening statement, and I don't think the
representations made by opposing counsel is accurate,
and Mr. Arntz, if you want to make a record on it
THE COURT: I did take a look at the
opening statements because we have them as a Court
exhibit, and Court Exhibit Number 2 is Plaintiff's
or sorry, Courts Exhibit Number 3 I'm looking at a
stamp on number 3 says, Court's Exhibit 3, and it

appears to be the Moore's.

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1	MR. MC BRIDE: No, that is actually
2	Defendants.
3	THE COURT: I'm sorry.
4	I think I just read them in a different
5	order.
6	Which one is Plaintiff's, 2?
7	MR. ARNTZ: Are you asking for the actual
8	transcripts, or Power Point?
9	MR. MC BRIDE: The Power Point.
10	THE COURT: The Power Point, I looked at
11	them because I was trying to go back and remember,
12	but so Plaintiff, they didn't go in order which they
13	were provided, it just got logged in, but Court's
14	Exhibit 4, I got it.
15	So your opening with what went into the
16	Power Point was not your argument, it was more your
17	demonstrative, as I recall.
18	Go ahead.
19	MR. ARNTZ: I made one statement about
20	something he couldn't afford, and was very specific
21	to a specific wheelchair not covered by Medicare.
22	THE COURT: Do we have that?
23	We have dailies.
24	Does somebody have that for me?
25	MR. WEAVER: I did have it the other day.

1	I'm sorry, Your Honor.
2	THE COURT: If you have it, great.
3	If you don't, you don't.
4	MR. WEAVER: I agree that
5	THE COURT: When he said he can't afford
б	it, he was specific to just one thing.
7	MR. WEAVER: He said wheelchair, so I would
8	agree he used examples, as opposed to saying
9	everything he needs he can't get.
10	THE COURT: Okay.
11	MR. ARNTZ: This is based on my own
12	conversation with Mr. Moore where he explained to me
13	the problem with the wheelchair Medicare would give
14	him is not feasible for Mrs. Moore to be maneuvering
15	him with that wheelchair, so that if it's true that
16	this particular wheelchair is something that they
17	can't afford right now, and Medicare doesn't cover
18	it, you can't then extrapolate that into saying the
19	door's been wide open to all Medicare issues, because
20	I wasn't talking about something covered by Medicare.
21	THE COURT: I don't have the dailies, but
22	you all do.
23	So any final argument from the Plaintiffs?
24	MR. P. HYMANSON: Very briefly, Your Honor.
25	If and when these issues have ever come up,

1	I always make as part of the record, the McCrosky
2	law, 133 Nevada 930 from 2017 where the Court held,
3	absent application of NRS 42.021 the federal
4	collateral source payments we revert to the per se
5	rule in Nevada the collateral source payments may not
6	be admitted into evidence. See Proctor 112 Nevada.
7	Thus, on remand CTRMC may not introduce
8	evidence of Medicaid payments made on behalf
9	THE COURT: I got it right there.
10	THE COURT: That is other aspects.
11	MR. P. HYMANSON: That's why when we get
12	into area like this, Your Honor, without the
13	collateral source rule being done properly, we get
14	the opportunity to come back and try it a second
15	time.
16	THE COURT: Thank you.
17	MR. WEAVER: You know, I'm not going to say
18	the same type of things, if the Court's wrong on
19	this, it would be an appellate issue.
20	Here's our position on this, but here's the
21	point on this, we don't dispute McCrosky.
22	McCrosky is the law.
23	What we dispute is whether in this instance
24	McCrosky is applied.
25	If all there were as an issue today is do

1	we introduce to the jury Mr. Moore's past medical
2	specials paid by Medicare, or arguing about future
3	Medicare payments, that would be a different story,
4	that would be McCrosky.
5	That is not what we're talking about.
6	What we're talking about is the case law I
7	cited to the Court, which I think is crystal clear,
8	when a subject matter is introduced or opened in
9	opening statement, not just in general, but in
10	opening statement, the subject matter becomes fair
11	game.
12	Why is that?
13	Because you are not allowed to use a policy
14	argument as a sword and a shield.
15	You are not allowed to infer to the jury an
16	example that wasn't well, the jury wasn't told the
17	only thing you are going to here from Dr. Fish is
18	about a wheelchair that he can't afford.
19	What the beginning of that paragraph was,
20	was Dr. Fish is going to talk about 2 million dollars
21	in future medical needs, and how Mr. and Mrs. Moore
22	need them, and then comes up the wheelchair, which is
23	the impression to the jury here's an example out of
24	this 2 million dollar plan, that is just an example.

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this other stuff they can't afford either, that's
where the issue is different than McCrosky.

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law is, don't introduce Medicare, but because you can't introduce Medicare, we can still say anything we want you.

Again, I agree that it was an example or two that was used, but that is not the issue.

The example was just that, an example that implied or inferred that there was a whole lot more, and it's the subject matter that opens the door, it's not a specific example.

Again, it would be the same thing as if we brought up the jury shouldn't find in favor of Plaintiffs because Miss Bartmus is going to have to sell her car, and then I say, well, I only said car, I didn't say her house.

THE COURT: Okay.

I think you're both correct obviously, and the law implies in the circumstances generally, yes, when a door's open, there are circumstances where in fairness things should be able to be explored, you know we must allow that, but I think Plaintiff is right that we do have to look at McCrosky, and I do think it applies in this scenario because what I

don't perceive is that the opening statement or the lifecare plan of Dr. Fish truly opened the door to this inquiry.

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I know you used that example multiple times. I don't know what the impact will be if this is an unfavorable verdict to Nurse Practitioner

Bartmus or Dr. Lastly, and that is not something coming into the trial, but I think we're comparing apples to not apples at this point because it's a different situation to a Plaintiff who's going to be asking the jury for a particular verdict and trying to show the jury what that is based on and going through items by items that is a natural expectation, and that is necessary, and the reality is that whether some of those things are covered or not is collateral source and doesn't come in.

It's not the same thing as asking that you have to do this because of sympathy, for there might be an inability to pay here, or might be a harm there if there's a large verdict. It's not the point.

The point really is, it's a collateral source, and just is.

I don't believe the door is open to make an exception to collateral source.

This is Medicare.

Granted McCrosky was Medicaid, but same
concept, which is Medicare cannot be precluded from
coming back recovering these expenses from the
Plaintiff, and therefore it's collateral source
because it's not a certain fee, they would just get
it and wouldn't have to necessarily repay it, and
ultimately there might by coverage, might not be
coverage, they might have to reimburse.

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At the end of the day the general concept and the specific application of collateral source in medicals is limited to federal subsidies still applies in this case.

I see no basis to indicate that a general opening the door because an argument is being made there are some things haven't been paid for that he can't afford because that is surely true, and even though certain examples were given that may or may not have been covered by Medicare, it's just not enough, there wasn't enough in the opening statement to open the door and to overcome what is otherwise a very thorough and well thought through by the Appellate Court basis upon which we would consider these types of payments collateral source.

So I appreciate the argument.

I think you have a right to make it, but

1	ultimately at the end of the day I think it would be
2	an error truly on my part to allow Dr. Fisg to refer
3	to what is covered my Medicare and what is not.
4	You will still have the opportunity to find
5	out what has been obtained at this point and what
6	hasn't, and why, but to get into a line item of this
7	is covered by Medicare, this isn't, it's not
8	appropriate under the circumstances.
9	Generally, again I don't sit here making my
10	rules because of what I think the Appellate Court
11	will do, I gave up a long time ago guessing what that
12	would be, I just try to make the best call, and I
13	think under this circumstances you do have enough
14	information in the opening or from testimony of Dr.
15	Fish would implicate an exception to or a
16	non-application of collateral source under the
17	circumstances.
18	MR. WEAVER: Thank you, Your Honor.
19	THE COURT: Thank you for the time.
20	That did take a few minutes.
21	(Thereupon, a discussion was had off the
22	record.)
23	(Thereupon, a recess was had.)
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1	(Thereupon, the following proceedings were
2	had out of the presence of the jury.):
3	THE COURT: All right.
4	Anything else before we bring the jurors
5	back?
6	(Thereupon, a discussion was had off the
7	record.)
8	THE COURT: All right.
9	(Thereupon, the following proceedings were
10	had in open court and in the presence of the jury.):
11	THE COURT: Before we resume with the
12	questions by counsel, Dr. Fish, can you please tell
13	us for the record you understand you're still under
14	oath?
15	THE WITNESS: Yes.
16	THE COURT: Thank you.
17	Mr. Weaver.
18	MR. WEAVER: Thank you, Your Honor.
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20	CROSS-EXAMINATION OF DR. DAVID FISH
21	BY MR. WEAVER:
22	Q. Good afternoon, Dr. Fish.
23	Welcome back to Las Vegas.
24	A. Thank you.
25	Q. I took your deposition a few months ago,

1	correct?
2	A. Correct.
3	Q. And none of your opinions in this case have
4	changed, correct?
5	A. I don't think so.
6	Q. None of the factual basis of your opinions
7	changed, correct?
8	A. No.
9	Q. And none of your opinions have changed
10	since Friday, correct?
11	A. No.
12	Q. And none of the factual bases for your
13	opinions have changed since Friday, correct?
14	A. Correct.
15	Q. Could you go to the board for a moment,
16	please?
17	A. I'd be happy to.
18	Q. Dr. Fish, very briefly, you told us on
19	Friday about the challenges with somebody who has a
20	below knee amputation, above the knee amputation, and
21	I think you told the jury that typically people with
22	amputations up to the level of the hip have the most
23	difficulty, is that correct?
24	A. Correct.
25	Q. Why is that?

1	A. Well, there's a lot more energy required
2	when you are missing the entire leg. The more leg
3	you have, the less energy requirements to do your
4	daily activities.
5	Q. And could you just very briefly, then I'll
6	let you get back to your post, could you show us
7	where the amputation typically is when it's at the
8	hip?
9	A. The hip disarticulation?
LO	Q. Yes, sir.
L1	A. Well, can I draw a different image?
L2	Q. Sure.
L3	A. You have your pelvis, and then you have
L4	what is called the acetabulum, which is where the
L5	socket of the hip is, and this is your femur.
L6	Typically it depends on what happens, but
L7	multiple type of cancers of the pelvis you remove the
L8	pelvis at this point here, that is considered a hip
L9	replacement.
20	You can try to do You can do an
21	interarticular removal of the hip, but that still
22	leaves the joint space here, and then you have to
23	fuse it.
24	So most of the time you are just taking the

entire hip out at this point here.

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1	Q. Thank you.
2	That's all I have on that.
3	Thank you.
4	Dr. Fish, in your deposition that I took a
5	few months ago do you recall me asking you if there
6	was any additional work you needed to do on this
7	case?
8	A. Yes, I believe you did ask me that
9	question.
10	Q. Your answer was, your opinions were
11	trial-ready, correct?
12	A. Correct.
13	Q. And you haven't been asked to do any
14	additional work on this case since your opinions were
15	trial-ready a few months ago, correct?
16	A. Well, I looked at some other documents, but
17	didn't change my opinions.
18	Q. Okay.
19	Well, when I took your deposition, we went
20	through all of the documents that you said you needed
21	in order to have trial-ready opinions, correct?
22	A. Correct.
23	Q. And those documents that you reviewed at
24	that time were the St. Rose Hospital records related
25	Mr. Moore's amputation, correct?

1	A. Correct.
2	Q. And the records that you reviewed at that
3	time related to his prosthetics, correct?
4	A. Correct.
5	Q. Those are the only medical records that you
6	reviewed at that time, which you prepared your
7	opinions to which you're testifying to today,
8	correct?
9	A. Medical records, yes.
10	Q. All right.
11	And you told Mr. Hymanson on Friday that in
12	preparation for providing trial testimony you
13	reviewed all relevant records, correct, meaning those
14	ones?
15	A. Correct.
16	Q. And since that time you have not reviewed
17	any depositions, correct, other than the ones you
18	identified in your report, which were Mr. and Mrs.
19	Moore, correct?
20	A. That's correct.
21	Q. And since that time you didn't have any
22	since October when I took your deposition, you
23	haven't had any follow-up communications with Mr. or
24	Mrs. Moore, correct?

A. Correct.

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1	Q. And you haven't relied on any oral
2	representations of Mr. and Mrs. Moore's counsel,
3	correct?
4	A. Correct.
5	Q. And you haven't examined Mr. Moore again,
6	correct?
7	A. That's correct.
8	Q. And you never talked to any of the health
9	care providers, correct?
10	A. Yes, I've not.
11	Correct.
12	Q. And am I correct that you haven't made any
13	changes to your lifecare plan that was made back in
14	July?
15	A. Just the one we talked about with the
16	walker being duplicated.
17	Q. Well, you you haven't made that change,
18	correct?
19	A. Well, I did in the deposition, but I didn't
20	do a formalized change on the actual report.
21	Q. So just so I'm clear on this, when I took
22	your deposition, there were a number of things in
23	your report that were inaccurate, correct?
24	MR. P. HYMANSON: Objection, Your Honor.
25	THE COURT: Restate it.

