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1 X Conversely, it is the position of the Claimant
2 X that not only did he injure his right hip, but he
3 X also has causally related prostate cancer, a hernia,
4 X kidney problems, including but not limited to kidney
5 X stones, gallstones, a polyp or polyps, and inguinal
6 X lymph nodes, all of which have been adversely
7 X affected by the trauma, the blunt force trauma to
8 the Claimant's right hip. The Claimant believes he
9 has not reached maximum medical improvement, and he
10 seeks additional treatment. He believes that his
11 body parts and conditions have not been adequately
12 addressed or evaluated or treated, and so he seeks
13 an order requiring the Defendants to provide him
14 with evaluations and treatments with specialists for
15 these various body parts and conditions. He would
16 point to my attention the fact that there is no
17 medical evidence showing that he had preexisting
18 problems with any of these things, and so therefore,
19 he doesn't have to show any kind of aggravation, and
20 he believes that he readily meets his preponderance
21 of the evidence standard showing that he has made
22 these complaints contemporaneously with or shortly
23 thereafter his accident, and he believes he can
24 readily meet his burden of proof. He wishes to be
25 reimbursed for the treatment that he sought in

1 Georgia, because he believes that the Defendants did
2 not adequately treat his body parts and conditions
3 of which brings us, bring us here today. I will
4 note for the record, as far as the history is
5 concerned, this, the Defendants have waited a while
6 for this hearing. I believe I signed a previous
7 consent order when the Claimant or someone, some
8 commissioner did, as far as when Mr. ██████ had hired
9 Mr. Garcia, which I relieved back in September 8th.
10 We were together on, excuse me, September 8th, and
11 the Claimant and Mr. Garcia parted ways, that they
12 had a -- that relationship was no longer optimal for
13 Mr. Garcia to continue to serve. So I released Mr.
14 Garcia, and I gave, even though Mr. -- Mr. Garcia
15 was the fourth lawyer that Mr. ██████ had retained,
16 Mr. ██████ wanted counsel. So on September the 8th,
17 I did grant another, over the objection of Mr.
18 Jones, on behalf of his clients, because they have
19 been waiting well past the 60 days they are
20 statutorily entitled to have a hearing. But I did
21 nonetheless because Mr. ██████ did want to seek other
22 counsel, I postponed the matter to allow him to do
23 that, and that was what brings us here today. So
24 that was approximately a month-and-a-half. Mr.
25 ██████ believes that or he thought that Mr. Dylan

1 Bess might be his lawyer today, but I did just out
2 of an abundance of caution confirm with my
3 assistant, and she says that Mr. Bess has not filed
4 a letter of rep, and Mr. Bess did not show up today.
5 So as I told y'all when we met on September 8th, we
6 would have to go forward with or ---

7 **THE CLAIMANT:**

8 Correct.

9 **COMMISSIONER BARDEN:**

10 --- without counsel.

11 **THE CLAIMANT:**

12 Correct. Correct.

13 **COMMISSIONER BARDEN:**

14 So I just want the record to reflect the
15 history of this, that Mr. Jones' clients, and I will
16 take the full blame for that, have waited for a
17 hearing beyond their 60 right to have that, but I
18 felt like there was some extenuating circumstances,
19 and I have tried to accommodate Mr. ~~Clarks~~ desire
20 to seek other counsel. So I'm sorry that Mr. Bess
21 could not come today or chose not to take your case
22 or whatever the circumstances are, but we're here to
23 have a hearing today, and I have also allowed your
24 records into evidence over his objection. I know
25 there were a couple he didn't object to, but I just

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1 ~~✗~~ said, globally an objection, since there were just a ~~✗~~
2 ~~✗~~ couple that he didn't object to. ~~✗~~

3 All right. Is that a fair summary of your
4 respective positions? That's certainly abbreviated.
5 As I said, we've had a 45 minute prehearing
6 conference. You're going to testify. Is that a
7 fair abbreviated summary of your respective
8 positions? So if there is anything, because
9 commissioners don't receive these (indicating) until
10 the time of the hearing, I don't know anything in
11 these records, other than what y'all have told me.
12 So is there anything that I've misstated or
13 mischaracterized that you wish to be corrected or
14 perhaps something that I'm not aware of? And I
15 think we've pretty well gone through everything.
16 But, Mr. -- I started with you, because you
17 represent the moving party. Mr. Jones, are you
18 satisfied with that summary?

