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IME Watchdog Report

Observation of Independent Medical Examination

Client Name:

██████████

Date of Exam:

1/17/2012

Date of Accident:

Client's Attorney:

████████████████████

Observed By:

Nanci Makhani, J.D.

Performed By:

Dr. Scott Smilen

Specialty:

Uro-Gynecology

Facility:

The office was located in the Langone Medical Center at NYU Hospital.

Facility Description:

The facility was in good condition and the IME physician's office was on the 5th floor. The waiting area was small, and part of the hallway.

Appointment Scheduled For:

12:30 pm





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Arrived at Office:

11:45 am

Admitted to Exam Room:

12:30 am

Intake Start:

12:40 am

Exam Start:

12:45 pm

Exam End:

12:52 pm

Length of Exam:

7 minutes

Total Length of Visit:

1 hour and 7 minutes

Others Present:

The IME physician, the IME physician's aide, the examinee, [REDACTED], a Spanish language interpreter, and the IME WatchDog advocate

Description of the IME physician:

The IME physician was male, approximately in his late 40's.

Layout of Exam Room:

The office was approximately 8'x 8', and cramped. The room had an exam table equipped with stirrups, one chair, a stool, and a counter equipped with a sink.

Did IME Have Examinee's Medical Records:

The IME physician did not have the examinee's medical records.





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How did IME Physician Take Notes?

The IME physician did not take notes during the exam.

Notes:

The examinee was presented with an intake form that was 7 pages long. The IME Watchdog advocate filled out the forms to the extent of providing the facility with the examinee's name, address, and date of birth. The IME WatchDog advocate informed the receptionist that the examinee would not be filling out any other forms and that they could reference the examinee's medical records for the information. The receptionist and the doctor informed me that the facility was not provided with examinee's prior records and had no information as to the reason for the examinee's visit. The IME WatchDog advocate gave the IME physician a very brief synopsis as to why the examinee was present based on the brief conversation with the examinee prior to the exam. The IME physician's questions were answered through the interpreter provided.

Intake:

- The IME physician's aide provided the examinee with a gown and instructed her to remove all her clothing from the waist down. The examinee complied.
- The IME physician entered the exam room and asked the examinee what the purpose for her exam was. The examinee was confused and unable to answer.
- The IME WatchDog advocate politely informed the IME physician that this appointment was supposed to be an Independent Medical Examination.





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- The IME physician informed us that he was not in possession of the examinee's medical records and was not sure as to what he was supposed to do.
- The IME WatchDog advocate replied that only a basic gynecologic exam was to be performed and that no invasive testing should be done. The IME physician stated that he understood.
- The IME physician asked the examinee what happened. The examinee replied that she had constant pain in her pelvic area, and that the pain was "very bad" when she was intimate with her husband.
- The IME physician asked when and why these symptoms began. The examinee responded that she had 2 surgeries on her bladder, and that she has been in pain for a few years.
- The IME WatchDog advocate explained to the IME physician that the examinee was in labor with her 4th child when her physician told her that a c-section was necessary. The IME Watchdog advocate stated that upon performing the c-section, the physician perforated the examinee's bladder, and that the subsequent surgeries were to address the examinee's bladder problems. The IME physician stated that he understood.
- The IME physician asked the examinee whether the surgeries were done vaginally or through the abdomen.





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The examinee replied that the first operation was done vaginally because she had urine coming out of her vagina. The examinee stated that this surgery did not fix the problem, and another surgery was performed through the abdomen to fix the problem.

- The IME physician asked the examinee when the first surgery was. The examinee responded that it was in 2006.
- The IME physician asked the examinee when the second surgery was. The examinee responded that the second surgery was in 2007. The examinee explained to the doctor that she had her first 3 children naturally, and had no problems or complications.
- The IME physician asked the examinee whether the c-section was necessary because the 4th baby was bigger than the other 3. The examinee replied that the 4th baby was not bigger than the other 3. The examinee stated that she was required to have a catheter before and after the surgery.
- The IME physician asked the examinee whether she had any medical problems prior to this incident. The examinee stated that she did not.
- The IME physician asked the examinee what happened after those surgeries. The examinee stated that she



had 6 subsequent surgeries because she kept getting kidney stones.

- The IME physician asked how the surgeries were performed. The examinee stated that she did not know because she was asleep during the procedures.
- The IME physician asked the examinee whether she sees any doctor for these issues. The examinee stated that she sees a gynecologist.
- The IME physician asked the examinee what her main complaint was. The examinee stated that she was in constant pain, and that she is very uncomfortable when she is intimate with her husband.

Exam:

- The IME physician called his aide into the room to assist him.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to sit up on the table.
- The IME physician palpated the examinee's back and asked her if she felt pain. The examinee stated that she felt pain upon palpation, and that the pain was worse on the right side.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to lie on her back.



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- The IME physician palpated the examinee's abdomen and asked whether the examinee felt any pain. The examinee stated that she had pain in her lower abdomen.
- The IME physician noticed a scar on the examinee's abdomen and asked her whether a drain was placed there after the surgeries. The examinee stated that she did have a drain in that area.
- The IME physician continued to palpate the examinee's abdomen and asked the examinee whether she still felt pain. The examinee stated that she did.
- The IME physician asked the examinee to lie back and to place her feet on the stirrups.
- The IME physician put on rubber gloves to examine the examinee.
- The IME physician did a visual examination of the examinee's vagina.
- The IME physician asked his assistant for a speculum to examine the examinee's vagina.
- The IME physician asked his assistant to place lubricant on the speculum.
- The IME physician examined the examinee's outer vagina with the speculum and asked her if she felt pressure. The examinee stated that she did.



- The IME physician told the examinee to relax and that he was going to place the speculum a little further in order to get a better view.
- The IME physician asked the examinee if she felt pain. The examinee stated that she did.
- The IME physician asked the examinee if she felt pain in the upper or lower part of her vagina. The examinee stated that she felt pain in the upper and lower parts of her vagina.
- The IME physician removed the speculum.
- The IME physician told the examinee that he was going to examine her by placing one finger in her vagina.
- The IME physician asked the examinee if she felt pressure. The examinee stated that she did.
- The IME physician asked the examinee if she felt pain in the middle of her vagina. The examinee stated that she did.
- The IME physician asked the examinee if the pain she felt during the exam was similar to the pain she usually has. The examinee stated that it was.
- The IME physician asked the examinee if she felt like she had to go to the bathroom. The examinee stated that she did.

- The IME physician removed his finger from the examinee's vagina.
- The examinee told the IME physician that when she is intimate with her husband she has to stop in the middle to go to the bathroom.
- The IME physician asked the examinee whether she empties her bladder completely when she goes to the bathroom. The examinee stated that she felt she did, but that she constantly feels like she has to go to the bathroom.
- The IME physician asked the examinee whether she has had any bladder infections since the surgeries. The examinee stated that she frequently gets bladder infections.
- The IME physician asked the examinee if she took antibiotics for her bladder infections. The examinee stated that she did.
- The IME physician asked the examinee if she had any questions for him. The examinee stated that she did not.