



IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CLEVELAND COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel.,
MIKE HUNTER,
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

- (1) PURDUE PHARMA L.P.;
- (2) PURDUE PHARMA, INC.;
- (3) THE PURDUE FREDERICK COMPANY,
- (4) TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS USA, INC.;
- (5) CEPHALON, INC.;
- (6) JOHNSON & JOHNSON;
- (7) JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC,
- (8) ORTHO-MCNEIL-JANSSEN
PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., n/k/a
JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS;
- (9) JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICA, INC.,
n/k/a JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.;
- (10) ALLERGAN, PLC, f/k/a ACTAVIS PLC,
f/k/a ACTAVIS, INC., f/k/a WATSON
PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.;
- (11) WATSON LABORATORIES, INC.;
- (12) ACTAVIS LLC; and
- (13) ACTAVIS PHARMA, INC.,
f/k/a WATSON PHARMA, INC.,

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA 3230(C) (5) WITNESS
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IN OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

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Video Technician: Gabe Pack

1 topics related to marketing strategies; is that
2 correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. You're here to testify about something called
5 branded marketing strategies in Oklahoma and the
6 country; is that right?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. You're here to talk about unbranded marketing
9 strategies and what Teva did with unbranded marketing
10 in the country and in Oklahoma, correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And you're here to talk about continuing
13 medical education that Teva did in Oklahoma and --
14 and nationally for opioids, correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. So we'll get into each one of those areas,
17 but we'll just take those one at a time. Branded
18 marketing, what is that?

19 A. It's marketing activities that are specific
20 to a branded product, in this case a branded
21 pharmaceutical product.

22 Q. So it has to mention a specific drug; is that
23 right?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Branded marketing is marketing that relates

1 to a specific drug such as Actiq; is that right?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Or Actiq is an opioid, correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. It's an opioid that Teva makes, right?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. It's fentanyl?

8 A. Yes, it's a transdermal immediate-release
9 fentanyl product.

10 Q. Right. And it's a lozenge, is that right,
11 that's on a stick?

12 A. I'm sorry, I said transdermal. It's a
13 transmucosal.

14 Yes. It's a lozenge -- it's a lozenge that's on a
15 stick that the patient places against their cheek and
16 gum for the drug to be absorbed into their system.

17 Q. So branded marketing for Actiq would be some
18 sort of marketing that actually refers to Actiq or
19 uses the Actiq label; is that right?

20 A. Yes. If it -- if it mentions the drug name
21 and the indication, it is a branded marketing piece.

22 Q. Branded marketing pieces are different than
23 unbranded, right?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Branded marketing pieces have to be approved

1 and are regulated by the FDA. That's one difference,
2 right?

3 A. Yes. In the case of Actiq, the branded
4 marketing pieces actually had to be pre-approved by
5 the FDA before they were used. Other branded
6 marketing materials for other products have to be
7 submitted to the FDA upon use.

8 Q. And then unbranded marketing materials,
9 though, those aren't submitted to the FDA; is that
10 right?

11 A. That's correct.

12 Q. Okay. So let's talk about what unbranded
13 marketing materials are.

14 What is -- when we use the term "unbranded
15 marketing" in the pharmaceutical industry, what does
16 that mean?

17 A. Unbranded marketing materials are generally
18 disease state materials that don't mention a specific
19 product but more generally talk about characteristics
20 of a specific disease state, and oftentimes they're
21 meant to help improve the treatment of a condition
22 that is not specific to a particular drug.

23 Q. Unbranded marketing doesn't mention, and
24 can't mention, a particular drug; is that right?

25 A. That's correct.

1 Q. That's what makes it unbranded, is there is
2 no brand name product in the marketing, right?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Now, unbranded marketing still has to be
5 accurate, correct?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And just so we're clear, Teva has used both
8 branded and unbranded marketing for its opioids,
9 correct?

10 MR. FIORE: Object to the form.

11 THE WITNESS: Yes. And in both cases, the
12 materials still go through an internal review process
13 that has a legal, regulatory, and medical reviewer
14 evaluate the piece. If there are changes that they
15 require, those changes have to be made to the piece
16 before the piece is actually used.

17 MR. BURNS: Drew, do we have our normal
18 arrangement that an objection by one Defendant is an
19 objection for all?

20 MR. PATE: That's fine today, yeah.

21 MR. BURNS: Great. Thank you.

22 Q. (By Mr. Pate) Okay. So what you're say --
23 an internal review process. You said both branded
24 and unbranded go through an internal review process;
25 is that right?

1 Q. So you have a brand name drug like OxyContin.
2 That's a brand name, right?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. That's a branded product of Purdue
5 Pharmaceuticals, right?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And then if you have a generic version, it's
8 a substitutable version of OxyContin, right?

9 A. Yes.

10 MR. FIORE: Object to form.

11 Q. (By Mr. Pate) And in -- in that specific
12 case actually, your company sells a generic version
13 of OxyContin, correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. It sells what's called an authorized generic
16 of OxyContin, right?

17 A. I think that's correct.

18 Q. And an authorized generic is literally the
19 exact same drug, just in a different package and with
20 your -- a generic label on it, right?

21 MR. FIORE: Object to form.

22 THE WITNESS: The FDA would say that any
23 substitutable generic is the exact same drug. In
24 this case, it is an authorized version of that drug
25 from the innovator.

1 Q. (By Mr. Pate) And so you say, to market that
2 generic form of OxyContin that your company sells,
3 you made a product announcement; is that right?

4 MR. FIORE: Object to form.

5 THE WITNESS: Yes.

6 Q. (By Mr. Pate) So when you're about to
7 release a generic product on the market, you tell the
8 pharmacists and the distributors, the large chain
9 pharmacies, that you have a generic version of that
10 product that's about to be available; is that right?

11 MR. FIORE: Object to the form.

12 THE WITNESS: Generally, yes. I'm not sure
13 exactly how much can be communicated in advance of
14 the approval, but they -- they make announcements
15 that they have product approval and are able to ship
16 that generic version of that product to those
17 wholesalers and pharmacies.

18 Q. (By Mr. Pate) And you make those
19 announcements more to the -- the pharmacist side of
20 the -- of the business rather than the doctor side;
21 is that right?

22 MR. FIORE: Object to form.

23 THE WITNESS: Yes.

24 Q. (By Mr. Pate) Because the doctor doesn't
25 typically pick between the brand name and the

1 generic, right?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. The -- that decision is usually made by the
4 pharmacist when they're filling the prescription,
5 right?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. So that's why you want to let -- when you're
8 marketing a generic, the most important thing is to
9 let the pharmacists know that that generic version of
10 the drug is available, as you said, at typically a
11 lower price point, right?

12 MR. FIORE: Object to form.

13 THE WITNESS: Yes, it -- when you use the
14 term "marketing," I relate that more to what we do
15 with the brands where we market and promote a
16 product. On the generic side, it's -- it's typically
17 we announce the availability and -- and then the
18 market has whatever uptake they're going to have
19 based on the -- on the pricing and the prescriptions
20 that the physicians are generating, typically of the
21 innovative product.

22 Q. (By Mr. Pate) Right. Because, as you said,
23 the market -- I think you said the market exists
24 already for that drug at the time that you release
25 the generic version, right?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. There's already been a branded product out
3 there in the marketplace for some period of time,
4 right?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And it has created whatever market for that
7 product through its own marketing efforts, right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And then, when your company releases a
10 generic version, you step into that same marketplace
11 with what's typically a cheaper version of the same
12 product, right?

13 A. Lower price.

14 Q. Lower price.

15 And so the marketplace has already been defined
16 somewhat by whatever the innovator, as you called
17 them, has done for marketing that product; is that
18 right?

19 A. I think the market has been defined by the
20 choice that the physicians have made and where they
21 choose to use this product. And the utility that
22 they found in it, that really defines the -- the
23 universe of the prescriptions for any given
24 innovative product, and then the generics simply
25 enter that market and create alternatives that bring

1 generic OxyContin, right?

2 MR. FIORE: Object to form.

3 THE WITNESS: Yes. It's still a very small
4 portion of the market, but I believe that the two
5 together had more than either had separately.