19 **MR. JONES:**

20 Yes, ma'am. And the only thing, you just
21 mentioned a consent order, whether it was just a ---

22 **COMMISSIONER BARDEN:**

23 I don't know that I mentioned ---

24 **MR. JONES:**

25 --- normal order.

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COMMISSIONER BARDEN:

--- that.

MR. JONES:

Yeah. No. No. You, I think you ---

COMMISSIONER BARDEN:

Okay.

MR. JONES:

--- said it was a consent order. It was just a regular order to allow ---

COMMISSIONER BARDEN:

Okay.

MR. JONES:

--- for additional time. And then ---

COMMISSIONER BARDEN:

Okay. Thank you.

MR. JONES:

And then the only other thing, was just to be clear for our position that there are quite -- quite a few medical opinions that the other conditions he's opining, some of these are new today actually. But the other conditions that he's complained of in the past are not related; Dr. Folk is very clear about that.

COMMISSIONER BARDEN:

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MR. JONES:

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COMMISSIONER BARDEN:

--- I mentioned the heart, because I added that.

MR. JONES:

--- urologist.

COMMISSIONER BARDEN:

So we will add the heart to the list of things that...

MR. JONES:

Okay.

COMMISSIONER BARDEN:

And I understand some of these, I know you have a running objection to anything or would --

MR. JONES:

Right.

COMMISSIONER BARDEN:

--- to anything new that you weren't -- didn't know about until today.

MR. JONES:

Exactly.

COMMISSIONER BARDEN:

But I'm still allowing him to plead his case, as he is unrepresented.

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MR. JONES:

All right. I understand totally.

COMMISSIONER BARDEN:

Okay.

MR. JONES:

And the -- the -- the thing I wanted to be clear of though is there are quite a few opinions that these complaints ---

COMMISSIONER BARDEN:

Are not.

MR. JONES:

--- are not related.

COMMISSIONER BARDEN:

Okay. Okay. Thank you. All right.

MR. JONES:

Oh, I did want to say. I'm sorry. Just I did give you a summary, which I provided to him.

COMMISSIONER BARDEN:

Okay. It's probably attached.

MR. JONES:

There was just a couple I just noticed. There are very minor, but I noticed Number 11 I had, it -- it's a medical summary. A.P.A. number -- do you see Number 11 there?

COMMISSIONER BARDEN:

1 teaching, training in operating for machines,
2 different size of machine. And from four people to
3 20 people, leading, coordinate all of them,
4 according to ---

5 **COMMISSIONER BARDEN:**

6 So you were a machine operator, who also
7 trained and taught other employees?

8 **THE CLAIMANT:**

9 Correct.

10 **COMMISSIONER BARDEN:**

11 Would that be accurate?

12 **THE CLAIMANT:**

13 Correct. Correct.

14 **COMMISSIONER BARDEN:**

15 Okay. Go ahead. Thank you, Mr. Jones.

16 **MR. JONES:**

17 And, please, any time you want to ask a
18 clarification, please do.

19 **DIRECT EXAMINATION RESUMED BY MR. JONES:**

20 Q. On June 15, 2019 [sic], you tripped over a pallet
21 and fell on your right hip?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. Other than your right hip, did you hurt
24 anything else in that fall on June 15th, 2019 [sic]?

25 A. It was blunt force on the right hip, on the right

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. All right. And -- and then in March of 2018 you
4 told Dr. Swathwood that you weren't going to go back
5 to him?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Okay. And then Dr. Swathwood, despite that,
8 referred you to Dr. Jason Folk of Steadman Hawkins?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. Okay. So in fact, Dr. Swathwood didn't ignore you.
11 He ordered X-rays, C.T. scans, M.R.I. scans, and
12 referred you to a urologist?