1	MR. WEAVER: Sure.
2	BY MR. WEAVER:
3	Q. Do you agree with me or let me ask you,
4	were there a number of things when I took your
5	deposition that you agreed were inaccurate in your
6	report?
7	A. I believe we went over a few things, that's
8	correct.
9	Q. So one of them had to do with the walker,
10	correct?
11	A. That
12	Q. Another thing had to do with you said Mr.
13	Moore should get crutches, and then we talked about
14	Dr. Jansen saying the crutches would be good for him,
15	and then you decided he shouldn't have crutches after
16	all, correct?
17	A. I think that's correct.
18	Q. And then the third thing was a big ticket
19	item that was tens of thousands of dollars, where in
20	your report you talked about something Mr. Moore
21	should have for five to 15 years, even though he's
22	only going to live ten years, correct?
23	A. Right, I think we talked about that in my
24	on Friday.
25	Q. We also talked about it in your deposition,

1	right?
2	A. That's correct.
3	Q. So even though we talked about all of those
4	things in your deposition, that were errors, and it
5	made a substantial difference in the cost of your
6	lifecare plan, you have never changed and corrected
7	your lifecare plan to reflect the new correct
8	amounts, right?
9	A. No, I would disagree.
10	It's not a substantial amount difference,
11	just an error in terms of the years we talked about,
12	and I think the walker was \$900, that is not
13	substantial.
14	Q. It may not be substantial if you are not
15	paying for it, right?
16	Is it your opinion that it should just be
17	not worth your time to correct your report from three
18	months ago that you got paid \$3,000 to do, and I paid
19	you thousands of dollars in your deposition, it's not
20	worth your time to correct the report?
21	MR. P. HYMANSON: Your Honor, may we
22	approach?
23	THE COURT: Yes.
24	(Thereupon, a discussion was had between
25	Court and counsel at sidehar)

1	THE COURT: Thank you.
2	The objection is overruled, but go ahead,
3	proceed.
4	MR. WEAVER: Thank you, Your Honor.
5	BY MR. WEAVER:
6	Q. Just in case I wasn't clear, you have
7	corrected today and Friday errors in your report that
8	were already corrected in your deposition, right?
9	A. Yeah, that's correct.
10	Q. What you haven't done since I took your
11	deposition a few months ago when we talked about all
12	those errors is to make those corrections into your
13	report, correct?
14	A. That's correct.
15	Q. So one of those things is crutches, right?
16	A. Correct.
17	Q. One of those things was a walker, correct?
18	A. Correct.
19	Q. And then one of those things and we'll
20	get to it, I just don't remember it off the top of my
21	head had to do with whatever medical services he
22	would need for up to 15 years, I think it was
23	injections twice a year for ten years, but you had to
24	15 years, correct?
25	A. It was five to 15 years, and it was a

1	ten-year block. It just wasn't written correctly in
2	terms of zero to ten it was five to 15.
3	Excuse me.
4	Q. So
5	A. I didn't feel that was a substantive enough
6	change would make a difference.
7	It didn't make a difference in the cost, it
8	was an error on my part in terms of what the years
9	were, and I didn't feel that really changed anything,
10	wasn't substantive, and that's why I didn't take the
11	effort to change it appropriately.
12	I discussed it
13	Q. When we talked on Friday, there was
14	discussion about there was going to be corrections to
15	the numbers, correct?
16	A. Just the years, from five to 15 should have
17	been zero to ten.
18	Q. Are you saying that just the years were
19	what was wrong, because they weren't taken out of
20	some other template or something, but the actual
21	calculation of the dollar amounts was correct?
22	A. The dollar amounts were correct.
23	Q. All right.
24	So if those corrections were to have been
25	made, your lifecare plan is accurate, is that fair?

1	A. That's correct.
2	Q. And you indicated in response to some of
3	Mr. Hymanson's questions about the lifecare plan, you
4	also put this in your report is a dynamic document,
5	is that correct?
6	A. That
7	Q. So it could change from back in July when
8	you created it, to October when I took your
9	deposition, to now three months later when you are
10	here in trial, if there were any corrections that
11	needed to be made to the lifecare plan, or any
12	additions or deletions could have been made, right?
13	A. They could.
14	Q. And you haven't made any, is that right?
15	A. I didn't feel the need to do any, but I
16	haven't made any.
17	Q. And if you felt you needed to be done, you
18	could have, is that right?
19	A. Yes.
20	Q. And just to be clear about this, is there
21	even one opinion in your deposition that you would
22	correct, or rethink?

Such as?

I don't know.

I'm just asking you.

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1	A. I don't know.
2	We can talk about it if there was
3	something.
4	Q. Did you prepare You reviewed your
5	deposition it sounded like to prepare for today,
6	correct?
7	A. I did.
8	Q. Remember in your deposition you held the
9	opinion that the Defense expert, Dr. Jansen, had
10	or does not have insight into amputees, and he's
11	insulting to amputees because he used the term stump,
12	instead of residual limb, correct?
13	A. I did say that.
14	Q. And you still are as firm in that opinion
15	as you were a few months ago, is that fair?
16	A. Yes.
17	Q. And you also testified in your deposition
18	that any place in any literature that anybody uses
19	that term they are as equally insulting and equally
20	lacking in insight as Dr. Jansen who used it,
21	correct?
22	A. I would agree.
23	Q. And you still hold that opinion, correct?
24	A. Yes.
25	Q. And would you hold that opinion even if

1	it's in literature say from UCLA?
2	A. I would think UCLA is using it wrong, and
3	dit's insulting.
4	Q. And if there's Defense expert Dr. Wilson,
5	been a vascular surgeon for decades, were to say that
6	it's commonly used, you would say he and any of his
7	colleagues who use it also are insulting and lacking
8	in insight, correct?
9	A. In what?
10	Q. The term of stump, instead of residual
11	limb?
12	A. Yeah, I believe that is insulting to any
13	individual.
14	Q. Okay.
15	And if any MVA facilities, or any
16	Department Of Defense medical facilities, or anybody
17	working in them, referred to an amputation like Mr.
18	Moore's left above the knee residual being a stump,
19	you would say that is equally insulting, correct?
20	A. It is insulting.
21	Q. And lacking in insight with regard to
22	amputees, correct?
23	A. That's true.
24	Q. Okay.
25	You talked about your experience with

1	prices in Nevada, is that correct?
2	A. Yes.
3	Q. So all of the pricing that you have is
4	specific to Nevada, is that correct?
5	A. That's correct.
6	Q. Is there anything in any of your pricing
7	for any items that would be different if you were
8	retained by the Defense, as opposed to the
9	Plaintiffs?
10	A. No.
11	Q. It's exactly the same?
12	A. Correct.
13	Q. So if Mr. McBride or I had retained you to
14	do the lifecare plan, it would be exactly the same as
15	it is for Mr. Arntz, is that correct?
16	A. That's correct.
17	Q. Can you think of anything at all would be
18	different if the Defense retained you, versus if the
19	Plaintiffs have retained you?
20	A. No.
21	Q. So nothing that you would put in a Defense
22	lifecare plan would be any different or any less, is
23	that correct?
24	A. The plan is based on an amputee. Not much
25	you can change because those are the things amputees

1	need, so if I was hired by the Defense, I would say
2	this is what the person needs, it wouldn't be a
3	change.
4	Q. So if I were to review any deposition
5	Have you testified in Nevada cases before on behalf
6	of the Defense?
7	A. I have.
8	Q. So for example when it comes to the home
9	health aid, would I find in your deposition that the
10	pricing was the same?
11	A. The pricing would be the same.
12	Q. Could you think of any reason that might
13	not be the same?
14	A. No.
15	Q. We'll get into your report in a minute.
16	Just a couple more questions.
17	In your CV that you talked to Mr. Hymanson
18	about I did computer word search of your CV. I
19	didn't see the word amputation or amputee come up
20	even once in your CV.
21	Does that surprise you?
22	A. No.
23	Q. Why not?
24	A. Most of my research is spine.
25	I have experience with amputees, and I work

1	with them.
2	I haven't done research or talks on
3	specifically those topics, but if anything would be a
4	phantom pain, so I don't know if you did a search on
5	phantom limb pain or spinal cord stimulators, that
6	might show up.
7	Q. You never authored anything specific to
8	amputees or amputations, is that fair?
9	A. I would agree with that.
10	Q. You told Mr. Hymanson that you interviewed
11	Mrs. Moore, correct?
12	A. I didn't really interview her.
13	She was in the room.
14	Q. Are you saying you didn't use the term on
15	Friday you interviewed her?
16	A. I might have, but I didn't do a formal
17	interview.
18	She was in the room, so I asked her some
19	questions, but I don't think I did a formal
20	interview.
21	Q. She was in the room when?
22	A. When Mr. Moore was there.
23	Q. Do you remember I specifically asked you in
24	your deposition if you talked to Mrs. Moore, and you
25	said no and not only do or did you believe at

1	the time you didn't talk to her, but it was your
2	custom to not have a family member in the room?
3	A. Yeah, that's true, but I think I may have
4	said a couple things to her or talked to her, and I
5	think in the deposition she may not have been in the
6	room the entire time.
7	Q. What you told Mr. Hymanson in response to
8	one of his questions he asked you why you talked to
9	Mrs. Moore, and you said it was important to talk to
LO	her, correct?
L1	A. That's true.
L2	Q. But when I asked you in your deposition if
L3	you talked to her, you said, no.
L4	So did you talk to her, or did you not?
L5	A. I'm sure I did because she was there, but I
L6	don't know what the exact question was. It might
L7	have been a different context, I don't know.
L8	Q. Well, the context, it's I simply asked you
L9	whether or not in the context of you saying there
20	needed to be eight hours of care a day, did you talk
21	to Mrs. Moore, and you said, no.
22	A. Then I must have misspoken.
23	I don't know.
24	Q. Is there any reason we can't rely on what
25	vou said in vour deposition?

1	A. Rely for what?
2	Q. Rely on what you said in your deposition,
3	you didn't talk to Ms. Moore, any reason we can't
4	believe you were telling the truth?
5	A. No.
6	Q. Okay.
7	You didn't correct make any corrections
8	in your deposition after you had time to think about
9	it and reflect on it, correct?
10	A. That's true.
11	Q. And in your report you indicated it was a
12	thorough report, it doesn't give any indication you
13	talked to Ms. Moore, correct?
14	A. I believe that would be correct.
15	Q. So just on the point of primarily the eight
16	hours a day, is that to help Mr. Moore, or is that to
17	help Ms. Moore, or to help both of them?
18	A. No, only to help Mr. Moore.
19	Q. So Let me back up for a second.
20	You recall that in your report didn't you
21	say that Mrs. Moore was providing six hours of help a
22	day?
23	A. Correct.
24	Q. Did Mr. Moore tell you something that lead
25	you to believe, even though he told you it was

1 referencing six hours a day, you needed to add in two 2 more hours? 3 I would think people underestimate, and so Α. I based it on my experience, that's why I came up 4 5 with the eight hours. 6 Why not just rely on what Mr. Moore said, O. 7 as opposed to just adding in stuff? Because it's my experience, training, 9 education, and I take into consideration what they 10 are saying, but I also know the reality of a lot of 11 things, and people may be very stoic, don't realize 12 it, so based on my experience with individuals like 13 Mr. Moore eight hours a day is the average time that 14 they need help. 15 So was Mr. Moore in your discussion with Ο. 16 him, was he as forthcoming in everything as he could 17 be as far as you were concerned? 18 Α. I hope so. Was there anything you think he wasn't 19 Ο. 20 forthcoming in? 2.1 I don't know. Α. 22 And you met with him for an hour and 15 Ο. 23 minutes, correct? 2.4 Α. Whatever that time was on my chart.

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I don't remember.