6 Q. (By Mr. Pate) Now, let's talk about when
7 Teva first released generic OxyContin. When did that
8 happen?

9 A. I believe that the first release was in the
10 mid 2000s that led to a lawsuit that was resolved,
11 but I don't -- I don't know the particulars of the
12 lawsuit and the agreement. The one that I'm most
13 familiar with is the agreement that was reached at
14 the end of 2014, which is the terms that we were just
15 discussing.

16 Q. The lawsuit you referred to, that was a
17 patent lawsuit, right?

18 A. That's my understanding, yes.

19 Q. Which basically Purdue was saying, "We have a
20 patent on this drug, you're not allowed to sell it
21 yet," right?

22 A. Yes.

23 MR. BURNS: Object to form.

24 Q. (By Mr. Pate) And you guys said, "Yes, we
25 can," and then there was a settlement, right?

1 MR. FIORE: Object to form and scope.

2 THE WITNESS: I can't speak to the
3 particulars of the lawsuit, but it did result in a
4 settlement.

5 Q. (By Mr. Pate) All right. Now, prior to the
6 mid 2000s, prior to you releasing your generic
7 version of OxyContin, what marketing related to
8 OxyContin did Teva do?

9 A. None.

10 Q. None?

11 A. Not -- not that I know of, no.

12 Q. What did you do to ensure that your generic
13 version of OxyContin would be sold?

14 MR. FIORE: Object to form, assumes facts
15 not in evidence.

16 THE WITNESS: Ask me that -- I'm trying to
17 understand the question.

18 Q. (By Mr. Pate) Sure.

19 We talked earlier about how, when you're releasing
20 a brand name product, you're going to have a
21 marketing strategy in place, right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. To help drive sales, right?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. You released a generic version of OxyContin

1 in the mid 2000s, right?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. What was your marketing strategy?

4 A. The generic company, or Teva, Teva's generic
5 business simply announces product availability
6 within -- for an innovative product and makes that
7 product available through pharmacies. Typically
8 those products are AB rated that allows the pharmacy
9 to substitute that generic product for the branded
10 product at the point of sale. And that's the -- the
11 core of what generics do to launch a new generic
12 product.

13 Q. So to summarize -- I can try. To market your
14 generic OxyContin, you announced that you had a
15 generic OxyContin product available at a lower price
16 point; is that right?

17 MR. FIORE: Object to the form.

18 THE WITNESS: Yes.

19 Q. (By Mr. Pate) Other than that, you didn't,
20 for example, start sending sales reps into doctors'
21 offices to talk about your generic OxyContin, right?

22 A. No.

23 Q. You didn't --

24 A. Teva did not do so. I believe that Actavis
25 used the Canadian -- I'm sorry -- the Kadian sales

1 force to announce product availability. But in any
2 of those cases, they don't promote the therapeutic
3 benefit of any given therapy. And in this case, they
4 were trained, "You're only to make a product
5 announcement to create awareness of that product
6 being available."

7 Q. So Actavis released a generic form of
8 OxyContin around the same time Teva did?

9 A. I'm sorry, I -- let me back up. I'm -- I'm
10 not sure that I just stated something that was
11 correct.

12 I don't -- I don't know that Actavis did that for
13 OxyContin. I -- I confused that with oxymorphone.

14 Q. What's oxymorphone?

15 A. It's a generic version of Opana, where the
16 innovator had removed specific strengths of the drug
17 from the marketplace so that when the generic version
18 of that product became available, there were no
19 scripts being written by physicians because there
20 were -- the product had actually been removed. And
21 there was no safety concern for the product removal,
22 and so, in that case, physicians who had found value
23 for specific patients for those specific strengths of
24 that compound, the company made those doctors aware
25 that that was available now, but it -- but, again,

1 they didn't promote the -- the efficacy or safety of
2 it. They simply announced that that product that
3 they had used in the past was now available should
4 they choose to use it again in the future. And that
5 was the extent of the product announcement for
6 that -- that compound. And I -- I apologize, I -- I
7 confused the two drugs.

8 Q. All right. So just so we're clear. Actavis,
9 at one point, released a generic version of Opana?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. That's what you referred to as oxymorphone,
12 correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. When it did that, it used the sales force for
15 their drug, Kadian, to make a product announcement
16 that that generic Opana was now available?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. What kind of a drug is Kadian?

19 A. It's a morphine opioid product.

20 Q. It's an opioid?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. When you bought Actavis, did you buy the
23 rights to Kadian?

24 A. Not to the brand.

25 Q. Only the generic?

1 A. Teva has a generic form of that product.

2 Q. All right. Opana has since been pulled from
3 the marketplace by the FDA, correct?

4 A. I wasn't aware of that.

5 Q. Do you still sell generic Opana?

6 MR. FIORE: Object to form and scope.

7 THE WITNESS: We had provided the list of
8 products that we sell, and I don't recall whether
9 that was on the list or not. That was provided
10 I think at a deposition two weeks ago.

11 Q. (By Mr. Pate) Did Teva -- separate from
12 Actavis or before you acquired Actavis, did Teva have
13 its own generic oxymorphone product at some point?

14 MR. FIORE: Objection to form and scope.

15 THE WITNESS: I don't recall.

16 Q. (By Mr. Pate) All right. So let's go back
17 to OxyContin.

18 A. Okay.

19 Q. You testified that in the mid 2000s, Teva
20 released its version of generic OxyContin, correct?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And when it did that, it made a product
23 announcement, right?

24 A. I believe so.

25 Q. It said, "We have a generic version of

1 the product and continue to use the product at an
2 out-of-pocket exposure that they could afford.

3 Q. What unbranded marketing related to
4 opioids -- well, let me start over.

5 I believe you testified earlier that Teva started
6 some type of branded marketing in the mid '90s?

7 MR. FIORE: Object to form.

8 THE WITNESS: When we were talking about
9 the copy approval or promotion material review
10 process?

11 Q. (By Mr. Pate) Yes.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Were those for opioid products?

14 A. No.

15 Q. When did Teva start selling generic opioids?

16 A. My best recollection is I believe that Barr
17 Laboratories had a couple of opioid products, and
18 that would have been around 2006. I don't recall
19 whether they continued to sell them after Teva's
20 acquisition or not. But in the mid 2000s I believe
21 is when -- that's my best recollection as to when
22 Teva started to sell generic opioids.

23 Q. At the same time it started selling generic
24 OxyContin?

25 A. I --

1 MR. FIORE: Object to form.

2 THE WITNESS: I think that was one of the
3 earlier products.

4 Q. (By Mr. Pate) All right. At that time, what
5 unbranded marketing was Teva specifically doing
6 related to chronic pain or opioids?

7 A. I -- I don't recall seeing specific
8 initiatives, in that it really isn't part of what the
9 generic companies do. There may be specific small
10 grants in different areas, but the generics usually
11 ride in the wake of what a branded company has done
12 to build a market for an innovative product, and then
13 the generics simply announce availability of generic
14 versions of that product and there isn't -- there
15 isn't much, if any, disease education that generics
16 typically engage in that come to mind.

17 Q. As distinct from the company Cephalon, just
18 asking specifically about Teva now. Does it engage
19 currently in the unbranded marketing related to --
20 well, let me back up. That's a bad question.

21 Prior to the acquisition of Cephalon by Teva, did
22 Teva, as far as you know -- or what unbranded
23 marketing did Teva use related to chronic pain or
24 opioids?

25 MR. FIORE: Object to form.

1 THE WITNESS: Prior to Cephalon?

2 Q. (By Mr. Pate) Prior to Cephalon.

3 A. I'm struggling to think of any marketing
4 materials that Teva would have controlled from a
5 generics standpoint. It's just not a routine
6 practice for the generics business. I can't think of
7 an example. This would have been prior to 2011.
8 I'm -- I'm sorry, I'm not coming up with -- with
9 anything.

10 Q. All right. Prior to 2011, Cephalon used
11 unbranded marketing as part of its marketing strategy
12 for Actiq and Fentora, correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. After 2011, Cephalon and Teva, now as part of
15 one company, continued to use unbranded marketing and
16 branded marketing for those products, correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. At that time, Teva was also selling a number
19 of generic opioid products by then, correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Including generic OxyContin, correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Prior to Teva acquiring the Actavis and
24 Watson entities, what unbranded marketing did those
25 specific companies use related to chronic pain or

1 opioids?

2 MR. FIORE: Objection to form.

3 THE WITNESS: I don't recall seeing
4 examples of unbranded communication that those
5 companies -- the generic side of those companies
6 sponsored. I recall product announcements when they
7 launched generic products, but I can't think of
8 specific examples of non-branded disease state
9 communication that would -- that they had issued.