13 A. M.R.I.s, M.R.I. test, he ordered on my request, X
14 which shows a labram cyst (inaudible) on my request. X

15 Q. And isn't it true that you argued with Dr. Swathwood
16 regularly? For example, in January of 2018, you
17 told him you'd done some research, and that your
18 pain was from your -- was from the surgery and was
19 coming from a certain type of nerve, and he pointed
20 out that that surgery was nowhere near those nerves,
21 but you dismissed that and disagreed?

22 A. I'm -- I'm not a doctor. And I did, I just check
23 out online. I did not did the -- I did not diagnose
24 myself at all.

25 Q. Okay. Well, did you argue with Dr. Swathwood?

1 he examined you and released you, correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. ~~Q.~~ And then it was after that that you went online and
4 found Dr. Potts in Georgia? ~~Q.~~

5 A. Correct. ~~Q.~~

6 Q. Okay. And you went to him on your own?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. Okay. And used I think your regular medical
9 insurance or -- or tried to, correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay. And you did that without seeking
12 authorization from Nutra or the workers' comp
13 carrier, you proceeded with this hip surgery. ~~Q.~~

14 A. I did notify the attorney. It was his job to notify
15 you. ~~Q.~~

16 Q. Okay. You notified your attorney? ~~Q.~~

17 A. Yes. I did notify. ~~Q.~~

18 Q. Okay. ~~Q.~~

19 A. Because that's why they gave me approval to do the
20 surgery. ~~Q.~~

21 Q. Okay. Did you file any forms with the South
22 Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission requesting
23 that the Commissioner order Nutra Manufacturing or
24 the workers' compensation insurance company to
25 provide the surgery? ~~Q.~~

1 A. ~~X~~ My ex-attorney, he never request that to --- ~~A~~

2 Q. Okay. ~~Y~~

3 A. --- or, you know, be because of for your behave --
4 for on your behavior.

5 Q. All right. And your hip is doing great now, isn't
6 it?

7 A. Not well.

8 Q. Okay. On page 197, you went to see your own doctor.
9 Now, this is your chosen doctor, Dr. Potts, in
10 Georgia.

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. And he said that your hip was doing great.

13 A. Yeah.

14 **MR. JONES:**

15 Page 197.

16 **DIRECT EXAMINATION RESUMED BY MR. JONES:**

17 A. At that time.

18 Q. Did you tell him that?

19 A. At that time.

20 Q. Okay. And then you told him that you had -- next
21 time you saw him ---

22 **MR. JONES:**

23 And this is page 200.

24 **DIRECT EXAMINATION RESUMED BY MR. JONES:**

25 Q. And I'm looking at, let's see here, on January 6th,

1 2020, you told him that you had almost no pain
2 whatsoever in your hip; is that right?

3 A. At that particular time, yes.

4 Q. Okay. And that's when you still complained to him
5 of some chest and abdomen pain ---

6 A. Yeah, and ---

7 Q. --- and some other issues.

8 A. And groin pain.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. It was the same issue. I didn't complain of new
11 issue.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. There was no new issue at all.

14 Q. And at least at that time -- but one thing, you had,
15 you had talked about your abdomen pain; is that
16 right?

17 A. I did complain from very beginning to ---

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. --- Dr. Swathwood.

20 Q. And you've -- you've had problems with your abdomen
21 before, right?

22 A. I did have appendicitis (phonetic). I did have
23 intercolic (phonetic), but I don't remember have a
24 colon surgery as put on the -- his medical records.

25 Q. Okay.

1 A. ~~I~~ I do not have any knowledge, but he got the
2 knowledge somehow, and I don't remember have one. I
3 ~~never~~ never remember to say that I have one. ~~i~~

4 Q. See, well, you testified that you had surgery on
5 your appendix and on your intestines in the past?

6 A. Intercolate (phonetic).

7 Q. And -- and you ---

8 A. Intercolate (phonetic), that's the intestine, yes.

9 Q. Okay, the intestines.

10 A. ~~But I don't remember saying I did have a colon~~
11 ~~surgery, as he mentioned ---~~

12 Q. Well ---

13 A. ~~--- as he mentioned in his medical records.~~

14 Q. ~~I don't care what you said.~~ Did you have the
15 surgery in the past?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. In '90s.