1	Q. If your report says, an hour and 15
2	minutes, any reason we can't believe it's true?
3	A. No, if that's what I marked down.
4	Q. So you have testified that Mr. Moore has
5	needed, and will need, two hours of help in the
6	morning getting out of bed?
7	A. Correct.
8	Q. And what do those two hours consist of
9	presently?
LO	A. That would be making sure he gets up,
L1	making sure he takes his medication, making sure he
L2	gets out of bed safely, making sure he can go to the
L3	bathroom, making sure he puts on his clothes, if he's
L4	going to put his prosthesis on, which I would assume
L5	he would, to put that on, do all the care that is
L6	necessary to get it prepared to put it on, and then
L7	get him up and going to the bathroom, making sure
L8	he's safe.
L9	Some people like to take showers in the
20	morning, I don't know if he does it in the morning or
21	evening, I didn't go into that detail.
22	Making sure he's safe in the bathroom,
23	making sure he brushes his teeth and combs his hair,
24	do all the things he needs, and then get ready for

his day.

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1	Q. Have you now told us everything that Mr.
2	Moore needs a home health aid for for two hours in
3	the morning?
4	A. I think that would be the majority of it.
5	Probably little things I might have
6	forgotten, but that seems to encompass most of the
7	things an individual needs.
8	Q. That's what Mr. Moore told you?
9	A. Partly told me.
LO	I don't think he told me everything.
L1	We talked a little bit about what he needed
L2	and what the help he was needing, and how he had
L3	difficulties with the pain in his residual limb, and
L4	so those were things we had in our discussion, and
L5	based on my experience with other individuals like
L6	him these are the things I would recommend for
L7	anybody in this situation.
L8	Q. I'm just talking about all the things Mr.
L9	Moore told you that he needs help with for two hours
20	in the morning.
21	Have you told us all those things?
22	A. I hope so.
23	Q. And then what were the things Mr. Moore
24	told you he needed two hours of help with at night?

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Well, again that is going to be getting

1	ready for bed, getting ready for the bathroom again,
2	getting to bed, going to be removing the clothes,
3	removing the prosthesis, brushing teeth, making sure
4	if he takes a shower at night, because it's been a
5	long day, he's sweaty during the summertime, might
6	get a shower, making sure he's safe, and making sure
7	he's safe in bed, all the things he needs to do, in
8	case he needs something in the middle of the night.
9	Q. You read his deposition, right?
10	A. I did.
11	Q. And he was asked those type of questions,
12	what types of things he needs help with.
13	What did he say?
14	A. I would have to look at the deposition.
15	I don't remember it offhand.
16	Q. Was it even most of the things that you are
17	saying he told you he needs?
18	A. I'd have to see the deposition.
19	MR. P. HYMANSON: Objection, Your Honor.
20	Speculation.
21	THE COURT: Hold on.
22	He answered while you were trying to make
23	objections.
24	Hold on.
25	What was your objection?

1	MR. P. HYMANSON: Speculation for this
2	witness to make a determination on what Mr. Moore may
3	or may not have said.
4	THE COURT: All right.
5	He answered already, but let me overrule
6	and allow you to finish your answer.
7	Do you remember what he said?
8	THE WITNESS: I think I finished.
9	THE COURT: I know, but he didn't get it
10	because he was speaking at the same time he was
11	speaking trying to make his objection.
12	THE WITNESS: I don't remember.
13	I got sidetracked.
14	THE COURT: Ask the question again.
15	BY MR. WEAVER:
16	Q. You reviewed Mr. Moore's deposition,
17	correct?
18	A. I did.
19	Q. Based on what he said in his deposition,
20	are you able to tell us what of those things were
21	articulated in his two hours in the morning he needed
22	help with, and two hours in the evening he needed
23	help with?
24	A. I answered that question.
25	Q. I'm asking based on what he said in his

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- A. I don't remember what his deposition said.

 I would have to see it.
 - Q. Did you review it to prepare for your trial testimony?
 - A. I may have looked at it.
 - I don't recall specifically.
 - Q. And then what about the four hours that he needs help with during the day, he needs a home health aid in his home?
 - A. Well, during the day you want to be as productive as possible, make sure you're safe in the house, also meals prepared, most people eat three meals a day, so making sure you're safe standing in the kitchen, making sure that you're lifting something heavy, that you are not going to compromise yourself, and then if you have hobbies or doing other things, other getting prepared to go out of the house, you got to make sure he's getting in and out of the house and in and out of his car.

The wheelchair, like I said before, the electric one is not going to go into the driver's seat, so making sure that wheelchair is up there and safe too.

Then those are going to take up about four

1	hours of your day.
2	Q. Okay.
3	Have you now told us everything Mr. Moore
4	told you he needs four hours worth of help with in
5	the home in the morning, at night, and every day?
б	A. I hope so.
7	Q. Dr. Fish, why didn't you talk to any of Mr.
8	Moore's health care providers?
9	A. I don't know. That option never came up.
10	There wasn't really a need for it.
11	I don't think it would have changed my
12	opinions, and I wasn't confused about anything based
13	on what I reviewed.
14	Q. So you weren't confused about any of the
15	medical care Mr. Moore was getting?
16	A. No.
17	Well, if I was confused on anything, it was
18	the lack of medical care I felt he needed to maximize
19	his best outcome possible, and so I mean I could call
20	a doctor, say hey, why don't do you do this for that
21	person, but that is not my role.
22	My role was to evaluate him and see what he
23	needed at the time I evaluated him.
24	And I also don't think doctors take too
25	kindly when you tell them, hey listen, you're not

1	doing something appropriately, you're missing
2	something.
3	And I wasn't consulted by doctors to make
4	those opinions either.
5	Q. But you don't even know his doctors were
6	aware of the fact that you made a medical diagnosis
7	of Mr. Moore and told Mr. Moore things he needed,
8	correct?
9	A. All the diagnoses that were made, I didn't
10	make those, those are already made in the records.
11	Q. You testified Go ahead.
12	A. So the care that he had was appropriate.
13	He just needed to be maximized, but I
14	didn't make up any diagnosis, these are all diagnoses
15	in his medical chart.
16	Q. You testified on Friday, Dr. Fish, that
17	when you met with Mr. Moore, you formulated a
18	diagnosis as to what was going on with him, and then
19	formulated a medical plan for his future care?
20	A. That's correct.
21	Q. So you just said a moment ago you didn't
22	make any diagnosis for him.
23	A. I think your question was that I made
24	diagnoses that weren't in the medical record.
25	I didn't make up anything.

1	It was diagnoses that were already there,
2	and I confirmed them.
3	Q. Dr. Fish, so your position is, the
4	diagnosis that you came up with when you examined Mr.
5	Moore were already diagnoses in Mr. Moore's medical
6	records, is that right?
7	A. That's true.
8	Q. What medical records did you review again,
9	where you got those diagnoses?
10	A. The ones talked about St. Rose Hospital and
11	the prosthetic records.
12	Q. The only medical records, Dr. Fish, that
13	you reviewed that had anything to do with any of Mr.
14	Moore's diagnoses when you evaluated him in July were
15	the prosthesis, correct?
16	A. No, I had all the hospital medical records
17	and the care that was done.
18	Q. With all due respect, you didn't.
19	The St. Rose Hospital records related to
20	the amputation. We went over this in your
21	deposition, correct?
22	A. I think so.
23	Q. And you didn't have the Kindred records you
24	identified in your deposition, all the records you
25	had was St. Rose Hospital records and prosthesis

1	records, correct?	
2	A. I don't know.	
3	Q. We can rely on whatever you said in your	
4	deposition, whatever you put in your report, correct?	
5	A. You can look at the deposition.	
6	MR. WEAVER: Can we publish the doctor's	
7	deposition.	
8	THE COURT: We got several up here.	
9	I want to make sure we have it.	
10	All right.	
11	BY MR. WEAVER:	
12	Q. Dr. Fish, you also have your report?	
13	A. In one of these binders, I'm assuming.	
14	Q. You wouldn't have come today without	
15	bringing your report, would you?	
16	A. Those are usually here.	
17	Q. But do you have your report with you or	
18	not, sir?	
19	A. Electronically.	
20	MR. WEAVER: May I approach, Your Honor?	
21	THE COURT: You may.	
22	So there's no confusion, the report,	
23	doctor, is not an exhibit typically.	
24	It might be present in the courtroom, but	
25	it would not be an exhibit.	

1	Your testimony is related to that.	
2	We do have the deposition published now and	
3	ready to go.	
4	For the jury's edification, when you say,	
5	published, it's coming out of a sealed envelope, so	
6	you know what the status it was in when it's	
7	finalized.	
8	And that is a formality we have here.	
9	So we do have that resolved.	
10	BY MR. WEAVER:	
11	Q. Dr. Fish, would you turn to the first page	
12	of your report that has medical evaluation and	
13	records review, you see that?	
14	A. Yes.	
15	Q. Do you see the medical records reviewed in	
16	that accurately reflect the medical records you	
17	reviewed for purposes of your July 19th, 2019 report?	
18	A. Yeah.	
19	It doesn't include the Nevada Comprehensive	
20	Pain Center.	
21	Q. But	
22	A. I didn't realize that.	
23	Q. Dr. Fish, we talked about in your	
24	deposition you didn't have that Nevada Pain Center	
25	records, correct?	

1 Right, I think that is when we talked about Α. -- when you asked me earlier, were there other 2 3 records I got to review, I think that was one of the records I had. 4 5 Ο. When you did your lifecare plan, when you 6 did your report, when I took your deposition, you had 7 all the records that you felt were relevant to your review of this case, correct? 8 9 Correct. Α. 10 Q. And then are you -- Then do you remember 11 just a few minutes ago when I went through, said are 12 there any opinions from your deposition that are 13 different, and anything from your report that is 14 different, and you didn't bring up the Nevada Pain 15 Center records, correct? 16 No, I didn't. Α. 17 Q. I'm sorry? 18 Α. I did not bring up the Nevada Pain Center. 19 Ο. Do you think it would have been a good idea 20 to review the Nevada Pain Center records before you 2.1 formed your opinions for which you were prepared to 22 testify at trial when I took your deposition? 23 It would help. Α. 2.4 And the reason it would have helped is Q.

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because you would have known what Mr. Moore's current

1 treatment was from a pain management specialist that he used monthly, correct? 2 3 I got it from him too, he was taking Α. medications, so he was telling me about the care he 4 received there, so I had all the information I 5 6 needed. 7 You testified on Friday that he told you Ο. 8 that he had hip and knee pain, correct? 9 That's correct. Α. 10 Now that you reviewed the Nevada Pain Q. 11 Center records, you didn't see in a single place in 12 the Nevada Pain Center records where he complained of 13 knee and hip pain, would you agree with that? 14 I would have to see the records. Α. 15 I'm just asking you, based on your Ο. 16 recollection of records you reviewed since your 17 deposition, did you see anything from Nevada Pain 18 Center that identified he had knee and hip pain? 19 Α. I'd have to see the records. 20 But you can't answer without going through Q. 21 page by page? 22 Α. Correct. 23 You would expect if Mr. Moore was seeing a Ο. 24 pain management specialist since the date of this

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incident to the present, that if he had pain in those

locations, he would be tell his pain management
physician, correct?
A. Not necessarily.
Q. Why not?
A. Some patients don't bring up some of the
things that bother them because they want to get
they're medication, or just focused on getting in and
out of there, or they're having a very quick visit,
have no time with the physicians.
So there's a lot of reasons.
Q. So you think that Mr. Moore may not have
brought up the totality of that he has significant
pain, for which you think he should get hundreds of
thousands of dollars because why, why wouldn't he
have brought it up?
A. I don't know.
MR. P. HYMANSON: Your Honor, objection to
speculation.
THE COURT: Sustained as to that last
question.
MR. WEAVER: Okay.
BY MR. WEAVER:
Q. So if Mr. Moore did not bring up to his
pain medication physician where he has significant

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pain, would you just be guessing the answers to why

1	he wouldn't?	
2	A. I wouldn't know.	
3	You would have to ask him.	
4	Q. If for example he needed a spinal cord	
5	stimulator, if for example he needed injections in	
6	any location in his body, that is something that a	
7	pain management specialist that he was seeing could	
8	do, correct?	
9	A. Not necessarily.	
10	Q. Well, you don't know that this pain	
11	management specialist, Dr. Ross, couldn't insert a	
12	spinal cord stimulator, correct?	
13	A. I don't know.	
14	Q. Do you know whether Mr. Moore has ever	
15	talked to any of his health care providers about any	
16	of the care and treatment you have recommended that	
17	he get?	
18	A. You would have to ask him.	
19	My feeling would be that he had possibly	
20	discussed some of these things, and either they	
21	didn't understand his complaints, or he wasn't	
22	following through with the symptoms, or he felt	
23	frustrated with the care.	
24	Q. What are you basing that on?	
25	That is not something you said in your	

deposition,	right?