10 Q. (By Mr. Pate) Those product announcements
11 are made where?

12 A. Typically they're sent out to pharmacies or
13 they may be advertised in trade journals to announce
14 the product availability of the generic product and
15 whether they're an AB-rated or a substitutable
16 product for a specific brand. They can use different
17 channels to communicate that type of information.
18 Via trade journals, via direct mail, or via e-mail
19 blast are the most frequent channels that I've seen
20 examples of from those organizations.

21 (Whereupon, Deposition Exhibit No. 9 was
22 marked for identification and made part of the
23 record.)

24 Q. (By Mr. Pate) I'm going to hand you a
25 document. I know you've seen this one, because I've

1 asked you about it. This one is marked as Exhibit 9

2 this time. Do you recognize that one?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. All right. I'm going to ask you fewer

5 questions about it this time.

6 Is that unbranded marketing, Exhibit 9? Well, let

7 me start over.

8 Just so it's clear to the jury, Exhibit 9 is a

9 brochure entitled Making Pain Talk Painless, correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. The subheading says A Guide to Help You Talk

12 With Your Doctor About Pain Management, right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. It's got the Cephalon label right underneath

15 that, right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. The Bates number on this one is

18 TEVA_OK_00116233. All right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Is Exhibit 9 an example of unbranded

21 marketing?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. This one is dated July 2006, if you

24 look at the very back, bottom of the page.

25 A. Yes.

EXHIBIT 6

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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
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BEFORE THE HONORABLE THAD BALKMAN
DISTRICT JUDGE

REPORTED BY: ANGELA THAGARD, CSR, RPR

1 But the reason I bring it up is it shows that they're just
2 not paying attention to what we pled, or more likely, they paid
3 attention but they won't talk about it because it's not good
4 for them.

5 So let's just be clear. What does the State not do. We
6 don't assert failure to warn claims. That's not in our
7 petition. We don't assert federal claims. We're not in
8 federal court. We don't seek relief under federal law. We're
9 not challenging FDA approval. We're not challenging the FDA
10 labels. We're not asking them to rewrite labels. We're not
11 asking FDA to do anything. We hope they will, but that's not
12 our case. And we're not asking them to do anything that's not
13 currently possible under FDA rules.

14 But let's assume for a minute that we were. Contrary to
15 what they're telling you, your Honor, and what they said in the
16 briefs, there's nothing that prevents the defendants from
17 strengthening their warnings. They could do that. It's not
18 part of our case. But it's not true that they can't do it.
19 And I'm going to get to this PROP petition and what it is and
20 what really happened there in a moment.

21 But the Supreme Court says very, very clearly that FDA,
22 when it comes to strengthening labels, it's not both a floor
23 and a ceiling. What they're trying to say is if the FDA says
24 one thing, that's all we ever have to do. That's not true.
25 Drug companies can come in, if the evidence warrants and if

1 they find information that says their drugs are harmful or not
2 labeled appropriately, they can come in and strengthen those
3 warnings.

4 Now, they have to deal with the FDA, and ultimately the
5 FDA can approve or reject that. But there's no prohibition
6 against it. As the Supreme Court said, the very idea that FDA
7 would bring an enforcement action against a manufacturer for
8 strengthening a warning pursuant to the Changes Being Effected
9 regulation is difficult to accept.

10 Now, how that all might play out if one or more of these
11 defendants wanted to change their labels in front of the FDA, I
12 don't know. It's really not an issue in this case. We hope
13 they'll take the steps to help fix this problem at the federal
14 level, but that's not what we're dealing with.

15 Going to your questions about marketing, this is what
16 we're dealing with. We're dealing with a pervasive, systemic
17 conspiracy and campaign individually and together by these
18 defendants to market these drugs in a way that is contrary to
19 what they're approved by the FDA to do. Pure and simple.

20 Going to show you this picture. I think you'll see it
21 again with Mr. Whitten. This is a photograph of a poppy field
22 in Tasmania. Now, on the left, you can barely see it, but
23 there's a sign that says Tasmanian Alkaloids, and you'll see
24 that logo that's a poppy in a white box.

25 You know, you'll hear with Mr. Whitten's presentations

1 things about group pleading and all this and these defendants
2 saying that they're all lumped together. Tasmanian Alkaloids
3 was until recently owned by Johnson & Johnson. Now, we don't
4 know yet, hopefully we'll learn during discovery, which
5 defendants got their root drugs and compounds from different
6 sources. But we believe that Johnson & Johnson was at the very
7 root of all this.

8 They were an approved grower. They supplied the source,
9 content, organic compounds that other companies used to make
10 their opioid-based products. Which of these defendants did,
11 we're not entirely sure yet, but I think it'll be all of them
12 or quite a few of them.

13 And this is a poppy field that we believe was owned or at
14 least operating in some part in conjunction with J & J. But
15 look at this sign. This is just -- it's a base, so it's coming
16 out of the ground. "Illegal use of crop may cause death."

17 This is an organic flower. But its base level, its first
18 use, just getting into that field, consuming it -- and
19 Mr. Whitten will talk more about this -- could kill you. This
20 is serious stuff from the very genesis of it coming into
21 existence.

22 This opioid epidemic, in 1996 there wasn't a problem.
23 We've had issues with morphine and opium throughout history.
24 But in 1996 -- and again, Reggie, Mr. Whitten, will talk about
25 this -- opioid use and abuse and the way we see it now with

1 pain pills wasn't a problem. Okay. That problem began with
2 these defendants.

3 And this is a great quote from Andrew Kolodny. The
4 defendants don't like Dr. Kolodny. He's the one that filed the
5 PROP petition, which we'll talk about in a moment. But he's a
6 very strong voice and courageous voice in dealing with this
7 issue and bringing it to the national attention.

8 This is what Dr. Kolodny says about defendants in their
9 marketing, not their labels. This is an out of control
10 epidemic, not caused by a virus or a bacteria. This epidemic
11 has been caused by a brilliant marketing campaign that
12 dramatically changed the way physicians should treat pain.

13 I want to think about that for just a second on marketing
14 and how it relates to preemption. I don't know if the Court
15 has heard of the Sackler family, but the Sackler family is who
16 founded Purdue. Just a brief history on that. It'll be a
17 major part of our case, I'm sure.

18 But Arthur Sackler was credited as the person who really
19 created what we now know as pharmaceutical marketing and
20 advertising. All of us -- I'm sure your Honor knows, all of us
21 have friends or family who may have been a pharmaceutical sales
22 rep. It's something that we're very familiar with, with young
23 men and women coming out of college and calling upon doctors
24 and hospitals to advertise and sell a drug.

25 Well, before Mr. Sackler, that really wasn't a thing. I

1 products, the Teva and Cephalon products that are sold, and if
2 you look at the appendix to the State's petition which shows
3 the amount of prescriptions that they've reimbursed for those
4 products, what you will see, your Honor, is there's two
5 products that Cephalon sold. One, Actiq, hasn't been
6 reimbursed for the State of Oklahoma in the last nine years.
7 Nine years, zero.

8 In 2018, there was one prescription. Fentora was
9 prescribed a little bit more, but if you look there, their
10 chart goes through the middle of 2017. Not a single
11 prescription of Fentora in 2017, and only one in 2016.

12 So that's why when I get into issues like they don't
13 differentiate between defendants, they're not particular about
14 who said what and caused what, it really matters. It matters
15 to each of us. I'm using my client as an example, and frankly
16 we're an extreme because we're such a small player here and our
17 drugs have still such a narrow niche. But the fact is the
18 pleading standard that they have to meet applies to all of us,
19 and they haven't done it.

20 And I'll just briefly go through the background. I think
21 you've already gotten a flavor for this, but there are a number
22 of defendant families here, and there is separate legal
23 entities within each of these families.

24 I joked at the outset that I had a long list of clients.
25 That's in part because Teva USA and Cephalon are separate

1 companies, sister subsidiaries that I represent. Their parent
2 recently acquired some Actavis entities, so I also represent
3 now the listed Actavis entities. Before that acquisition in
4 2016, they were part of Allergan. Allergan is actually a named
5 defendant in this petition, but they have not been served.