19 Q. Okay. You've also had some problems with your chest
20 and lungs in the past; isn't that right?

21 A. An infection to the lungs.

22 Q. Okay. And you had pulmonary masses. You were seen
23 at Anmed Medical Center in 2015 before your injury
24 with pulmonary masses, correct?

25 A. Yes. I -- I didn't. I didn't never read the

1 medical records.

2 Q. ~~And this is A.P.A. page 43. And you left the~~ ~~hospital against medical advise?~~

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4 A. I'm sorry?

5 Q. ~~You left the hospital against medical advise?~~

6 A. I don't remember that at all.

7 Q. Again ---

8 A. ~~I was released from the doctor. I don't remember a~~ ~~leave from -- from the doctor.~~

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10 Q. Yeah.

11 A. It was on his consent. I do not lie from the
12 doctor.

13 Q. The -- this record, page 43, says that you and your
14 wife were repeatedly told about the potential risk
15 of malignancy and encouraged to remain in the
16 hospital until biopsies could be completed, but you
17 left.

18 A. ~~No, they discharged me.~~

19 Q. All right. That's August 22, 2015. I'm looking at
20 the record from before your injury.

21 A. Sure.

22 Q. Page 43.

23 A. Sure.

24 Q. ~~And again, we've discussed this already in the~~ ~~prehearing brief, but you've gone through four~~

1 ~~X~~ [redacted] attorneys; is that correct? ~~X~~

2 A. [redacted] Yes, on your request.

3 Q. All right. You're saying all four of those
4 attorneys were my request?

5 A. ~~X~~ [redacted] On your request to release my case, to not represent
6 [redacted] me. ~~X~~

7 Q. And it's your testimony that these other attorneys
8 released your case, wanted to release your case,
9 because of my discussions ---

10 A. No.

11 Q. --- with them?

12 A. Because -- because on your request, doctor -- I have
13 a Thomas Gagne releasing me, saying I will not be
14 able to represent you. And Mr. Garcia, he, the one
15 that represent me, just day before, a few days
16 before the -- the hearing, and he actually also
17 intentionally delaying to notify was of the -- about
18 the hearing court in September 8th. He was
19 intentionally doing it. I was notified ---

20 Q. Right.

21 A. --- just week before the hearing, week before that I
22 have a hearing.

23 Q. Well, let me ask you this, Mr. Craus. Isn't it your
24 behavior with your attorneys, you're letting them go
25 right before these hearings and causing the hearings

1 to be delayed; isn't that it?

2 A. No. Because on your request.

3 Q. Yeah.

4 A. Mr. Jones.

5 Q. So it's my request to delay the hearing and make my
6 clients ---

7 A. No.

8 Q. --- pay more?

9 A. Your -- your request is -- is to not have any
10 attorney --

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. --- to represent my legal. So you don't. You
13 interfere my case, actually interrupting my case ---

14 Q. Well --

15 A. -- interfering to not have any legal
16 representation.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. And I'm supposed to.

19 Q. Well, let me ask this. You've had four, right?

20 A. Yeah. The -- the last -- last -- last two be --
21 because on your request.

22 Q. Oh, okay.

23 A. It probably really the third one was Mr. Joshua
24 Christian, you guys probably have some kind of deal
25 behind the closed door, because you never provide

1 the hip arthroscopy surgery as had requested.

2 Q. All right.

3 A. And now and also recommended by ---

4 **COMMISSIONER BARDEN:**

5 I am going to ask you,

6 **THE CLAIMANT:**

7 Yes.

8 **COMMISSIONER BARDEN:**

9 You know, these are -- these allegations, you
10 know, unless you have written proof that Mr. Jones
11 has -- because Mr. Garcia was here a month-and-a-
12 half ago, and there was nothing from Mr. Garcia
13 about any of this involvement that you've pled. I'm
14 here for ---

15 **THE CLAIMANT:**

16 Yes.

17 **COMMISSIONER BARDEN:**

18 --- workers' comp.