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- A. I don't know if I was specifically asked that question in my deposition, but I'm basing it on -- if I could finish, I'm basing it on the fact I talked to him, and I know patients like him who have the same problem when they come to a pain clinic.
- Q. When you met with Mr. Moore, and you say you made these diagnoses, and formulated the treatment plan, obviously you told him these are things that he needed, right?
- A. I may have had a discussion with him, but don't forget, I didn't make up the diagnoses, these are diagnoses in the chart, so it's not like I just pulled them out of nowhere, these are common issues that happen with common people that have amputations, and so they are not made up by any means.
 - Q. But you made these diagnoses?
- A. I made the diagnoses that were already in the chart.
- Q. If the diagnoses that you identified for Mr. Moore aren't in his medical records, that means you made them that day, is that fair?
- A. I don't know.
- I wouldn't agree.
 - Q. Why wouldn't you agree with that?

1	If they are not in his medical records, and
2	you identified them as diagnoses, and they did not
3	come from you, where did they come from?
4	A. I would have to look at his medical
5	records.
6	I'm assuming they are all in the medical
7	records one, and then two, you know I'm projecting
8	ten years out for the person.
9	This is not something happens in one day.
10	So when you are projecting out ten years,
11	you also have to think of what are the pitfalls and
12	trials and issues come up with somebody has an
13	amputation like Mr. Moore.
14	So while he may have had complaints to his
15	providers, and issues, and problems, the providers
16	are not necessarily looking into the future like I've
17	been tasked to do, so because of that it's not that
18	I'm making up a diagnosis, but these are common
19	things that happen, especially with the complaints he
20	described in the records.
21	Q. Sure.
22	Can you say in your deposition tell us
23	if your opinions changed that you assumed Mr. Moore's
24	health care providers that the date of this incident

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to the time of your deposition were competent,

1	correct?	
2	A.	I don't understand the question.
3	Q.	Did you assume that Mr. Moore's current
4	treating	health care providers are competent?
5	Α.	I would hope so.
6	Q.	Do you even know who they are?
7	Α.	Yeah.
8	Q.	Who who is the primary care physician?
9	Α.	I don't know who his primary care physician
LO	is.	
L1	Q.	You just said you know who they are?
L2	A.	Well, yeah, it's the surgeon, Dr. Wiencek.
L3		The vascular surgeon, I don't have his
L4	name. It	's at the bottom of the record.
L5	Q.	No, my question is:
L6		Who is his primary care physician?
L7	A.	I don't know.
L8	Q.	I'm sorry?
L9	A.	I don't know.
20	Q.	Who is his pain management physician?
21	A.	I think it was a PA he had. I didn't put
22	the PA's	name down.
23		Most of the time they see a physician's
24	assistant	· •
25	Q.	You don't know who his physician is?

1	A. I'd have to look at his chart.
2	Q. Who is his orthopedic surgeon?
3	A. I don't think he has an orthopedic surgeon.
4	I think he has a vascular surgeon and a
5	general surgeon, Dr. Wiencek.
6	Q. So if on July 29th you would have told Mr.
7	Moore, Mr. Moore, here are things I think you need
8	for your safety, here are things I think would
9	improve your quality of life, here are things that I
10	think you need medically, given the diagnoses that
11	I've made of you, is there any reason you can think
12	of that Mr. Moore wouldn't have passed those along to
13	his health care providers?
14	MR. P. HYMANSON: Again, Your Honor,
15	speculation as to what Mr. Moore would or would not
16	have done.
17	THE COURT: Rephrase.
18	MR. WEAVER: Sure.
19	BY MR. WEAVER:
20	Q. Did you tell Mr. Moore the things in the
21	lifecare plan that you felt he needed when you made
22	the diagnosis and formulated the plan?
23	A. Well, I didn't make the diagnoses, they
24	were already in his charts, and I think I had a
25	discussion with him about what some of the options

1	were for things he could expect to have occurred as
2	well as what things would be safe for him, but I
3	don't know if he went on, told his providers that.
4	Q. Dr. Fish, you testified on Friday that
5	after you examined Mr. Moore, you looked at his
6	residual limb, at what the issues were, and then
7	formulated diagnoses as to what was going on with
8	him, and formulated a medical plan for his future
9	care.
10	Did you do that after you evaluated Mr.
11	Moore, or not?
12	A. You mean, the day I evaluated him?
13	Q. At any time from when you said you
14	diagnoses him and came up with the medical plan for
15	his future care.
16	A. Sure, I did.
17	Q. So did you tell Mr. Moore anything that you
18	thought he should ask physicians to prescribe or
19	order for him?
20	A. I don't think I told him specifically, you
21	should talk to your physicians about doing this, this
22	and this.
23	I think I advised him that these were the
24	things he potentially could do, and it's up to him to
25	talk to his providers.

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1	Q. If he didn't, and we don't know if he did
2	or not, all we know is from the medical records if he
3	didn't, do you have an opinion one way or another as
4	to why he didn't?
5	A. You would have to ask him.
6	Q. Is there anything at all on your lifecare
7	plan that has to do with medical treatment?
8	We'll talk about revisions to the home,
9	we'll talk about all of those things.
LO	Is there anything at all on your lifecare
L1	plan for Mr. Moore for purposes of medical treatment
L2	that you believe any current health care provider
L3	that he's had from the day of this incident to the
L4	present couldn't order for him, or prescribe for him?
L5	A. I don't understand the question.
L6	Q. Sure.
L7	It's long and convoluted.
L8	Let me back up.
L9	A. Right.
20	Q. Sorry.
21	You have a laundry list of things that Mr.
22	Moore needs for purposes of his future care, correct?
23	A. Correct.
24	Q. Let's start with this:
25	Is there a single thing on your lifecare

1	plan that from the day of this incident to today Mr.
2	Moore has gotten?
3	A. Yeah, I think we talked a little bit about
4	that, he had the equipment that he had, the walker,
5	the wheelchair, the cane, the crutches, the reacher,
6	the hand bars, the shower bench, medication
7	management.
8	Q. So he's had the durable medical equipment,
9	the walker, the wheelchair.
10	What kind of wheelchair?
11	A. The manual wheelchair you can see here, and
12	he's got the prosthesis.
13	He had help in terms of his wife helping
14	him with his medical care and needs and function.
15	Q. All right.
16	So we've got from the date of the incident
17	to present things that you got on your lifecare plan
18	for him a manual wheelchair, walker, attendant care
19	in the home, hand bars, shower.
20	What did you say, something about the
21	shower?
22	A. I didn't say, shower.
23	He has his prosthesis.
24	Q. And is his prosthesis properly fitted now?
25	A. I don't know about now.

1	He's not wearing it today.
2	Q. Well, remember in your deposition a few
3	months ago I asked you about the prosthesis, and you
4	said that you understood he was getting it fitted at
5	the time.
6	Do you know one way or another whether it's
7	been fitted?
8	A. I don't.
9	Q. You talked in your deposition a few months
10	ago that he was in the process of having his electric
11	wheelchair fitted, correct?
12	A. I think we discussed that.
13	Q. Has it been fitted?
14	A. I don't know.
15	Q. All right.
16	So other than the durable medical equipment
17	that we just listed, and the fact that he's getting
18	medication management, whose that from?
19	A. A pain management doctor.
20	Q. Do you have any reason to believe he's not
21	getting adequate medication management?
22	A. I don't know.
23	His recent records, I haven't seen his
24	recent records.
25	As you know, you only get a certain amount

1	of records from a certain amount of time.
2	I don't know what the actual records say
3	over the last four months.
4	Q. Why didn't you ask for them?
5	A. You know, sir, that we don't usually get
6	those records. Usually they are cut off at a certain
7	time frame, so I'm not privy to have those records.
8	Q. You didn't have them before even?
9	A. That is more on point.
10	Q. You got them after your deposition, right?
11	A. That's correct.
12	Q. You didn't have them when you formulated
13	your lifecare plan, true?
14	A. That's true.
15	Q. All right.
16	So is there a single other thing that you
17	can think of from your lifecare plan from the day of
18	the incident to the present that he's gotten, other
19	than what you articulated just a minute ago?
20	A. I think we covered it.
21	Q. Is there anything on the lifecare plan that
22	could be ordered by a physician or prescribed by a
23	physician that Mr. Moore hasn't gotten?
24	MR. P. HYMANSON: Objection.
25	Speculation, Your Honor, as to what another

1	doctor may have done for Mr. Moore.
2	THE COURT: Rephrase, Mr. Weaver.
3	MR. WEAVER: Sure.
4	I'll see if I can ask it a little bit
5	better better.
6	BY MR. WEAVER:
7	Q. As a physician, is there anything on Mr.
8	Moore's lifecare plan that you think is
9	medically-indicated, and you think everything is
LO	medically-indicated, is that fair, or you wouldn't
L1	have had it in there?
L2	A. Yes, correct.
L3	Q. Anything you think in the lifecare plan Mr.
L4	Moore would not be entitled to by a physician
L5	ordering it or prescribing it, assuming that that
L6	physician is competent and willing to do so?
L7	A. Entitled?
L8	I don't understand the question.
L9	Q. Sure.
20	If Mr. Moore's current treating physicians,
21	whether it's a PCB, PCP, Dr. Wiencek, cardio-thoracic
22	surgeon, pain management surgeon, orthopedic surgeon,
23	anyone else he might be treating with, is there
24	anything that you can think on their lifecare plan

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that if they were to order it, or prescribe it, he

1	wouldn't get?
2	A. I don't really understand what you're
3	talking about.
4	Sorry, I don't understand your question.
5	Q. Is there anything they can't order for him?
6	A. I would like them to order all of the
7	things on the plan.
8	Q. I'm sorry?
9	A. I'd like any physician
10	Q. Like you?
11	A. Sure.
12	Q. So why haven't you ordered any of that for
13	Mr. Moore?
14	A. That is not my role.
15	Q. Why not?
16	You diagnosed him. Why didn't you order it
17	for him if he needs it?
18	A. That's not my role.
19	I didn't come in here to be a treating
20	physician.
21	I didn't come in here to be management for
22	him.
23	I came in here as a expert in this medical
24	case for the purposes of the lawsuit.
25	Could I have done that?

1	Yes, sure I could have done that.
2	But I don't know if I can take his medical
3	insurance when I see him, I just don't know the
4	facts.
5	I'm at UCLA, he's here in Nevada.
6	So that's not my understanding, that is not
7	what the role was when I came in.
8	But it was to look at the individual and
9	try to decipher through what that person needs for
10	the future based on my training and experience and
11	education and my work with other amputees.
12	Q. Fair enough
13	THE COURT: Can I see counsel at the bench
14	before proceed any further, Mr. Weaver?
15	(Thereupon, a discussion was had between
16	Court and counsel at sidebar.)
17	THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen of the
18	jury, I'm going to need to read you now an
19	instruction is going to be given to you at the end
20	of the trial, but I think it's imperative we have
21	that instruction now in light of some testimony
22	that was just offered by Dr. Fish.
23	That instruction that you will by given at
24	the end of the trial, which of course is entitled and
25	intended to guide your deliberations as you consider

Τ	his testimony and proceed, you are not to discuss or
2	even consider whether or not the Plaintiffs were
3	carrying insurance to cover their medical bills or
4	any or damages that Plaintiff had sustained.
5	You are not to discuss, or even consider,
6	whether or not the Defendants were carrying insurance
7	that would reimburse them for whatever sum of money
8	they may be called upon to pay for to Plaintiff.
9	Whether or not either party was insured is
10	immaterial and should make no difference in any
11	verdict you may render in this case.
12	Thank you.
13	You may proceed, Mr. Weaver.
14	BY MR. WEAVER:
15	Q. Dr. Fish, I'll move on from this area in
16	one second, but if you were asked, if you were asked
17	for it to be part of your role, you could order or
18	prescribe the things on your lifecare plan that are
19	medically-indicated for Mr. Moore, is it fair
20	MR. P. HYMANSON: Your Honor, speculation.
21	What relevance does that have in this case
22	at all?
23	THE COURT: Your objection is speculation.
24	I understand.
25	Thank you.