6 I'll just -- we can brush over this. You have the list.
7 But the point here is simply that each of these companies
8 manufactures and sells different opioid products for different
9 time periods, different marketing practices, different approved
10 indications for those drugs.

11 Again, when you engage in this kind of broad and improper
12 group pleading, as the State has done, you tend to blur over
13 these distinctions. And the distinctions are important for all
14 the reasons you heard a little bit today in terms of, Well, our
15 label says this, and we're proof of this.

16 You can't say that we've committed fraud by promoting for
17 chronic pain when we were specifically approved for chronic
18 pain. You can't claim that we committed fraud by talking about
19 pseudoaddiction when the FDA specifically approved language in
20 there that recognized that if a patient is seeking drugs,
21 there's probably two reasons, one of two reasons: Either he or
22 she's an addict, or he or she's in pain, and it's not being
23 adequately treated.

24 This is a list of Janssen's product. The Actavis
25 defendants that I mentioned I represent, they only manufacture

1 generic opioids. We've heard time and again this case is about
2 promotion, promotion of opioids, marketing activity. Generic
3 companies, your Honor -- I don't know how familiar you are with
4 the industry, but generic companies do not market their
5 products.

6 It's a very low volume industry. What they do is they
7 benefit from the mandatory state substitution law that exists
8 in every state, including Oklahoma. So for example, if I'm a
9 branded pharmaceutical company and I'm selling my product, I
10 might market that product. If you, your Honor, go to the FDA
11 and get approval for what's called an AB-rated generic, so it's
12 basically bioequivalent to my product and it's approved, and
13 Mr. Cheffo goes into the neighborhood CVS and presents a
14 prescription for my product, the CVS will automatically
15 substitute your generic. That's how the generic business
16 works.

17 In fact, generics are required to adhere to follow the
18 label of the brand. The whole idea is to get the lower cost
19 generics on the market quicker, and state law and federal law
20 does certain things to encourage that. But as a result,
21 generic companies don't need to promote. It's not cost
22 effective for them to do so.

23 So we're going to focus on causation first, your Honor.
24 And our position is that they failed to plead causation. They
25 both failed to plead proximate causation and but-for causation.

1 And again, this is one where hopefully, there's no
2 disagreement.

3 The State doesn't dispute that causation is an element of
4 each of its claims. It's expressed differently. I have a list
5 of the citations to support that point, but there doesn't seem
6 to be a dispute that causation -- that they're required to
7 plead causation and ultimately prove it. Our point is that
8 they haven't either pled -- have not and cannot plead causation
9 here.

10 This is important. So this is proximate causation.
11 Woodward is very clear. Oklahoma law precludes liability when
12 the connection between an alleged harm and the challenged
13 conduct is too remote, too attenuated, or is broken by
14 superseding intervening events -- causes, excuse me.

15 And we'll get through it, because if you look at the
16 State's petition, they're seeking damages, they're seeking
17 recovery for monies that they paid through their Medicaid
18 program or prescriptions. So they're kind of looking for their
19 out-of-pocket expense for supposedly improper prescriptions.
20 But then they have a much broader and much more ambitious list
21 of damages, including social harm -- I won't go through the
22 whole list. But for each of those, you need to look to see
23 whether they have actually pled proximate cause.

24 Here -- I don't need to read this to you, but here, if you
25 look at the way that pharmaceuticals -- and again, these are

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1 Honor, but again, we stand by that these things have been
2 addressed in the production of documents.

3 MR. BECKWORTH: Your Honor, just real briefly. All
4 this is before you. It's been before you since you ruled in
5 April. I shouldn't have to come in here and keep filing
6 motions saying I didn't get this stuff. I shouldn't.

7 And whatever he's talking about that may or may not have
8 been produced, it shouldn't take a motion to show cause to get
9 it two days later. That tells me it was, in fact, a push of a
10 button.

11 MR. LAFATA: That's all incorrect.

12 MR. BARTLE: Your Honor, may I just say a few words?
13 Thank you, Judge. I wasn't planning on speaking today. This
14 wasn't a motion against Teva, but obviously, things came up.

15 First, your Honor, I don't ever remember pounding on any
16 table in any courtroom. And if I did, I certainly apologize
17 for that. With regard to, you know, Mr. Beckworth's repeated
18 comments, which are odd to me, that perhaps he may be hurting
19 people's feelings, I want to assure him -- and I spent five
20 years in the Marines, Judge. I've been yelled at by
21 professionals. He and his team don't come even close. So I
22 can assure them that they shouldn't necessarily worry about
23 that.

24 You know, there are two sides to every story, Judge. I
25 think there was a -- I'm old enough to remember Paul Harvey.

1 He used to start every radio show with, Now for the rest of the
2 story. I saw Mr. Beckworth characterize a settlement of the
3 patent litigation as conspiracy. To me, it's a settlement of a
4 patent litigation.

5 Everything about the 245 prescriptions that I said at
6 every previous hearing and this one are true. They're in their
7 complaint and the basis of their fraud claims. It's amazing to
8 me that they cite in Exhibit 3 to their -- they list them
9 specifically in Exhibit 3 to their complaint -- I'm sorry,
10 their petition -- and say it in their petition, yet every time
11 I say it, it causes a huge rise on this side of the table.

12 If they want to change their complaint to include
13 generics, Judge, they can do it. But from our perspective, as
14 we sit in correspondence to the Court, generics aren't part of
15 this case. Generics weren't promoted.

16 This is a fraud case, Judge. It's a fraud case. That's
17 what this case is. It's fraud. It's not the fact that Teva
18 entered into a patent litigation -- or a settlement patent
19 litigation with Purdue. It's about promotion.

20 I still don't know, because the State still won't tell me,
21 what fraudulent misrepresentations any doctor in Oklahoma
22 relied upon to issue any Teva prescription to any Oklahoma
23 patient. I still don't know that. Either they can't tell me,
24 or they won't. But they can't.

25 So when I talk about those 245 prescriptions, Judge, which

1 is the basis of their fraud claims here, that's from their
2 petition. I didn't make that up. I didn't pull that out of
3 thin air. And they're going to get up here and say something
4 about how this is all about generics and I'm misreading their
5 petition, but I'm not. And the petition says it.

6 Also, Judge, you know, every time we come here, talk about
7 my clients killing people, my clients murdering people, these
8 are FDA approved critical drugs that make people able to live
9 their lives without pain. My client makes oncology drugs.
10 Cancer patients.

11 In my view, that's a great thing. The cancer patients who
12 are going through some of the most painful things that anybody
13 could imagine -- I've never had cancer, hope I never do. I've
14 seen people go through it. It's horrible. I'm sure everybody
15 has.

16 My client makes a drug that lets them live their lives.
17 My client's not a murderer. Didn't kill anyone. Didn't
18 prescribe a single drug in the state of Oklahoma. And they
19 talk about, Oh, we talk about doctors.

20 The doctors of Oklahoma prescribe these drugs. These are
21 doctors who went to medical school, often had residencies and
22 fellowships. Every one of these drugs on the label, it says
23 Schedule II. It's a Schedule II drug. It wasn't a secret.

24 And they talk about sales reps misrepresenting. Sales
25 reps -- the sales reps that I've been to and read, testified

1 they promoted the drug on label in accordance with the label --
2 the FDA approved label. Nothing wrong with that. Nothing
3 illegal about it.

4 So if they're going to assert my client's a murderer, then
5 I should know -- and this might be the subject of a motion to
6 compel -- the basis for those claims. And I think it's frankly
7 unhelpful. It's unhelpful for this case.

8 I could file a motion to compel tomorrow on the State.
9 They're doing a rolling production. I get it; it's hard.
10 We're doing a rolling production. We produce millions of
11 documents. But it's unhelpful to have these continual motions
12 to compel when they're working as hard as they can, we're
13 working as hard as we can.

14 But from my view, your Honor, again, I was not planning on
15 speaking today. Apparently, they were aware that this motion
16 had nothing to do with my client. We're working very hard to
17 produce documents, and we produced documents. They cited some
18 of them today. And we're going to continue to produce them.

19 But these uniseriate motions to compel are unhelpful
20 because it forces everyone to come here for something that
21 they're working hard to produce documents, we're working hard
22 to produce documents.

23 And in my view, I think that some phone calls and perhaps
24 letters, we would be better served by that, than by wasting the
25 Court's time with motions to compel. Thank you.

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1 Think of the importance for my defense of getting access
2 to know who the doctors were, who the patients were, and
3 getting access to be able to do the discovery about this.

