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[1] IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
 [2] CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO
 [3] GARY M. GRABEL, ET AL.,
 [4] Plaintiffs,
 [5] JUDGE GAUL
 [6] -vs- CASE NO. 383,110
 [7] ASHIS K. RAKHIT, M.D.,
 [8] ET AL.,
 [9] Defendants.
 [10] Video conference deposition of ROBERT D.
 [11] LACH, M.D., taken as if upon direct examination
 [12] before Linda A. Astuto, a Registered Merit
 [13] Reporter and Notary Public within and for the
 [14] State of Ohio, at the offices of The Forum, One
 [15] Cleveland Center, Cleveland, Ohio, at 8:15 p.m.
 [16] on Wednesday, September 20, 2000, pursuant to
 [17] notice and/or stipulations of counsel, on behalf
 [18] of the Defendant in this cause.
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[1] ROBERT D. LACH, M.D., of lawful age,
 [2] called by the Defendant for the purpose of direct
 [3] examination, as provided by the Rules of Civil
 [4] Procedure, being by me first duly sworn, as
 [5] hereinafter certified, deposed and said as
 [6] follows:
 [7] DIRECT EXAMINATION OF ROBERT D. LACH, M.D.
 [8] BY MR. RISPO:
 [9] Q: Doctor, it's about 8:15 on Wednesday evening, the
 [10] 20th of September.
 [11] And I wonder if you would just explain where
 [12] you're located at the moment.
 [13] A: I'm on Irwin Avenue in northwest Columbus in a
 [14] suburb called Grandview. I think it's called
 [15] Communications III or something of that sort.
 [16] Q: Okay. Well, through the use of modern
 [17] technology, we're going to hope to show this tape
 [18] tomorrow morning to the jury. So we'll begin.
 [19] Would you state for the record your full
 [20] name, Doctor?
 [21] A: Ralph D. Lach, M.D.
 [22] Q: And how old are you, sir?
 [23] A: 67.
 [24] Q: Would you give us a brief review of your
 [25] education and training?

[1] A: I received an M.D. or a B.S. degree from John
 [2] Carroll University in Cleveland in 1955 and an
 [3] M.D. degree from the Ohio State University
 [4] College of Medicine in 1959.
 [5] I've completed an internship at the Mt.
 [6] Carmel Medical Center from '59 to '60.
 [7] Then from 1960 to 1962 I served as a resident
 [8] in internal medicine and diagnosis also at the
 [9] Mt. Carmel Medical Center.
 [10] I then served a one year fellowship in
 [11] cardiovascular medicine at the Fairview General
 [12] Hospital in Cleveland, followed by one year
 [13] fellowship in cardiovascular medicine at the
 [14] University of Cincinnati in Cincinnati, Ohio in
 [15] the Cincinnati General Hospital and that
 [16] concluded my formal training and I entered
 [17] practice in 1964 in July a few miles from here.
 [18] I've been in the same place since then.
 [19] Q: And your professional address?
 [20] A: 777 West 8th State Street, Columbus 43222.
 [21] Q: And your area of specialty, Doctor?
 [22] A: I'm board certified in internal medicine and
 [23] board certified in cardiology or cardiovascular
 [24] medicine.
 [25] Q: Okay. And you've been in practice for how many