1	Mr. Weaver.
2	MR. WEAVER: What I would respond to that
3	is
4	THE COURT: Without too much detail.
5	MR. WEAVER: Dr. Fish told us at length
6	that he's a physical medicine and rehab physician,
7	that he diagnosed Mr. Moore and came up with a plan
8	of things Mr. Moore doesn't have.
9	All I want to establish is that if he were
10	asked by Plaintiffs to order things Mr. Moore doesn't
11	currently have, he could have.
12	THE COURT: I have no problem with the
13	aspect of the question that you base these questions
14	on.
15	He's indicated to you they were in the
16	record.
17	So again the way the question is formed I
18	think is improper.
19	But what things he can do, you can
20	certainly inquire.
21	So sustained as to the way the question was
22	formed.
23	But you may restate the question.
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1	BY MR. WEAVER:
2	Q. You're a physical medicine and
3	rehabilitation physician, correct?
4	A. Correct.
5	Q. And you also talked about here and in your
6	deposition part of that encompasses things like
7	prosthesis and these type of things, correct?
8	A. Correct.
9	Q. So if we were to go off your report that
LO	you made a diagnosis, correct?
L1	A. I made a diagnosis based on the records,
L2	correct.
L3	Q. Based on that, you could if you chose, and
L4	if you were asked to, order or prescribe
L5	medically-indicated care for Mr. Moore, correct?
L6	A. Anything in this plan is something I would
L7	recommend for any patient like him, and if he were my
L8	patient, this plan would be what I would do for my
L9	patient.
20	Q. Thank you.
21	Let's go through it, if we might, and I'll
22	go through as quickly as I can, Dr. Fish, some of the
23	categories.
24	If we could start please with the first
25	category, which I think is on page 3 of your lifecare

1	plan.
2	A. You have a copy?
3	Okay.
4	Q. So a physiatrist, that is what you are,
5	correct?
6	A. Correct.
7	Q. You have indicated Mr. Moore should have
8	one, correct?
9	A. I believe any amputee should have a
LO	physiatrist because we are one of the only few
L1	doctors deal with function and prosthetics, but a
L2	vascular surgeon could do it clearly, but I think
L3	there's an advantage of having a physiatrist.
L4	Q. He has a vascular surgeon, correct?
L5	A. He does.
L6	Q. So Dr. Wiencek could do that role if he
L7	chose, is that fair?
L8	A. It's possible.
L9	Q. Is there a single thing on this lifecare
20	plan that Mr. Moore is as far as you know intending
21	to get based on
22	MR. P. HYMANSON: Objection, Your Honor.
23	Speculation as to Mr. Moore.
24	THE COURT: Sustained.
25	Mr. Weaver, any questions you're asking him

1	about what Mr. Moore might do are inappropriate.
2	MR. WEAVER: I'm just asking based on if
3	you know from having evaluated him.
4	MR. P. HYMANSON: It's still speculation,
5	Your Honor.
6	MR. WEAVER: Fair enough.
7	THE COURT: It's a different question.
8	You may ask a question about his knowledge,
9	but beyond that is speculation.
10	Sustained.
11	MR. WEAVER: Thank you, Your Honor.
12	BY MR. WEAVER:
13	Q. So you think Mr. Moore would benefit from a
14	psychologist, is that correct?
15	A. I know he would.
16	Q. Did you see anywhere in the records where
17	it was recommended, and he declined?
18	A. You would have to point that out.
19	I don't recall that.
20	Q. Do you recall in his deposition saying he
21	wouldn't get help from a psychologist in any event?
22	A. I think I do remember something like that.
23	Q. You do, or don't?
24	A. You would have to pull it up, but whether
25	or not someone that doesn't want help that is

1	appropriate help is a different story.
2	You would have to talk to Mr. Moore about
3	that.
4	Q. So a lot of things in the lifecare plan are
5	not things Mr. Moore will necessarily, get so far as
6	you would get, just things you recommend, correct?
7	A. No, these are things he will get, he should
8	imminently get.
9	If I speculated that he's not going to get
10	them at all, why would I put them in the plan?
11	So the plan is designed for him to have
12	these items.
13	Q. So a treating physician, whether it's Dr.
14	Wiencek, his orthopedic surgeon, primary care
15	physician, or someone from the pain management
16	center, at any time they could have come up with
17	these things on their own, correct?
18	A. That's true.
19	Q. Or since July in any event had this been
20	given, your report given, to any one of his health
21	care providers, or combination of them, they could
22	have evaluated and ordered or prescribed these
23	things, fair?
24	A. I don't know.
25	Q. You don't know they couldn't, true?

1	A. I don't know.
2	Q. Do you know they've been given to any of
3	his health care providers?
4	A. I don't know.
5	Q. So if we could go to the next page under
6	page 4, the psychological services, why all the
7	psychological testing?
8	A. Well, I think I discussed it last time.
9	Losing a limb is quite a life-changing
LO	experience, you become less functional, you rely on
L1	other people, you are sitting in a wheelchair, which
L2	is very humbling, you're missing a limb.
L3	It's stressful, it's you are not a whole
L4	person anymore.
L5	Mental health is very important to try to
L6	keep the person's spirits up and realize they can
L7	still go on.
L8	I think all of us can use that at some
L9	point in our life, especially if there's been a
20	dynamic change to us.
21	Q. Those are the answers you gave why he needs
22	the psychotherapy.
23	My question was:
24	Why does he need the testing?
25	A. Again, the testing is important to

1	establish a base lane.
2	Also, to establish what goes on over the
3	next ten years.
4	So the testing I think I went through,
5	there's a bunch of difference questions included with
6	this would help a provider know what the pitfalls
7	are, and the treatment, and how the medication is
8	doing, and how Mr. Moore's doing on a day-to-day
9	basis.
10	Q. So your opinion is, if he's getting
11	psychiatry care, neuropsychiatrist medication,
12	management, and psychotherapy on a regular basis, he
13	would still need almost \$20,000 worth of
14	psychological testing to assist in that?
15	A. Yes.
16	Q. All right.
17	If we could go to number 5 please, this has
18	to do with procedures, hospitalizations, surgeries,
19	and spinal injections.
20	The MBB you told us is the medial block,
21	basically the preliminary hearing, is that fair?
22	A. Preliminary diagnosis, is the
23	determination, yes.
24	Q. Below that is the basically \$121,000 with
25	ablation, is that right?

1	A. Radio frequency ablation, correct.
2	Q. That easily can be done by a pain
3	management specialist if the pain management
4	specialist thought it was medically-indicated,
5	correct?
6	A. A pain management specialist, who do
7	injections, I don't know that he's just a medication
8	management individual, I don't have any recent
9	records to know if they actually been done or not, or
LO	has even been addressed.
L1	Q. They haven't been done, I'll represent that
L2	to you.
L3	But if his pain management specialist is,
L4	among others, an anesthesiologist, it could be done,
L5	is that correct?
L6	A. That's correct.
L7	Q. And then in terms of the right total joint
L8	replacement of the hip and knee, I think you
L9	indicated that he's going to need this \$270,000 worth
20	of services in a few years because of having some
21	lift up out of his wheelchair in order to use his
22	prosthesis, do I have that right?
23	A. That's part of it.
24	The other part I can explain if you want.

Q. Sure.

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1	A. It's he has to maneuver on one leg, throws
2	off his balance, and puts a lot of pressure on the
3	hip and knee, as we discussed on the chart, and so
4	that is going to put stress on the joint.
5	Q. We have already talked about you told the
6	jury he's going to spend almost all his time in a
7	wheelchair, right?
8	A. I think a majority of the time he's going
9	to be in a wheelchair, but as I discussed, he needs
10	the exercise, needs to get up, needs to stand, he
11	needs to feel that he's one with everybody else.
12	Again, it's very humbling being in a
13	wheelchair all that time, so you have to have that
14	option to get up and move around.
15	Q. But you told the jury most of the time he's
16	going to spend in a wheelchair, correct?
17	A. He has to get in and out of the wheelchair,
18	and in and out of the toilet, and walk around his
19	house.
20	You are not He's not going to sleep in
21	the wheelchair either.
22	So there's transfers that happen every day.
23	And he may sit on the couch too.
24	There's various things.
25	He has a recliner they can nut him in as

1	well.
2	So all of this leads to more stress on
3	those joints.
4	Q. Thank you.
5	But maybe I just misunderstood.
6	I thought what you told us on Friday was,
7	the reason he's going to need the total joint
8	replacement and the hip and knee wasn't because of
9	getting in and out of his wheelchair for transfer to
10	the toilet for example, it was going because he was
11	going to either have a prosthesis, or going to be
12	using his walker, and he was going to put the
13	pressure on the right knee and the right hip.
14	A. I
15	Q. In other words, walking around?
16	A. Your question was a little bit convoluted.
17	Q. Let me re-ask it.
18	A. Let me break it down I think what your
19	trying to say.
20	Q. Let me re-ask it, so I can cut to the
21	chase, and you answer a question I ask you.
22	I thought you testified that the reason for
23	the hip and knee replacement is because when he is up
24	and out of his wheelchair, he's going to put pressure
25	on his right knee and right hip.

1	Do I have that right?
2	A. That it's part of it, correct.
3	Q. What is the rest?
4	A. The transfer, putting on the device,
5	getting to the bathroom, getting to the chair,
6	putting a lot of weight on that one side because he's
7	missing the other side, so it's not just using the
8	prosthesis, although this will also put stress on his
9	knee and hip.
LO	Q. Fair enough.
L1	In your deposition we had a few months ago
L2	you told he he was going to actually likely use this
L3	prosthesis very little, including because of his
L4	arthrosclerosis and cardiopulmonary condition, is
L5	that fair?
L6	A. I don't know if I said that.
L7	I don't know exactly what I said.
L8	You would have to pull out the deposition,
L9	but my understanding was if I portrayed that he's
20	going to use the device to get to exercising, to use
21	the device to walk around, but the majority of the
22	time he's going to be in the wheelchair if he does
23	anything out in the community because he's going to
24	be limited to walking far and sit down at some point.

Q.

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Do you recall saying in your deposition

1	that you	didn't recommend that he did much exercise
2	or walked	very far?
3	Α.	I'd have to see that.
4		I don't remember that.
5	Q.	What about your testimony today, is it your
6	recommend	ation he uses his prosthesis for exercise?
7	А.	I would recommend that, yes.
8	Q.	Okay.
9		So if that's different than what you said
10	in your d	eposition, what you said reflected
11	different	ly today?
12	Α.	I don't know what question you asked me
13	then.	
14	Q.	If be could go to the next page, please.
15		So here we're talking in the first category
16	about rou	ghly \$245,000 worth of injections, correct?
17	Α.	Correct.
18	Q.	Are you aware of any accepted literature
19	that iden	tifies that protein rich platelets or
20	plasma	
21	Α.	Platelet-rich plasma.
22	Q.	Platelet-rich plasma, right?
23	Α.	Right.
24	Q.	So you're saying, blood taken out of Mr.
25	Moore and	put back into him to help him heal, is that

1	correct?
2	A. Almost.
3	Blood taken out, and then it's spun down to
4	the plasma level to remove the red blood cells and
5	some of the other proteins, and it's a plasma
6	component we found that is a product.
7	Q. I saw in your CV.
8	You gave a talk about this at a YMCA to the
9	athletes about this?
10	A. I think I did.
11	Q. It's primarily for athletes for enhanced
12	performance, is that fair?
13	A. No, it's commonly used in all around the
14	United States to help with joint pain and back pain.
15	Q. So is it your position to the jury that Mr.
16	Moore medically needs the platelet-rich plasma in
17	order to tied him over until he gets the hip and knee
18	replacement?
19	A. Yes.
20	Q. So for \$245,000 is there a reason he
21	wouldn't just get the hip and knee replacement now,
22	or is it just he doesn't need it?
23	A. He needs it.
24	I mean, you could I just don't think now
25	would be the time.

1	He is still working on his prosthesis,
2	still needs some other medical care, he has the pain.
3	To me it makes sense to try the injections
4	first, which should help him, before going into the
5	replacement phase.
6	Q. But if he needs \$245,000 worth of
7	injections right now, I don't understand why that
8	would go towards something that is going to be
9	inevitable anyway.
10	A. Well, what I can tell you is, the hip and
11	knee replacement is not an easy thing to do, it's a
12	stressful situation, you have to go through a complex
13	surgery, the recovery of that is complex, rehab of
14	that is complex.
15	When you can come in, get an injection that
16	takes maybe 10 to 20 minutes to do, and gives you
17	relief, why would you go through the replacement now,
18	why don't you go through the injections now.
19	Q. So the idea is, if he gets this \$245,000
20	worth of treatment, he won't need the hip and knee
21	replacement, or just prolonging it for a couple
22	years?
23	A. I mean, it's possible he doesn't need it,
24	but based open my experience amputation patients

eventually get the replacements.