4 The State's case, the State's theory is that the
5 physicians were somehow misled about what the risks and
6 consequences of the drugs were. Under the TIRF REMS program, I
7 can specifically show they were not misled.

8 Both the physician and the patient had the FDA approved
9 materials about these specific drugs. It directly refutes the
10 plaintiff's case. I'm entitled to discovery to get access to
11 that information.

12 Here's what else is going on. Paragraph 67 of the
13 petition, the plaintiff alleges that the defendants somehow
14 convinced the doctors that opioids were effective for noncancer
15 pain, and that's part of the State's case.

16 Well, under the TIRF REMS program, I think I'm going to be
17 able to show of these 245 prescriptions, not one of them was
18 for anything except cancer. I think I'm going to be able to
19 show that, but I've got to get discovery on that claims data
20 and be able to show that.

21 And there's no reason to play cat and mouse about it.
22 They had the 245 claims in front of them when they made Exhibit
23 3. We don't need to argue, we don't need to hypothesize, we
24 don't need to guess about which 245 claims it is. They know.
25 They just need to give us the data.

1 Now, I anticipate -- I anticipate the State will want to
2 advance a couple of arguments. I think they're going to want
3 to talk about generic drugs. Now, keep in mind I represent
4 more than one defendant here. Actavis Pharma, Inc., for
5 example makes generic opioid.

6 The generics, they're a different deal. They're not
7 branded. They don't do advertising. That's a different
8 argument for a different day. The argument I'm making today is
9 about Cephalon. Those drugs are branded. It's different from
10 the generics.

11 I also anticipate the State will argue that, Well,
12 Robert's clients are all in the same corporate family, so you
13 just -- just wrap it all up into one, and just call it one big
14 ball of wax. But the law -- the law of the state of Oklahoma
15 has always recognized the existence of corporations.

16 The law of Oklahoma has always been that you cannot just
17 assume that we're going to automatically pierce the corporate
18 veil and ignore the existence of different corporations. And
19 the State agrees with me on that.

20 That's the reason they named Cephalon separately as a
21 defendant, because it's a separate corporation. That's the
22 reason why they made separate allegations in paragraphs 37
23 about Cephalon. And I'm entitled to the information allowing
24 me to defend Cephalon.

25 In conclusion, your Honor, I hope the Court will not lose

1 sight of the overall posture of this case. The State is the
2 plaintiff. The State is seeking to penalize our clients, not
3 only to impose liability, but to impose penalties. They're
4 asking for penalties under the Fraud Control Act. They're
5 asking for penalties under the Medicaid Program Integrity Act.

6 The plaintiff wants to penalize our clients based on the
7 State's allegations that, Well, the physicians received some
8 representations, those representations were material to the
9 prescribing decision. The physician relied on those
10 representations when they made the decision to prescribe that
11 drug for that patient.

12 They want to impose penalties on that theory. But when we
13 ask for discovery to find out, are those facts actually true,
14 the State says, No, no, that's secret, that's secret, you don't
15 get to know that.

16 That posture, that flies in the face of our entire system
17 of justice. We are entitled to the information. We're
18 entitled to defend our client. And we're entitled to the
19 information under the Oklahoma Discovery Code. It's clearly
20 required and clearly required under the due process clauses of
21 the Oklahoma Constitution and the Federal Constitution. Thank
22 you.

23 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. McCampbell.

24 MR. COATS: On behalf of Purdue, we won't make a
25 separate argument. We'll just adopt the arguments made by

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VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF LYNN WEBSTER, M.D.

TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE PLAINTIFF

ON FEBRUARY 18, 2019, BEGINNING AT 9:11 A.M.

IN SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

REPORTED BY: VICKIE LARSEN, CSR/RMR

1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. And prior to OxyContin hitting
3 the market, there had never been an extended
4 release oxycodone product; isn't that right?

5 A. I wasn't aware of it.

6 Q. Right. And so physicians'
7 experience with oxycodone at that point in
8 time before OxyContin was launched was with
9 combination products; correct?

10 A. That's correct.

11 MR. DUCK: Would you guys like
12 to take a break?

13 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I could go
14 to the bathroom.

15 MR. ROBINSON: You need one?

16 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

17 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the
18 record. The time is 10:27.

19 (There was a break taken.)

20 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Returning on
21 the record, the time is 10:35.

22 Q. BY MR. DUCK: You mentioned
23 earlier that you personally have been visited
24 by sales representatives; right?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And you've been visited by
2 Purdue sales representatives?

3 A. Oh, yes.

4 Q. Are you aware that Purdue and
5 the other defendants in this lawsuit refer to
6 physicians upon whom they call as "targets"?

7 MR. EHSAN: Object to form.

8 MR. ERCOLE: Objection to form.

9 THE WITNESS: You know, I don't
10 know about targets.

11 Q. BY MR. DUCK: You never heard
12 that before?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Do you know that you had been
15 specifically identified by these defendants
16 as a target?

17 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection to
18 form.

19 THE WITNESS: No.

20 Q. BY MR. DUCK: Did you know that
21 you had been specifically identified by
22 Purdue as a key opinion leader target?

23 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection.
24 Foundation.

25 THE WITNESS: No.

1 Q. BY MR. DUCK: Has any sales
2 representative ever referred to you to your
3 face as a target?

4 A. No.

5 Q. I'll give you an example here
6 of a document we'll mark as Exhibit 6. This
7 was used in a prior deposition, so that's why
8 there's another sticker on it.

9 (Exhibit 6 was marked for identification.)

10 Q. BY MR. DUCK: You see this --
11 this document Exhibit 6 is titled "Proposed
12 Target KOLs For PPR Communications"?

13 A. I see it.

14 Q. You see who the last person on
15 the list is?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. It's your name; right?

18 A. That's my name.

19 Q. Do you recognize some of the
20 other names on this list?

21 A. I do.

22 Q. Do you know who Charles Argoff
23 is?

24 A. I do.

25 Q. Do you know who Gerry Aronoff

1 is?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. How about Myra Christopher?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Ted Cicero?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Barry Cole?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. June Dahl?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Perry Fine, you know him;

12 right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. He's from Salt Lake City;

15 correct?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. You've done a lot of work with

18 Perry Fine?

19 MR. ROBINSON: Form.

20 THE WITNESS: I don't know that

21 I've done a lot of work with Perry

22 Fine, no.

23 Q. BY MR. DUCK: Okay. He's

24 someone you've worked with in the past?

25 MR. ROBINSON: Form.

1 You can answer.

2 THE WITNESS: We've been on
3 maybe a -- on stage together or to
4 talk on CMEs, but we've never done
5 research or any formal work together.
6 Maybe an ADCOM, but not very often.

7 Q. BY MR. DUCK: Okay. You'll see
8 Scott Fishman, you know who that is?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And you see Aaron Gilson there?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And I mentioned to you earlier,
13 he gave a deposition in this case?

14 A. You did.

15 Q. And then we also see Russ
16 Portenoy on the right side?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Alan Spanos, do you know who
19 that is?

20 A. I do -- Alan Spanos. No, I
21 don't know that. I know the name, but I
22 don't know him.

23 Q. Do you know anything about him?

24 A. No.

25 Q. And, again, you're the last

1 person on this list; right?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. So how long have you been
4 practicing, Dr. Webster?

5 A. I started practice in 1980.

6 Q. 1980. So --

7 A. I practiced for 30 years before
8 I then moved to doing just clinical research.

9 Q. Okay. 30 years of practice?

10 A. Of seeing patients.

11 Q. Of seeing patients.

12 During that time you were
13 visited by sales representatives; right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And until today, you had never
16 seen the phrase "target" with respect to
17 these companies identifying who they would
18 use, who they would call on; right?

19 MR. ERCOLE: Objection to form.

20 THE WITNESS: I've never seen
21 or heard that term, except I know that
22 I was a -- a KOL and that -- because
23 of the amount I published and the
24 respect I have in the field that --
25 that people sought out my opinion.

1 Q. BY MR. DUCK: Do you know what
2 IMS data is?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. You're aware that companies use
5 IMS data?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And you -- you know that IMS
8 data shows prescribing volume for a
9 particular physicians; correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. So Purdue, for instance, can
12 determine what kinds of opioids you've
13 prescribed and how often you've prescribed
14 them?