19 **THE CLAIMANT:**

20 Yes. Yes, I see.

21 **COMMISSIONER BARDEN:**

22 So I think we need to stick to that.

23 **THE CLAIMANT:**

24 Correct. Correct.

25 **COMMISSIONER BARDEN:**

1 refused to perform M.R.I. to -- to -- to diagnose my
2 test (phonetic), M.R.I. test. After several ~~of~~
3 ~~of~~ complaints I was ignored, but by the groin pain on
4 doctor -- on Mr. Jones request to -- to put negative
5 notes on -- on his favoring on my condition. And
6 that is all ---

7 Q. ~~of~~ You're saying Mr. Jones went to these physicians, ~~of~~
8 and they put negative notes in their records because
9 ~~of~~ of Mr. Jones; is that what you're saying here today?

10 A. Yes. Yes. Yes, that's what I believe. ~~of~~

11 Q. ~~of~~ And please tell me what proof you have of that, sir.

12 A. I do not have that any proof. I talked with ~~of~~
13 ~~of~~ recently with an attorney, who actually asked me
14 \$5,000 to -- to give him, to pay the doctors to be
15 on my side. ~~of~~

16 Q. Go ahead, sir. Let's talk about your physical
17 problems. So if you want to move on from the hip to
18 anything.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. You told me that the -- that your kidney and your,
21 you kidney stones, gallstones, a polyp, prostate
22 cancer, the hernia, and the lymph nodes, and your
23 heart. So if you want to go through any of those.
24 You've covered ---

25 A. Yes.

1 diagnosis. He -- physically and the diagnosis, he
 2 saw is a blunt force trauma specific in his medical
 3 notes. And before the surgery I notify Thomas Gagne
 4 to notify the surgery. I, on my way back from the
 5 doctors office, I called the doc -- the lawyer's
 6 office about the surgery appointment. They said,
 7 "Go ahead do the surgery. The workers' compensation
 8 approval will take a little bit longer, so go ahead
 9 do the surgery. So they were aware.

10 Q. So your belief is they were aware of it?

11 A. They been even aware.

12 **MR. JONES:**

13 I think he's testifying saying Tom Gagne's
 14 office. It's really not relevant.

15 **THE CLAIMANT:**

16 It is -- it is relevant.

17 **COMMISSIONER BARDEN:**

18 Well ---

19 **THE CLAIMANT:**

20 I object to that.

21 **EXAMINATION RESUMED BY COMMISSIONER BARDEN:**

22 Q. Mr. Gagne's not here as a witness, and as I told you
 23 before, you had the right to call witnesses. So
 24 just -- just -- so you had the third surgery with
 25 Dr. Potts, in Georgia?

- 1 A. Correct. I notified ---
- 2 Q. All right. And did that surgery help your hip?
- 3 A. Some. Some. A little bit, helped a little bit.
- 4 Q. Just a little bit?
- 5 A. Just a little bit, because my ---
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 A. --- my chest condition and groin pain did not go
- 8 away until present. Since my complaint right
- 9 started on the physical therapy, on Dr. Swathwood
- 10 several visits, but it when I was list to work,
- 11 several visits I complained about it. I was
- 12 completely ignored. He's saying, "I don't have
- 13 nothing to do. I can't help you, might be have
- 14 problem before."
- 15 Q. So where do you attribute the -- or what caused the
- 16 chest problem? I know you were saying that groin
- 17 problem was from the trauma to the ground or when
- 18 you hit the ground or the floor. What about your
- 19 chest? I'm trying to understand.
- 20 A. Because I have a blunt force. I fall the whole body
- 21 on the -- on the right side.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. With the chest, I put my right arm under my head to
- 24 prevent to -- to hit the floor (indicating).
- 25 Q. Okay.

1 A. So that what happened.

2 Q. So you're indicating your arm was up when you fell?

3 A. Yeah, under my head.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. Yes. And I was blunt force on the whole side.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. From the chest over here (indicating) all the way
8 down.

9 Q. On your entire right side?

10 A. Yes. And also, Dr. Patel also mentioned, all as I
11 believing, the first or second visit, on his medical
12 notes, that also being shows on -- on his medical
13 records.