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1	Q. Can you cite us to any medical literature
2	where this is commonly accepted in your field, or any
3	other field?
4	A. Sure.
5	Q. What is it?
6	A. There's prosthesis orthotic literature,
7	there's orthopedic literature, there's physical
8	rehabilitation literature, there's a lot of
9	amputations show the over use of stress on the
10	contralateral joints eventually ends up getting
11	treatment, so there's tons of literature.
12	Q. You would at least agree there's in
13	terms of every case how well it works?
14	A. No.
15	Q. You think the basic conformity or unanimity
16	of thinking in the medical community is that
17	platelet-rich plasma injections work?
18	A. I mean, there's all kinds of controversial
19	issues on any kind of medical issues.
20	Some people argue pace makers don't work,
21	or even stents don't work for arthrosclerotic hearts,
22	so there's always literature one way or the other,
23	but the plethora of literature I've seen with
24	experience working with individuals is PRP works very
25	well with people with knee pain, but eventually will

1	need knee replacements.
2	Q. What is the hyaluronic acids I see for
3	cosmetics?
4	I wasn't aware of injecting it into the hip
5	and knee.
6	A. That is collagen, a little bit different.
7	Hyaluronic acid is a compound actually
8	stimulates cardio growth, and so that with PRP as a
9	combination can help with the joint pain, stiffness
LO	symptoms that can last up to four months.
L1	The Rejuviderm, some of the stuff you put
L2	on your face, are not the same thing.
L3	You wouldn't want to put the knee injection
L4	into your face.
L5	Q. Are you aware of any literature that
L6	identifies they should be used together?
L7	A. Yes.
L8	Q. You would agree using them together, let
L9	alone individually is controversial, you don't
20	dispute that in terms of every case?
21	A. No, there's a lot of different types
22	approaches and a lot of different doctors using the
23	combination of things that to help the knee pain and
24	joint pain.

Q.

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And I'm trying to get through this as

1	quickly as we can.
2	We already talked about the spinal cord
3	stimulator.
4	If Mr. Moore's pain management physician
5	thought it was medically-indicated, he could do it
6	himself, or refer him to somewhere here in the
7	community it would be done, correct?
8	A. I would think so.
9	Q. Okay.
10	So far as you know, that recommendation
11	hasn't been made, is that fair?
12	A. I don't know.
13	Q. You're not aware of it being made, is that
14	fair?
15	A. I'm only aware of it since July.
16	I don't have any new records, so I don't
17	know.
18	Q. As of July, you weren't aware of his pain
19	management specialist recommending a spinal cord
20	stimulator, true?
21	A. I don't believe so.
22	Q. If we could go to page 7, please, so the
23	re-programming of the spinal cord stimulator, is that
24	basically still within the gambit of the spinal cord
25	stimulator?

1	In other words, I'm not sure why it's under
2	therapies.
3	A. Because that is not included in the kind of
4	therapeutic realm.
5	The device goes in, but you have to work
6	the device, that is why it's a re-programming
7	component.
8	Q. My question is:
9	Why is it under therapies?
10	A. Because it's a therapeutic The
11	implantation on the other page is putting a device
12	in, but then you have to use the device, that is
13	where the therapy component comes from.
14	Q. For purposes of the knee and residual limb
15	therapy, I missed this, I'm sorry, is this after he
16	gets the knee replacement on the other side, or
17	talking currently?
18	A. Currently, because he's having problems the
19	at the time I saw him, having problems with his
20	residual limb, and the prosthesis wasn't fitting, so
21	I felt it would be important he get some therapy to
22	understand why the residual limb was not fitting
23	properly within the prosthesis.
24	Q. Do you have any understanding one way or

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another whether the prosthesis issue has been

1	resolved?
2	A. I don't know.
3	Q. But certainly things like physical therapy
4	and knee and residual limb therapy, physical therapy
5	for scar management, all could be ordered or
6	prescribed by all or any of his current medical
7	providers, is that true?
8	A. I don't know about anybody.
9	The providers that deal with amputations.
10	Q. Like Dr. Wiencek?
11	A. True.
12	Q. And then the dog companion with care,
13	nearly \$30,000, this morning I think you explained
14	you are not just talking about a comfort care dog, I
15	think you used the good example on the airplane it
16	seems like everybody has one now, is there a specific
17	type of \$30,000 dog companion that is typical?
18	A. Usually Golden Retrievers are the best
19	animals, but I've seen all different types, depends
20	on the way they are trained.
21	Q. Did Mr. Moore give you any indication when
22	you made these recommendations to him whether he
23	would be interested in that?
24	A. I don't recall.

Q.

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So within the dog companion care you

1	indicated it's roughly 5,000 for the cost of the
2	training of the dog, is that right?
3	A. I think so.
4	I don't have the rationale on the bottom of
5	it.
6	Q. Okay.
7	If that's what you put in the report, is
8	that correct?
9	A. That's correct.
10	Q. And then the monthly maintenance is \$200 a
11	month, how do you get to that?
12	A. That would be the food, the harnesses, the
13	continual training, any other equipment the dog
14	needs.
15	Q. And thankfully for Mr. Moore, and hopefully
16	for the dog, it will live at least ten years, is that
17	fair?
18	A. No, they can get a new dog.
19	I didn't put down a new dog would be
20	necessary because my thought would be they would live
21	ten years, but these animals can die, and they
22	usually get a replacement dog, and I didn't factor
23	that in, I didn't think it was necessary.
24	Again, you're getting into such minute
25	details, I was trying to get the big picture to

1	everybody at this point.
2	Q. Dr. Fish, you just brought that up. That's
3	what your report says.
4	So I didn't mean to make it seem like your
5	report had more detail than it needed, that's just
6	where I got it from.
7	A. Okay.
8	Q. If we could go to the next page, page 8 has
9	to do with the diagnostic testing, is that right?
10	A. That's correct.
11	Q. So again, any of this diagnostic testing,
12	any reason it couldn't be ordered or prescribed by
13	any of his current treating providers, so far as you
14	know, if it's medically-indicated?
15	A. I think they could.
16	Q. All right.
17	Thank you, sir.
18	The next page, page 9, these are
19	medications, correct?
20	A. Yes.
21	Q. And the only thing that Mr. Moore could get
22	on his own without prescription is a multi-vitamin,
23	is that right?
24	A. You might be able to get the Colace too.
25	Q. Do you know if he's getting those?

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1	A.	I don't.
2	Q.	Did you recommend them?
3	Α.	I did.
4	Q.	To him?
5	A.	I may have discussed it with him.
6	Q.	And any of his current health care
7	providers	so far as you know could prescribe the
8	Cymbalta,	Neurontin, if it was medically-indicated,
9	is that fa	ir?
10	A.	I think so.
11	Q.	All right.
12		The next page under supplies, I'm confused
13	of about t	he knee range of motion machine. Is that
14	what it is	?
15	Α.	That's correct.
16	Q.	If he's using that post-surgical, correct?
17	Α.	Right.
18	Q.	Isn't he going to be using that as part of
19	any physic	al therapy he gets after the procedure?
20	A.	No, that is in conjunction.
21	Q.	So that is something you would want him to
22	be at home	with?
23	Α.	Right, a rental unit.
24		So when he's not actively participating in
25	therapy, i	t's a passive machine, so constantly moving

1	the knee.
2	Q. It's your experience that patients get one
3	of those prescribed for them after knee replacement
4	surgery?
5	A. They do at our center.
6	Q. The knee and hip brace we talked about.
7	The electric wheelchair so far as you told
8	us in your deposition he had an electric wheelchair,
9	or was in the process of being fitted for one a few
10	months ago, is that right?
11	A. I don't know exactly.
12	Q. If that's what the discussion was, do you
13	have any reason to disagree with it?
14	A. No.
15	Q. And so far as you know or I'm sorry, you
16	don't know one way or another right now what the
17	status of his prosthetics is, is that correct?
18	A. That's correct.
19	Q. Did you bother to ask his lawyers what the
20	status of any of this is?
21	A. Bother to ask?
22	Q. Yes.
23	A. No, I don't think it came up.
24	I think it was more about focusing about
25	the information we had at this point in time.

1	Q. At what point in time?
2	A. When I made the reports and getting ready
3	for trial.
4	I don't think there was any kind of current
5	status evaluation. We didn't discuss it, was all the
6	information was what we had before.
7	Q. But this is a dynamic report you told us,
8	correct?
9	A. I agree.
10	Q. Could be updated at any time with any new
11	information, correct?
12	A. I agree.
13	Q. So for you to tell the jury Mr. Moore's
14	most updated the current status and updated
15	information of what he had and what he needed, do you
16	see any reason you couldn't ask his lawyer?
17	A. I don't know if that is part of this whole
18	process.
19	I mean, that's up to you all.
20	I don't know if I have that capability of
21	doing that.
22	If I did, they would allow me, I would have
23	said, hey, we want you to see him one more time
24	before trial, but I didn't know that was part of the
25	role.

1	Q. You didn't ask, right?
2	A. Well, I don't know if that came up, asked
3	or not.
4	Q. Did you ask?
5	A. I didn't ask.
6	Q. Did you ask if you could talk to Mr. Moore
7	about whether in the past six months there's any new
8	updated information?
9	A. I didn't know I could.
10	Q. Sir, did you ask?
11	A. Well, I didn't know I could, so I didn't
12	ask.
13	Q. Did you know if you could ask?
14	A. I didn't know.
15	Q. You indicated in your deposition, and I
16	think you responded to Mr. Hymanson, you think you're
17	at an advantage over Dr. Jacobson (sic)in his
18	evaluation Jansen, I'm sorry, Dr. Jansen in his
19	evaluation because you evaluated Mr. Moore, fair?
20	A. I agree.
21	Q. So you knew if you could evaluate Mr. Moore
22	to be able to formulate diagnoses and a lifecare plan
23	for him, that you could at least follow-up with him,
24	does that make sense?
25	A. No, because typically I get one opportunity

1	to see somebody even, when I'm working on the Defense
2	side, I get one opportunity to see somebody, don't
3	have multiple options to see them multiple times,
4	that's not what I've been brought in, and not what I
5	understood.
6	Q. If you thought you could ask to get updated
7	information about Mr. Moore, or from Mr. Moore, would
8	you have?
9	A. I don't know.
10	Q. All right.
11	If we could go to the durable medical
12	equipment, please.
13	Is there anything I'm sorry if I missed
14	what you told us before.
15	Is there anything other than the walker for
16	transfers which shouldn't be on here?
17	A. The electronic motorized wheelchair
18	shouldn't be on there, and it's blank.
19	Q. Sure.
20	Are there any of these things that Mr.
21	Moore doesn't currently have?
22	A. I don't know.
23	I don't know about current.
24	I only know from when I saw him.
25	Q. Did he have any of these things at the time

1	you saw him?
2	How about looking at your report?
3	A. A shower bed or shower recliner.
4	Q. He had at the time?
5	A. Correct.
6	Q. What about the bedside commode?
7	A. No, he didn't have that.
8	Q. You told us that the bedside commode or
9	did you tell us it is a safety issue?
LO	A. In the middle of the night, yes.
L1	Q. So did you tell him that, especially when
L2	it came to things that were safety issues, that he
L3	really should get them?
L4	A. I think I had a discussion with him to make
L5	him more safe because he's already fallen three
L6	times, so I was concerned about that.
L7	Q. And you brought up the following three
L8	times:
L9	Are you aware Mr. Moore's son wasn't aware
20	he had fallen three times?
21	A. I'm not aware.
22	MR. P. HYMANSON: Speculation, Your Honor,
23	Mr. Moore's son.
24	THE COURT: He asked whether he's aware.
25	That is a fair question.

1	MR. P. HYMANSON: Withdraw.
2	THE COURT: Was or was not was your
3	question.
4	The way you said it, it wasn't clear.
5	BY MR. WEAVER:
6	Q. Dr. Fish, are you aware that Mr. Moore's
7	son testified that he didn't know his father had
8	fallen?
9	THE COURT: Did or did not?
10	BY MR. WEAVER:
11	Q. Did not know his father had fallen three
12	times?
13	A. I wasn't aware of that.
14	Q. In the deposition you weren't able to give
15	us any detail of the falls, correct?
16	A. I just knew he fell.
17	Q. Do you have any additional information that
18	you can tell us about those falls, other than they
19	happened?
20	A. Not at this time.
21	Q. All right.
22	If we could just go to the home furnishings
23	and accessories, please.
24	The adjustable bed with air mattress for
25	3500, you indicated that he needs one every five

1	years because the air goes out of the mattress?
2	A. No, the equipment goes bad, the air that is
3	contained in there can defray the mattress.
4	Q. So is it your understanding that these
5	adjustable beds with air mattresses only last five
6	years?
7	A. Correct.
8	Q. That's your experience?
9	A. Yes.
10	Q. And then home modifications, you talked to
11	us in your report and here what needs to be done.
12	Was there anything besides why any of the
13	doors that need to be done, that was widening?
14	A. Ramps, widening of the doors, widening the
15	hallways, retrofitting the bathroom with more safety
16	equipment, and then any other getting into the
17	closet, the closet had to be changed as well.
18	Q. So ramp, widening doors, getting into the
19	closet, anything else?
20	A. Widening the hallways.
21	Q. So are you
22	A. And the bathrooms retrofitted to make sure
23	there are grab bars and space enough to take a
24	wheelchair if you needed to.
25	Q. Anything else?