15 A. That's what I understand.

16 Q. And you're aware that these
17 companies take IMS data and rank physicians
18 in what they call deciles?

19 MR. ERCOLE: Objection to form.

20 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection. Form.

21 THE WITNESS: I have heard
22 that, yes.

23 Q. BY MR. DUCK: And the top
24 deciles are typically the primary targets of
25 these defendants. Did you know that?

1 well -- sorry. On the first page, you see
2 this is the 2003 GAO Report to Congressional
3 Requesters. The title is "Prescription Drugs
4 OxyContin Abuse and Diversion and Efforts to
5 Address the Problem"; correct?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Were you aware there was an
8 OxyContin specific GAO report?

9 A. You know, I can't remember at
10 this time if I was aware of it.

11 Q. Okay. On the second page there
12 is a highlights column on the left-hand side,
13 and there is a section entitled "Why GAO Did
14 This Study."

15 Do you see that?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And you're aware that "GAO"
18 stands for the United States General
19 Accounting Office?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. And that section states, "Amid
22 heightened awareness that many patients with
23 cancer and other chronic diseases suffer from
24 undertreated pain, the Food and Drug
25 Administration (FDA) approved Purdue Pharma's

1 controlled-release pain reliever OxyContin in
2 1995. Sales grew rapidly, and by 2001
3 OxyContin had become the most prescribed
4 brand-name narcotic medication for treating
5 moderate-to-severe pain. In early 2000,
6 reports began to "suffer about -- "surface
7 about abuse and diversion for illicit use of
8 OxyContin, which contains the opioid
9 oxycodone. GAO was asked to examine concerns
10 about these issues. Specifically, GAO
11 reviewed (1) how OxyContin was marketed and
12 promoted (2) what factors contributed to the
13 abuse and diversion of OxyContin, and (3)
14 what actions have been taken to address
15 OxyContin abuse and diversion."

16 Did I read that right?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. All right. And on the right
19 side we see the section of this report
20 entitled "What GAO Found"; right?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. All right. That states,
23 "Purdue conducted an extensive campaign to
24 market and promote OxyContin using an
25 expanded sales force to encourage physicians,

1 including primary care specialists, to
2 prescribe OxyContin not only for cancer pain,
3 but also as an initial opioid treatment for
4 moderate-to-severe noncancer pain. OxyContin
5 prescriptions, particularly those for
6 noncancer pain, grew rapidly, and by 2003
7 half of all OxyContin prescribers were
8 primary care physicians. The Drug
9 Enforcement Administration (DEA) has
10 expressed concerns that Purdue's aggressive
11 marketing of OxyContin focused on promoting
12 the drug to treat a wide range of conditions
13 to physicians who may not have been
14 adequately trained in pain management. FDA
15 has taken two actions against Purdue for
16 OxyContin advertising violations. Further,
17 Purdue did not submit an OxyContin
18 promotional video for FDA review upon its
19 initial use in 1998 as required by FDA
20 regulations."

21 Did I read that paragraph
22 right?

23 A. Yes.

24 MR. HOFFMAN: Object to form.
25 Foundation.

1 abuse. Moreover, the significant increase in
2 OxyContin's availability in the marketplace
3 may have increased opportunities to obtain
4 the drug illicitly in some states. Finally,
5 the history of abuse and diversion of
6 prescription drugs, including opioids in some
7 states, may have predisposed certain areas to
8 problems with oxycodone. However, GAO cannot
9 assess the relationship between the increased
10 availability of OxyContin and locations of
11 abuse and diversion because the data on abuse
12 and diversion are not reliable, comprehensive
13 or timely."

14 Did I read that right?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. You're aware that around this
17 time what have been referred to as "hot
18 spots" of OxyContin abuse were cropping up?

19 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection to
20 form.

21 THE WITNESS: I -- you know,
22 I -- that sounds vaguely familiar, but
23 I'm -- I'm not keenly tuned in to
24 that.

25 Q. BY MR. DUCK: And were you

1 aware that Purdue aggressively promoted
2 OxyContin following its launch?

3 MR. HOFFMAN: Object to form.
4 Foundation.

5 THE WITNESS: I'm not aware of
6 Purdue's marketing plan.

7 Q. BY MR. DUCK: And the documents
8 we've looked at today, in particular the
9 Richard Sackler speech, suggested that
10 OxyContin would be aggressively promoted such
11 that a blizzard of prescriptions would
12 follow; correct?

13 MR. HOFFMAN: Object to form.
14 Foundation.

15 THE WITNESS: I think that's
16 what it implies for sure.

17 Q. BY MR. DUCK: If you'll turn to
18 Page 6. The very last paragraph of this
19 Page 6 says, "We received comments on a draft
20 of this report from FDA, DEA, and Purdue."

21 You see that?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. The last sentence of this --
24 well, let me just keep reading. It goes on,
25 "Purdue agreed with our recommendation that

1 risk management plans for Schedule II
2 controlled substances contain a strategy for
3 monitoring" -- "monitoring and identifying
4 potential abuse and diversion problems. DEA
5 reiterated its statement that Purdue's
6 aggressive marketing of OxyContin exacerbated
7 the abuse and diversion problems and noted
8 that its -- it is essential that risk
9 management plans be put in place prior to the
10 introduction of controlled substances into
11 the marketplace. Purdue said that the report
12 appeared to be fair and balanced, but that we
13 should add that the media is one of the
14 factors contributing to abuse and diversion
15 problems with OxyContin. We incorporated
16 their technical comments where appropriate."

17 Were you aware that Purdue had
18 stated that this GAO report was fair and
19 balanced?

20 A. I don't remember being aware of
21 that.

22 MR. HOFFMAN: Sorry. Object to
23 the form. Foundation.

24 Q. BY MR. DUCK: And you have no
25 reason to disagree with the DEA's statement

1 physicians?

2 MR. ERCOLE: Objection to form.

3 MR. ROBINSON: Objection.

4 THE WITNESS: I think back in
5 the '90s that sales reps were supposed
6 to educate.

7 Q. BY MR. DUCK: Okay. And you've
8 seen from the documents so far that the
9 primary targets for Purdue, at least, were
10 primary care physicians; right?

11 MR. HOFFMAN: Object to form.
12 Foundation.

13 THE WITNESS: Well, you've
14 shown me documents here. I'm not sure
15 these -- this is proposed targets. I
16 don't think these are primarily --

17 Q. BY MR. DUCK: Well, you saw the
18 GAO report; right?

19 A. Yeah, I saw that.

20 Q. And you saw that more than half
21 of prescribers of OxyContin at the time of
22 that report in 2003 were primary care
23 physicians?

24 MR. HOFFMAN: I'm sorry,
25 misstates the document. It says

1 "nearly half," it doesn't say "more
2 than half."

3 Q. BY MR. DUCK: All right. The
4 GAO report says that nearly half of the
5 prescribers of OxyContin were primary care
6 physicians; right?

7 A. Most physicians who prescribe
8 medications are primary care. There are far
9 more physicians -- primary care physicians
10 than there are specialists, so it would be --
11 it would be obvious that -- that primary care
12 would probably prescribe more of all drugs,
13 not just opioids.

14 Q. Yeah, and maybe that's the
15 reason why Purdue targeted primary care --
16 primary care physicians?

17 A. I don't know why --

18 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection to
19 form.

20 MR. ROBINSON: Objection.

21 THE WITNESS: I don't know why
22 they targeted.

23 Q. BY MR. DUCK: Okay. So did you
24 know that sales representatives don't even
25 have to have a science degree? They could be

1 an English major. Did you know that?

2 A. Yes.

3 MR. HOFFMAN: Objection to

4 form.

5 Q. BY MR. DUCK: Does that

6 surprise you?

7 A. You know, it doesn't matter who

8 they are, to me, because I evaluate the

9 science based upon my knowledge and

10 expertise, not really what a sales rep is

11 going to provide me.

12 Q. How do you feel about an art

13 history major educating primary care

14 physicians about OxyContin in the 1990s?

15 MR. HOFFMAN: Object to form.

16 Lacks foundation.

17 THE WITNESS: No art history

18 major tried to educate me.

19 Q. BY MR. DUCK: How do you feel

20 about a graphic design major trying to

21 educate a family doctor about OxyContin in

22 1998?