14 Q. Okay. All right.

15 A. Mr. Gagne, he -- he ---

16 Q. *p* And again, I don't want to get --- *p*

17 A. No. No.

18 Q. *p* --- into anything between --- *✓*

19 A. Yeah, absolutely.

20 Q. *p* --- you and your attorney. *✓*

21 A. Yes. No. No. Absolute.

22 Q. *p* That that's -- that's your business. *✓*

23 A. No.

24 Q. And not for ---

25 A. Yeah, absolute.

1 Q. --- for ---

2 A. I'm just ---

3 Q. --- this public ---

4 A. I -- I just want to mention that -- that he's the
5 one who -- who approves the surgery, go ahead,
6 because the ---

7 Q. But he -- he's, you understand ---

8 A. Yes. Yes, but he -- it was his job to -- to notify
9 workers' compensation.

10 Q. Right.

11 A. So I don't know what happened.

12 Q. Well, I'm not in charge of Mr. Gagne.

13 A. Yes. Yes. Well, I'm just saying ---

14 Q. So ---

15 A. --- all -- all it was attorney, so it was his job to
16 notify workers' compensation, even Mr. Jones to
17 approve for hip arthroscopy surgery and also has
18 denying, I went on my own. And my employer called
19 me a few weeks later to -- to fill out the form for
20 the health insurance. Just a couple of weeks after
21 the surgery, I went, pick up the -- the form, I fill
22 it out, I returned that. And six weeks after my
23 surgery I was fired over the phone by employer -- by
24 employer. Agreement, a paper agreement never been
25 mentioned to me, never provide me by Jeffrey Jones.

1 Agreement settlement never been provided or the
 2 condition tends to resign or be fired. Mr. Jones,
 3 he put on his file I agreed to resign. And I do not
 4 have any record on the papers, to see the paper that
 5 was never did.

6 **MR. JONES:**

7 I'd object. Your Honor, we -- he is now
 8 getting into what was the settlement back in July --
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10 **COMMISSIONER BARDEN:**

11 Yeah.

12 **MR. JONES:**

13 --- of 2019.

14 **COMMISSIONER BARDEN:**

15 And let's stay away from that.

16 **MR. JONES:**

17 That did not, clearly did --

18 **COMMISSIONER BARDEN:**

19 Did not go through.

20 **MR. JONES:**

21 --- not go through.

22 **COMMISSIONER BARDEN:**

23 Okay.

24 **MR. JONES:**

25 So, it's really not ---

1 **COMMISSIONER BARDEN:**

2 P Yeah. X

3 **MR. JONES:**

4 P --- relevant. I don't think it's proper even
5 for you to --- Y

6 **COMMISSIONER BARDEN:**

7 P I would have to agree --- X

8 **MR. JONES:**

9 --- listen to it.

10 **COMMISSIONER BARDEN:** X

11 P --- with Mr. Jones on that. So we'll -- we'll
12 move on from that. X

13 **THE CLAIMANT RESUMES ANSWER:**

14 A. Went to Mr. Potts with the same problem. I told him
15 my condition. It was little certain point when I do
16 not, I do not feel at that time no pain. Yeah, I
17 really. But also he -- I complained several times.
18 He also mentioned in his medical records to continue
19 exercise. Physical therapy never was provided,
20 refusing by workers' compensation. And also,
21 further evaluation for possible hernia and groin --
22 and groin problem, urinary problem so never been
23 addressed at all. Because I went to -- to second
24 opinion, to Dr. Frassinelli, so to see if it's any
25 hernia. He refused to do any tests. He never

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COMMISSIONER BARDEN:

---- you have to wait until I hear it.

THE CLAIMANT:

Okay.

MR. JONES:

I have an objection to hearsay. We have the record. He is now testifying to what Dr. Frassinelli told him.

COMMISSIONER BARDEN: X

--- as to what a doctor said, because that doctor's not here for him to cross-examine. The doctor could come in and say, "Yep, I absolutely agree with Mr. ██████," or he could come and say, "No, that's not what I said." So you can't say what a doctor said, okay? X

THE CLAIMANT:

Okay. Okay.

COMMISSIONER BARDEN:

He can, yeah. Well, he -- he -- he doesn't have a witness here to do that. So go ahead.

THE CLAIMANT RESUMES ANSWER:

A. And after that I was waiting, Ex -- Ex-Attorney Mr. Garcia sent me to Dr. Potts with medical -- with medical questionnaire and for the recommendation, and Mr. Jones look was -- was angry. And Mr. Garcia