1	A. I think we covered it.	
2	Q. Do you have an opinion on out of the	
3	\$80,000 roughly how much a ramp would cost?	
4	A. Ramps depends on how many stairs he has	
5	going into the space, so ramps can cost anywhere	
6	between \$1,000 to 10,000, maybe 15, depends on the	
7	complexity of the ramp.	
8	Q. If Mr. Moore's son testified that there is	
9	a ramp, would we be able to take that out of the	
10	80,000?	
11	A. If there's a ramp, you can take it out.	
12	Q. By the way, did you see his home?	
13	A. I didn't see his home.	
14	Q. Is it fair to say you're relying on your	
15	experience what with need to be done?	
16	A. No, I'm relying on Mr. Moore telling me	
17	what his house is like and what is missing.	
18	Q. So you relied on Mr. Moore, who is a	
19	contractor, to tell you what with needs to be done,	
20	is that fair?	
21	A. There's an advantage, he's a contractor.	
22	Yes.	
23	Q. Are you relying on what Mr. Moore told you	
24	needs to be done?	
25	A. I'm relying on Mr. Moore for the things he	

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- Q. And then we talked about the lift chair recliner to help him get out of the wheelchair, is that right?
- 5 A. Not necessarily the wheelchair, it's a 6 different chair.

When he's not in a wheelchair, he's in a recliner, can get up out of the recliner or whatever he's doing.

- Q. Something that would help take the stress off of the shoulders, or any other body parts, right?
- A. Yes, and his residual limb, and his contralateral leg.
 - Q. And what is the Hoyer lift again?
- 15 A. The harness device would get him out of led.
 - Q. And that is the part that I missed, why can't he get out of bed?
 - A. Like I said, some days he may have a lot more pain, some days he may not be comfortable, some days will be harder to pull somebody out, or have someone pull him out of bed, or help him transfer, so you want to have that lift available for when they aren't able to get him out.
 - Q. He never told you he has any difficulty

getting out of bed, did he?

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- A. He said he had difficulty with all his activities of daily living.
- Q. So he specifically told you that he had difficulties getting out of the bed to the point he may need a lift to get him out?
 - A. Correct.
 - Q. He told you that?
- A. I don't know specifically that, but we talked about bed mobility, transfers, walking, getting in and out of the bathroom, getting in and out of his closet, just standing at a sink, since he only -- didn't have his prosthesis that fit, so a lot of different factors we discussed of his activities of daily living, and bed mobility is one of them.
- Q. Can you point that out for me in your report where there was any reference in any way, shape, or form of him having difficulty getting out of bed to the point where he needs a \$5,000 lift?
- A. Well, I think I just discussed some of the difficulties in his pain and functional difficulties, so that is his -- My assessment of his overall difficulties with his residual limb and pain.
- Q. But I'm asking to show me anywhere in your report where you talked about any difficulty by him

1	getting in and out of bed.
2	A. It's about transfers and functions, so it's
3	on page 2 in the chief complaint.
4	Q. Okay.
5	Would you I don't see transfer function.
6	Would you read it?
7	A. Functional difficulties, prolonged sitting,
8	numbness in buttocks.
9	Q. I'm just talking about
10	A. I'm trying to answer your question.
11	You cut me off.
12	THE COURT: Clarify the question, please.
13	BY MR. WEAVER:
14	Q. I'm not asking about getting in and out of
15	chairs, we've gone over that in all the other
16	categories.
17	What I'm specifically asking you, Dr. Fish,
18	is:
19	Would you please tell me where in your
20	report it says Mr. Moore has difficulty getting out
21	of bed to the point he needs a \$5,000 lift?
22	A. Well, I tried to explain to you, it's the
23	whole chief complaint and all the symptoms, and so
24	getting out of bed, and getting out of a chair, and
25	transferring to the toilet, and getting in the

1	shower, these are all different functional activities
2	he's having difficulty with, and he described to me
3	he's having pain, difficulty and needs help, so it's
4	listed in the chief complaints.
5	Q. Where is it listed in the chief complaints,
6	where are you talking about difficulty getting out of
7	the chair?
8	A. That and the functional difficulties and
9	the pain he has with the residual limb, and his
10	pressure and pain in his limb while he's sitting, and
11	numbness in his buttocks, these are all aspects of
12	his other all functions.
13	Q. But nowhere is there a complaint about
14	difficult getting out of bed, true?
15	A. I don't know specifically out of bed, but
16	out of any type of chairs, or bed, or toilet.
17	Q. Can we go to the next page?
18	So we talked about why Mr. Moore needs
19	eight hours of daily care every day, correct?
20	A. I think we covered it, yes.
21	Q. And then housekeeping, is that things that
22	you understood Mr. Moore was doing at the time he no
23	longer can?
24	A. Not that he no longer can, just has

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difficulty doing them with all his functional

deficits, it's hard to do laundry, cleaning of the house, making meals, doing dishes, all the things you would think that a housekeeper would do in tidying up, he's having a lot of problems with those, that's why I included that in the plan.

Q. Fair enough.

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Those were things he told you he had been doing that he no longer can, is that right, that's true?

- Q. About the residual limb pain, obviously if that was a significant issue, it would be something he would be raising over the last three years with of all people, a pain management specialist, true?
 - A. You would have to ask him.
- Q. Can you think of any reason Mr. Moore wouldn't tell his pain management physician if he was having residual limb pain?
- A. The frustrations of not having a limb, the embarrassment of not having a limb, the pain he has in his other factors, the fact the medication's helping him, the difficulty in getting physicians sometimes to listen to you and your complaints, the fact the visit may be very quick, he fell, feels frustrated, a lot of different things can go into that whole factor him not explaining clearly,

1	depression, anxiety, future care, limitations of what
2	he's able to do at home.
3	Q. You don't have any evidence of any of those
4	being a reason Mr. Moore hasn't told the pain
5	management physician that, correct?
6	A. You would have to ask him.
7	Q. And then with regard to the medication you
8	brought up, are you aware the pain management records
9	are reflecting that Mr. Moore's having for lack of a
10	better term 80 percent feeling better or success on
11	his medications?
12	A. I'd have to see the record.
13	I don't recall.
14	Q. Would you have to see the records because
15	you don't even know what pain medication or any
16	medication he's on?
17	A. Yeah.
18	I know what medications he's on.
19	Q. What?
20	A. He's on Xarelto, Lisinopril, Oxycodone,
21	aspirin
22	Q. The success of any of his pain medicine
23	you're unaware of, is that correct?
24	A. I don't understand.
25	Q. How successful his pain management is, is

1 not something that you are aware of, is that fair? I don't understand what are you asking me. 2 Α. 3 I'm asking you, do you have any idea what Ο. 4 his pain management physicians are reporting how he's 5 feeling with pain management? 6 Currently I don't know. Α. 7 You would have to ask him. Is that something you knew at the time you 8 0. 9 evaluated him? 10 Α. I had discussions with him about his 11 current symptoms and problems, and his difficulties 12 with his pain and phantom sensation, so I assume he 13 would describe it to other providers. 14 And, Dr. Fish, wrapping up in a moment, but Ο. 15 you are a member of the American Academy Of Physical 16 Medicine And Rehabilitation, correct? 17 Α. Correct. 18 And do you subscribe to the expert witness Ο. 19 testimony principles of ethics, have you ever heard 20 of them? 21 Α. No. 22 Q. Okay. 23 Have you ever heard that expert witnesses 2.4 who are members of the American Academy Of Physical 25 Medicine And Rehabilitation have certain guidelines

1	they should follow?
2	MR. P. HYMANSON: Your Honor, may we
3	approach?
4	THE COURT: Yes.
5	(Thereupon, a discussion was had between
6	Court and counsel at sidebar.)
7	THE COURT: Thank you.
8	For the record, the objection is overruled,
9	but with the understanding we talked about.
10	MR. WEAVER: Thank you, Your Honor.
11	Thank you, Dr. Fish.
12	THE WITNESS: You are welcome.
13	THE COURT: Mr. McBride, do you have any
14	questions for this witness?
15	MR. MC BRIDE: Yes, Your Honor, I think
16	just one.
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18	CROSS-EXAMINATION OF DR. DAVID FISH
19	BY MR. MC BRIDE:
20	Q. I want to assume hypothetically if Mr.
21	Moore had been admitted to the hospital on December
22	25, 2016 and started on thrombolytic therapy, but
23	they were unable to clear the clot, and he would have
24	required an above the knee amputation on 12:26 or
25	12:27, would all of the items that you have listed.

1	would those still be items Mr. Moore would be
2	required to have?
3	A. If he had the amputation?
4	Q. Yes.
5	A. Yes.
6	MR. MC BRIDE: That's all I have.
7	Thank you.
8	THE COURT: Mr. Hymanson, any redirect?
9	MR. P. HYMANSON: Briefly, Your Honor.
10	Thank you.
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12	REDIRECT EXAMINATION OF DR. DAVID FISH
13	BY MR. P. HYMANSON:
14	Q. Dr. Fish, I'm going to be quick.
15	You have been up for a long time.
16	Let's clarify a few things.
17	Is it unusual for a patient three years
18	after they have an unexpected amputation to not have
19	a lifecare plan in place like the one you are
20	suggesting?
21	A. Unusual?
22	Q. Yes.
23	A. I don't know what you're asking.
24	Q. I'm asking, everything that you are
25	recommending, if it hasn't been done yet, should it

1	be done?
2	A. Yes.
3	Q. All right.
4	And if it hasn't been recommended by the
5	current treaters, does that mean that it's not
6	necessary?
7	A. No.
8	Q. In your opinion do you think for the
9	well-being and long-term care of Mr. Moore it's
LO	critical?
L1	A. Yes.
L2	Q. Have you ever recommended a replacement of
L3	a knee, or hip, or ankle, or elbow prior to trying
L4	some type of medication that alleviates the pain and
L5	allows someone to have a longer period with that
L6	joint?
L7	A. It depends on the age of the individual.
L8	Typically I'm going to try the conservative
L9	thing and least invasive, and there would be
20	injections before going to a replacement.
21	Q. And this Dr. Jansen, who is he a medical
22	doctor?
23	A. No, he's not.
24	Q. This gentleman, if I understand, is missing
25	a leg

1	Are you aware of that?
2	A. I have heard he has.
3	Q. And apparently from what we've seen
4	probably as high as the hip.
5	A. I don't know where his amputation is.
6	Q. Will that change any of your analyses or
7	your recommendations to the ladies and gentlemen of
8	the jury?
9	A. No.
10	Q. And when you were captain of the United
11	States Army, and did you work with amputees during
12	that time?
13	A. Well, I was active duty, so we didn't have
14	amputees.
15	Q. Okay.
16	Did you ever refer to anybody in the
17	military, any patient, that is a nice looking stump?
18	A. No.
19	Q. When you did a fellowship in Baltimore
20	A. I did my residency at Johns Hopkins.
21	Q. Probably the one of the most sought after
22	residencies in the nation?
23	A. Yeah.
24	Q. Did you work with amputees then?
25	A. I did, with Dr. Dillingham, one of the

- foremost experts on amputations and prosthetics.
 - Q. Did you ever hear Dr. Dillingham refer to a patient as that individual with a stump?
 - A. He would have be so upset with any of the residents and any of the doctors that would refer to any individual that had a stump, and it was a residual limb.
 - Q. Is it fair to say, if you would have done that, you would have been potentially a former resident?
 - A. He became the chairman of the department, so yeah, there's certain things you get taught about respect for individuals, and those are one of the things I'll never forget.
 - Q. All right.
 - And is there anything in your afternoon discussion with counsel that changes your analysis of your left hip pain?
- 19 A. No.

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- Q. And the changes that you did not make in written form to your lifecare plan, they were less than 1,000, \$2,000, is that correct?
- A. Correct.
- Q. And you said, if I worked for the Defense, you wouldn't change anything in terms of how you did

1	your analysis.
2	In fact, you have worked for the Defense,
3	haven't you?
4	A. I have.
5	Q. In fact, you worked for Mr. Weaver's firm,
6	Lewis Brisbois?
7	A. Correct.
8	Q. Mr. McBride's firm as an expert?
9	A. I don't know if I worked with Mr. McBride.
10	Q. But you have worked both sides?
11	A. Yes.
12	Q. And whether you're working on the Defense
13	side or Plaintiff's side, your testimony under oath
14	doesn't change, does it?
15	A. No.
16	MR. P. HYMANSON: Dr. Fish, thank you.
17	THE COURT: Mr. Weaver, any recross?
18	MR. WEAVER: Thank you, Your Honor.
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20	RECROSS-EXAMINATION OF DR. DAVID FISH
21	BY MR. WEAVER:
22	Q. So, Dr. Fish, you have doubled down on how
23	insulting it is on to refer to residual limb as a
24	stump, right to the point where Mr. Hymanson's asking
25	von if you used that term during your residency you

might	have	got	kicked	out,	that's	how	bad	you	think
it is	?								