23 MR. HOFFMAN: Object to form.

24 MR. ROBINSON: Objection.

25 Form. Foundation.

1 Q. BY MR. DUCK: It's
2 preposterous, isn't it, sir?

3 A. Well, I don't know what they're
4 trying to educate. I know what it is -- if
5 they're just bringing them literature as a
6 courier or as a librarian. I mean,
7 librarians can teach too. I mean, I'm not
8 here to say that's good or bad, because I
9 don't know what it is that they did.

10 Q. BY MR. DUCK: And did you know
11 that Purdue had over a thousand sales
12 representatives at a point in time?

13 A. I have no idea what Purdue did.

14 MR. HOFFMAN: Object to form.
15 Lacks foundation.

16 Q. BY MR. DUCK: No idea?

17 A. No idea.

18 Q. Are you defensive at all of
19 Purdue's marketing?

20 MR. ROBINSON: Objection.

21 THE WITNESS: Defensive?

22 MR. DUCK: Yeah.

23 THE WITNESS: You mean do I
24 think they did everything right?

25 MR. DUCK: Right.

1 side.

2 A. Yeah, okay.

3 Q. Okay. You see we've got this
4 media coverage section. And you're mentioned
5 there in the second bullet point, it says,
6 "Recent coverage has increased slightly as a
7 result of the investigation of AAPM President
8 Dr. Webster. His practice is under
9 investigation for several deaths that
10 occurred throughout the years, but he is
11 still highly respected and defended among
12 peers."

13 Do you see that?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And then below that there's a
16 partnership section. You see that?

17 A. I do.

18 Q. "Corporate members include
19 Endo, Medtronic, Neurogesx, Pfizer, PriCara,
20 Purdue, Horizon, and Teva. Corporate members
21 receive a logo/description on the website,
22 participate in the annual corporate ad board,
23 acknowledgment in the quarterly publication
24 and annual meeting program book, and logo
25 inclusion/advertising at the annual meeting.

1 Cost is 9,500" bucks.

2 See that?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. There's also mention here to a
5 survey sponsored by APS and AAPMed along with
6 Janssen Pharmaceutica; right?

7 MR. ERCOLE: Objection to form.

8 THE WITNESS: It says that.

9 Q. BY MR. DUCK: Do you remember
10 working with Janssen on that?

11 MR. ROBINSON: Objection.

12 Form. Read the entire bullet.

13 THE WITNESS: I don't remember
14 that.

15 Q. BY MR. DUCK: Okay. Last
16 bullet says, "Teva is also currently working
17 with the organization on a partnership to
18 create awareness of the individual burden of
19 pain."

20 Do you recall that?

21 A. I don't recall it specifically.
22 I know that AAPMed continually worked to try
23 to bring awareness to the burden of pain, and
24 Teva could have been one of the partners.

25 Q. Okay. If you'll flip the page

1 to Page 13, and remember the page. It's
2 weird how you got to flip.

3 A. Yeah.

4 I think they're setting up our
5 lunch. Okay.

6 Q. Now we've got the influence
7 section here, and it says, AAPM is very
8 active on the Hill, both on a state and
9 national level and frequently issue position
10 papers."

11 Do you see that?

12 A. I see it.

13 Q. AAPM had a lobbying aspect to
14 it?

15 A. No. It had a partnership
16 within the Pain Care Coalition who had a -- I
17 believe it had lobbying. But we never had
18 anything that was directly lobbying.

19 Q. What was the Pain Care
20 Coalition?

21 A. It's a group of organizations
22 like the American Society of
23 Anesthesiologists and the American Academy of
24 Pain Medicine, one or two other
25 organizations.

1 Q. Who started the Pain Care
2 Coalition?

3 A. I have no idea.

4 Q. It states, "It also worked as
5 part of a coalition with AAPM's committee for
6 legislative affairs, the Pain Care Coalition,
7 the American Pain Foundation, and other
8 organizations to secure the inclusion of pain
9 care in the ACA and the passage of two bills,
10 the 2009 National Defense Authorization Act,
11 and the Veteran's Pain Care Act of 2008,
12 provides a continuous stream of updates on
13 national and state legislation. Finally,
14 AAPM points more than 40 state
15 representatives to monitor local issues and
16 assist in the quest for pain medicine
17 specialty recognition"; right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Third bullet point states,
20 "AAPM is committed to helping meet the
21 deliverables identified in the IOM report.
22 Many of the AAPM's current educational
23 efforts can be viewed here," and there's a
24 link; correct? Right?

25 A. That's correct.

1 so-called KOLs have given depositions,
2 testimony in this case; right?

3 MR. ROBINSON: Objection. To
4 the extent you know anything
5 personally outside of any
6 communications you've had with
7 counsel.

8 THE WITNESS: I do not.

9 MR. EHSAN: Objection to the
10 form.

11 MR. ERCOLE: Same objection.

12 THE WITNESS: I do not know.

13 Q. BY MR. DUCK: Would it surprise
14 you to learn that other KOLs that have
15 testified in this case feel that they were
16 used by the pharmaceutical companies --

17 MR. EHSAN: Objection.

18 Q. BY MR. DUCK: -- that are
19 defendants in this case?

20 MR. ERCOLE: Objection.

21 MR. ROBINSON: Objection.

22 THE WITNESS: I'd be surprised
23 if that's what they thought.

24 Q. BY MR. DUCK: You would be?

25 A. Uh-huh.

1 Q. Because you don't feel that
2 way?

3 A. No.

4 Q. You don't feel like they used
5 your influence to increase prescriptions of
6 their drugs?

7 A. No, I do not.

8 Q. You don't feel that they asked
9 you to be a key opinion leader or presenter
10 for them to increase peer to peer influence
11 opportunities?

12 A. No, I think that that might be
13 true.

14 MR. EHSAN: Objection. Form.

15 THE WITNESS: I mean, I think
16 that I'm well respected in my field,
17 and so to ask me to be involved in
18 anything that they're doing would
19 probably be something useful to them.
20 But that doesn't mean that I -- I did
21 anything to help them.

22 Q. BY MR. DUCK: Well, that may
23 not have been your intent, and that's not my
24 question.

25 My question is, you would agree

1 that -- I think this is what you just said --
2 that these defendants asked you to do things
3 because they perceived a business positive?

4 MR. EHSAN: Objection to form.

5 MR. ERCOLE: Same objection.

6 Mischaracterizes testimony.

7 MR. EHSAN: Object to form.

8 THE WITNESS: I've never

9 perceived it that way. I've always

10 perceived it that they respect what I

11 stand for and they appreciate my

12 views, and so they've asked me to

13 give -- probably be engaged because of

14 that.

15 Q. BY MR. DUCK: Now, if your

16 views were that opioids were terrible drugs

17 that should never be prescribed, these

18 defendants probably wouldn't have had you

19 speak for them, would they?

20 MR. HOFFMAN: Object to form.

21 MR. ERCOLE: Same objection.

22 THE WITNESS: I always lectured

23 about how harmful they were.

24 That's -- that's what I lectured

25 about. I rarely said anything other

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. Some of the medicines can be
3 short-acting opioids?

4 MR. DUCK: Objection to form.

5 THE WITNESS: Some can be
6 short-acting.

7 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: There can be
8 long-acting opioids?

9 MR. DUCK: Objection to form.

10 THE WITNESS: Yes.

11 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: Are there other
12 differences between --

13 A. Rapid onset, intra- --
14 intrathecal.

15 Q. Any others?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Yeah, do you want to explain
18 what you mean by "rapid onset opioids"?

19 A. I think of transmucosal as --
20 as a rapid onset. So something that's
21 quickly absorbed so that immediate onset, and
22 it's usually transmucosal. So Actiq would be
23 that example, or Fentora.

24 Q. When you say "transmucosal" --
25 sorry, just for breaking it down even

1 farther -- what do you mean by that?

2 A. Well, you -- it's something you
3 place in your mouth, and you place it on the
4 mucosa, which is the inner lining of your
5 mouth. And that then goes across into the
6 blood stream and is picked up. So that's
7 transmucosal. So the mucous, mucosa, mucosa,
8 so it's transmucosa.

9 Q. And you mentioned
10 "intrathecal," what do you mean by that?

11 A. That's giving it into the
12 spinal canal.

13 Q. Is it fair to say that with
14 respect to opioid manufacturers, different
15 opioid manufacturers may engage in different
16 types of promotional activities based upon
17 the -- the medicine that they manufacture?