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A. I know Dr. Dillingham, and he was like most of my mentors in medical school, especially at Johns Hopkins, sticklers about us being respectful to any individual with any kind of medical needs, and his interest mainly was in amputees, and I never used the word because it was drilled into us on the first day when we got to the rotations, you never would use that word out of respect for an individual.

Q. We're not just talking about differences of opinions and the language.

It's your testimony to this jury, that it's so insulting, so outside the norm of a term, that anybody who uses it like Dr. Jansen doesn't have insight with amputees, correct?

A. I think you're blowing it out of proportion, one, and being argumentative with me too, but what I'm saying is, that if someone is going to say they know much about amputees, and they are an amputee themselves, I would expect them to have at least a little bit of knowledge about how to respect other individual that have residual limbs.

If you want to make a big deal about this one term, that is fine, but you just asked me that

1	based on a lot of different factors with Mr. Jansen,
2	and one of the things I noticed was the way he
3	utilized the term.
4	So I don't know why it's such a big deal
5	today, you're the one brought it up.
6	Q. The reason why I think it's a big deal
7	today is because you made it a big deal in your your
8	deposition because he used the term.
9	A. No, I didn't.
10	Q. Unless you're going to sustain another one,
11	make your own objection
12	MR. P. HYMANSON: I'll object.
13	Argumentative.
14	MR. WEAVER: I'll move on.
15	THE COURT: It is.
16	Go ahead.
17	BY MR. WEAVER:
18	Q. So you brought up my firm.
19	I want to be clear about this one more
20	time.
21	You never would have told anybody working
22	from the Defense that any number that you put on a
23	lifecare plan here today in Las Vegas, comparing
24	apples to apples, is anymore expensive than on any
25	lifecare plan for any Defendant, right?

1	A. So when I'm asked by the Defense to look at
2	a lifecare plan, the Defense group always wants to
3	know what you're on the hook for, and I'm going to
4	give you the same numbers I gave on the Plaintiff as
5	I did on Defense.
6	Q. And you would never have told any lawyer on
7	the Defense any of those numbers would be any
8	different, right?
9	A. The numbers are the numbers because that's
10	the value of the community in terms of an average,
11	and the Defense usually asks me, what are we on the
12	hook for if this person gets all the care, and I tell
13	them this is what they are on the hook for.
14	Q. I want to be clear about this.
15	You would never have told say within the
16	last year or two any Defense lawyer a number in any
17	category that is different than any of those,
18	specifically a lower number, right?
19	A. I don't believe I did.
20	MR. WEAVER: Thank you.
21	Thank you, Your Honor.
22	THE COURT: Mr. Hymanson.
23	MR. P. HYMANSON: Thank you, Your Honor.
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1 2 REDIRECT EXAMINATION OF DR. DAVID 3 BY MR. P. HYMANSON: So, Dr. Fish, you see where this is going, 4 5 someone is going to come in, have literature in 6 regards to a stump, someone will come in say, I can 7 talk about a stump to a person missing a leg. Does -- If that is to happen, does that 9 change your opinion in the manner in which you and 10 those that you have worked with over the decades 11 would refer to a patient missing a limb? 12 Α. No, it wouldn't me at all. 13 MR. P. HYMANSON: Thank you, sir. 14 THE COURT: Let's see if any of the jurors 15 have questions for this witness. 16 It looks like we have a few jurors 17 questions. 18 Go ahead and complete them, and make sure 19 you include your juror name and juror number. 20 Once you complete them, the marshal will 2.1 bring them to me. 22 Will counsel approach please to review the 23 questions? 2.4 (Thereupon, a discussion was had between

Court and counsel at sidebar.)

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1	THE COURT: All right.
2	Dr. Fish, we do have some questions from
3	the jurors. They appear to all be sort of stand
4	alone questions, so I'm going to ask them one at a
5	time.
6	You will respond to the best of your
7	ability to the jurors, and of course when we are
8	completed with all the questions, counsel will have
9	an opportunity to follow-up.
10	The first question:
11	Was his smoking habit a factor in assessing
12	Mr. Moore's life expectancy for purposes of the life
13	plan?
14	THE WITNESS: Yes.
15	As you recall when I talked about the
16	e3xpectation of life, I prefaced it by six years, and
17	smoking would be a factor.
18	THE COURT: Do you know the approximate
19	date of the three times that Mr. Moore fell since his
20	amputation?
21	THE WITNESS: I don't.
22	THE COURT: Is the prosthetic cost on the
23	chart the cost of new prosthetics, or the cost of
24	parts slash supplies to fix slash modify Mr. Moore's
25	existing prosthetic?

1	THE WITNESS: New.
2	We can always go into little details, but
3	little brings break here, and there it's again to be
4	detailed, and trying to give you a bigger picture,
5	these are for new pieces, or a whole unit.
6	THE COURT: Okay.
7	Dr. Fish, how much of the lifecare plan is
8	directed towards the above the knee amputation and
9	potential future needs, and how much is directed
10	towards Mr. Moore's co-morbidity?
11	THE WITNESS: Most of it's going to be
12	directed at the above knee amputation.
13	The co-morbidity is a factor has to be
14	dealt with within the plan.
15	THE COURT: Mr. Hymanson, any follow-up
16	questions with regard to the jurors?
17	MR. P. HYMANSON: None.
18	Compliments to the jurors.
19	No questions, Your Honor.
20	THE COURT: How about Mr. Weaver?
21	MR. WEAVER: Just one moment, Your Honor.
22	THE COURT: Yes.
23	MR. MC BRIDE: Nothing from me, Your Honor.
24	THE COURT: All right.
25	MR. WEAVER: I'm just looking to see what

1	the co-morbidities were.
2	It's such a good question.
3	Thank you, Your Honor.
4	No questions.
5	THE COURT: All right. Thank you.
6	Dr. Fish, your testimony is completed.
7	You are excused.
8	THE WITNESS: Thank you.
9	THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen of the
10	jury, we are going to take our evening recess at this
11	time, and we'll ask you to return tomorrow at 1:30
12	and resume with testimony at that time.
13	(Jury admonished by the Court.)
14	THE COURT: Thank you.
15	Have a good night.
16	See you tomorrow.
17	(Jury excused from the courtroom.)
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1	(Thereupon, the following proceedings were
2	had out of the presence of the jury.):
3	THE COURT: Just a couple of quick
4	housekeeping matters, then I want to have a quick
5	scheduling decision.
6	Because this most recent thing we
7	discussed, I wanted to note Court's Exhibit 7 and 8,
8	those are marked respectively, the recent juror
9	questions we asked of Dr. Fish.
10	Juror Number 1 had three questions we
11	asked, and Juror Number 5 had one question.
12	I want to know the questions I did not ask
13	on jurors number 1's list is Court's Exhibit 7, was
14	because Juror Number 1 X'd it out, so that is the
15	juror's mark, not the Court's.
16	We also had a bench conference with Dr.
17	Fish's examation, this was an objection posed by Mr.
18	Hymanson during Mr. Weaver's questioning when he was
19	asking about errors in the report, and whether or not
20	they had been corrected.
21	The report itself had been re-corrected, or
22	reprinted, or reissued, however you want to phrase
23	it, where Mr. Hymanson asked to approach.
24	We had some conversation about what we were
25	discussing, and I think when we returned, Mr. Weaver

1	sort of clarified what he was asking, and finished
2	that line of questioning there.
3	I honestly don't remember at this moment
4	whether I sustained or overruled, but at the end of
5	the day I think we were able to proceed properly with
6	question.
7	Mr. Hymanson, any further record on that
8	bench conference regarding the objection to the
9	question regarding Dr. Fish, or regarding others in
10	his report?
11	MR. P. HYMANSON: No, Your Honor.
12	THE COURT: Mr. Weaver.
13	MR. WEAVER: No, Your Honor.
14	THE COURT: The scheduling question then,
15	do we have a better estimate now how far behind we
16	are?
17	I know we thought today we would get done
18	with him, and we were going to take a Defendant's
19	witness out of order, and I'm guess you figured out
20	that wasn't going to happen, but what are we looking
21	at for tomorrow, and how far do we think we are
22	behind right now?
23	I didn't finish explaining yesterday, I do
24	not technically have a trial next week. I did have
25	to send a three to four day criminal trial to

overflow. Obviously if you were only going to take Monday, we can take that trial back, and we are
Monday, we can take that trial back, and we are
obligated to take them back if I don't know for sure
about that until Thursday afternoon, before we appear
at the overflow.
I'm assuming we're going past Monday of
next week.
Any estimates from the Plaintiff how far
behind we are?
MR. P. HYMANSON: Do you want to do that
trial?
THE COURT: Don't ask me right now.
Mr. Arntz, what are we estimating we're at
right now, so we can go to Dr. Lasry and the Moore's,
what else do we have?
MR. ARNTZ: Are you calling Wilson?
MR. ARNTZ: Are you calling Wilson? MR. MC BRIDE: Yeah.
MR. MC BRIDE: Yeah.
MR. MC BRIDE: Yeah. THE COURT: So
MR. MC BRIDE: Yeah. THE COURT: So MR. MC BRIDE: Wilson and Dr. Jansen.
MR. MC BRIDE: Yeah. THE COURT: So MR. MC BRIDE: Wilson and Dr. Jansen. THE COURT: Out of order then?
MR. MC BRIDE: Yeah. THE COURT: So MR. MC BRIDE: Wilson and Dr. Jansen. THE COURT: Out of order then? MR. MC BRIDE: Yes.
MR. MC BRIDE: Yeah. THE COURT: So MR. MC BRIDE: Wilson and Dr. Jansen. THE COURT: Out of order then? MR. MC BRIDE: Yes. THE COURT: And then finish.

1	THE COURT: That's them tomorrow, and I
2	know we talked about taking the Moores on Thursday.
3	We are still trying to figure out a
4	location. It's one of the things I haven't finished,
5	but we will figure that out tomorrow to do that, but
6	it will depend Mr. Moore in the morning or afternoon,
7	so
8	MR. ARNTZ: On Thursday?
9	I thought Thursday was a half day.
10	THE COURT: Yeah, that's right.
11	So sorry.
12	The afternoon on Thursday.
13	So then if we end up over into Friday,
14	would it make a difference?
15	Where are we at?
16	MR. ARNTZ: Maybe a day behind.
17	THE COURT: Okay.
18	MR. MC BRIDE: As it stands right now, Your
19	Honor, I would agree with that.
20	I would think we can try to push through.
21	The difficulty will be putting our clients
22	on and getting them off and on.
23	I think at the most I would say we could do
24	closings by Tuesday, Tuesday afternoon.
25	THE COURT: That is okay.

1	I'll leave the trial in overflow, but
2	counsel didn't have huge heartburn over that.
3	I don't have any connection to it, other
4	than it's assigned to me as the criminal docket.
5	When do we think we'll call Mr. Moore, to
6	have a better idea?
7	MR. ARNTZ: I'm still looking at Thursday.
8	THE COURT: Okay.
9	I understand we can't be certain.
10	MR. ARNTZ: I can be flexible.
11	He may not be able to be flexible.
12	THE COURT: There may not be a dig
13	difference on Thursday afternoon as Friday.
14	I don't want to ask now for Thursday and
15	tomorrow go, never mind, make it for Friday.
16	I know upi can be flexible.
17	So are we better served saying Friday
18	morning, or pretty sure Thursday afternoon, and need
19	it for Thursday afternoon?
20	I'm trying to get some certainty as much as
21	possible when you will call him, so I can get that
22	arranged.
23	MR. MC BRIDE: We have some of our experts
24	flying in for Friday, so our preference would be if
25	they can be off and on on Friday, and we do the

Plaintiff's on Thursday, plan for that.
I think that was kind of our thinking.
THE COURT: If that works, that's fine,
we'll secure something for Thursday afternoon.
MR. MC BRIDE: Great.
MR. ARNTZ: Okay.
THE COURT: Anything else?
MR. MC BRIDE: I don't think so, Your
Honor.
MR. ARNTZ: Thank you.
THE COURT: Have a good night.
(Proceedings concluded.)

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