18 MR. DUCK: Objection. Form.

19 THE WITNESS: Yes.

20 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: And some
21 manufacturers -- like some generic
22 manufacturers may not even promote their
23 medicines to doctors at all; is that fair to
24 say?

25 MR. DUCK: Objection to form.

1 THE WITNESS: There are -- yes,
2 a lot of generics don't spend any
3 money on marketing or reaching out to
4 doctors.

5 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: And is it fair
6 to say that you can't just lump all opioid
7 manufacturers together just like you can't
8 lump all physicians together?

9 MR. DUCK: Objection to form.

10 THE WITNESS: Well, I think --
11 it depends upon what level you're
12 talking about. I mean, I think there
13 is -- each company is different, and
14 so they've got different products so
15 they would be different.

16 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: Have you ever
17 heard of the company Actavis Pharma, Inc.?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Do you recall any
20 communications that you've had with Actavis
21 Pharma, Inc.?

22 A. No, I don't recall it. It's
23 possible, but I don't recall.

24 Q. Do you recall, sitting here
25 today, any funding that you would have

1 received from Actavis Pharma, Inc.?

2 A. I -- I can't recall ever
3 receiving funding.

4 Q. Are you aware of any
5 promotional or marketing statements about
6 opioids that were ever made by Actavis
7 Pharma, Inc.?

8 A. I cannot recall.

9 Q. Assuming -- sitting here today,
10 you're unaware of any false or misleading
11 statements that would have been made by
12 Actavis Pharma, Inc.?

13 A. I don't --

14 MR. DUCK: Objection to form.

15 THE WITNESS: I don't recall.

16 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: Have you ever
17 had any communications with Watson
18 Laboratories, Inc.?

19 A. I know one of my former
20 employees moved to Watson, and so what do you
21 mean "communication"? I'm not sure I talked
22 to him about anything they were doing, so it
23 kind of depends on what your question is.

24 Q. Fair enough.

25 Do you recall receiving any

1 funding from Watson Laboratories, Inc.?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Do you recall any promotional
4 or marketing statements about opioids from
5 Watson Laboratories, Inc.?

6 A. I don't recall any.

7 Q. Are you aware of any false or
8 misleading statements by or attributable to
9 Watson Laboratory, Inc.?

10 MR. DUCK: Objection to form.

11 THE WITNESS: I haven't seen
12 anything from them, I don't believe.

13 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: And counsel
14 today for the -- for the State never
15 mentioned Actavis Pharma, Inc.; correct?

16 MR. DUCK: Objection to form.

17 THE WITNESS: I don't remember
18 that being mentioned.

19 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: Sure. He never
20 showed you any documents involving Actavis
21 Pharma, Inc., did -- did they?

22 A. No, I don't think so.

23 MR. DUCK: Objection to form.

24 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: With respect to
25 Watson Laboratories, Inc., did counsel for

1 the State today ever show you any documents
2 concerning Watson Laboratories, Inc.?

3 A. Not that I'm familiar. No, I
4 don't recall.

5 Q. Did counsel for the State ever
6 reference Watson Laboratories, Inc.?

7 A. I don't believe so.

8 Q. How about Actavis, LLC, have
9 you ever heard of that entity?

10 A. Well, I know Actavis. I don't
11 know what the other part of it is, and if
12 there's a difference.

13 Q. Sure. About -- ever received,
14 to the best of your recollection, any funding
15 from Actavis, LLC?

16 A. Not that I recall.

17 Q. Are you aware of any -- aware
18 of any promotional or marketing statements
19 about opioids that were ever made by Actavis,
20 LLC?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Aware of any false or
23 misleading statements attributable to
24 Actavis, LLC --

25 A. No.

1 Q. -- sitting here today?

2 A. No.

3 Q. You've -- counsel for the State
4 mentioned -- has used the word -- the name
5 "Teva."

6 Do you recall that?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And counsel for the State never
9 differentiated as to what Teva entity it was
10 referring to or not referring to, but have
11 you ever heard of the -- of the company Teva
12 Pharmaceuticals USA?

13 MR. DUCK: Objection to form.

14 THE WITNESS: You know, I think
15 of Teva as Teva, and I'm not sure I
16 know the difference with -- if there
17 are different Tevas.

18 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: Fair enough.

19 Are you aware of any false or
20 misleading statements, sitting here today,
21 that Teva USA has made?

22 MR. DUCK: Objection to form.

23 THE WITNESS: No.

24 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: Are you aware
25 of any marketing at all that Teva USA has

1 done regarding opioids in Oklahoma?

2 MR. DUCK: Objection to form.

3 THE WITNESS: No.

4 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: There was some
5 discussion earlier about Cephalon. Do you
6 recall that?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Cephalon is different than
9 Teva; correct?

10 A. Well, I don't know what you
11 mean by that. Cephalon is what developed
12 Fentora and Actiq, and it was acquired by
13 Teva, is what my understanding is. So it was
14 a different company, but then it folded into
15 Teva, is what my understanding is.

16 Q. Would you be surprised to learn
17 that Teva USA and Cephalon are two distinct
18 companies even today?

19 MR. ROBINSON: Objection.

20 Form.

21 THE WITNESS: I guess I would
22 be surprised. I didn't know that.

23 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: With respect to
24 Cephalon, at any stage in time are you aware
25 of any false or misleading statements that

1 Cephalon has ever made?

2 MR. DUCK: Objection to form.

3 THE WITNESS: Only what was
4 presented to me today that the
5 Cephalon admitted to doing something
6 wrong.

7 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: You have no
8 independent knowledge of that; correct?

9 MR. DUCK: Objection. Form.

10 THE WITNESS: That's correct, I
11 don't.

12 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: And you have no
13 independent knowledge, is it fair to say, of
14 any -- of any false or misleading statements
15 that Cephalon has ever made in the state of
16 Oklahoma; is that fair to say?

17 MR. DUCK: Objection to form.

18 THE WITNESS: That's correct.

19 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: And sitting
20 here today, there were no documents presented
21 to you showing any false or misleading
22 statements made my Cephalon in the state of
23 Oklahoma; correct?

24 A. Again, it's one document
25 that -- that the executives -- or there was

1 some kind of fine, and I don't know if that
2 applied to Oklahoma or not.

3 Q. Are you aware that that was --
4 are you aware that that was -- that addressed
5 the issue of off-label promotion?

6 A. That's what he -- that's what I
7 learned today.

8 Q. Sure. And we'll get into sort
9 of off-label prescribing issues, but is it
10 fair to say that off-label prescribing can,
11 in some instances, form the appropriate
12 standard of care for patients?

13 MR. DUCK: Objection to form.

14 THE WITNESS: Off-label
15 prescribing is common. 30 to
16 40 percent, probably, of all -- of all
17 prescribing across the board, all
18 medicines, is off-label. And it's --
19 it's not uncommon to off-label --
20 prescribe off-label and that's why --
21 well, it's just not uncommon.

22 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: And what is
23 sort of off-label prescribing, just to give
24 some additional context there?

25 A. It just means --

1 MR. ROBINSON: Objection.

2 Form. In context, you talking today?

3 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: I'm talk- -- at
4 any -- at any point in time, you know, have
5 you as a trained medical professional always
6 attempted to make prescribing decisions in
7 the best interest of your patient?

8 A. I think the key there is
9 "attempted," key word.

10 Q. There was some discussion
11 earlier today about visits by sales
12 representatives.

13 Do you recall that?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. As a trained medical
16 professional, did you ever prescribe a
17 medicine because of some statement a sales
18 representative would have said to you?

19 MR. DUCK: Objection. Form.

20 THE WITNESS: I think that
21 sales -- sales reps, or MSLS, whatever
22 they may be called, had -- did have
23 influence by providing me data,
24 information. I think it was very
25 useful sometimes.

1 So, yes, I think they do.

2 They -- they could -- they influenced
3 me and I think they do influence
4 physicians.

5 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: And at the end
6 of the day, is it -- is it fair to say that
7 with respect to your prescribing as the
8 trained medical professional, you are the one
9 that exercises your own independent medical
10 judgment as to what is in the best interest
11 of the patient?

12 MR. ROBINSON: Objection.

13 Asked and answered.

14 Go ahead.

15 THE WITNESS: Ultimately, it's
16 always my decision, regardless of what
17 somebody else has said, even another
18 physician. It's still -- if I write
19 the script, I'm responsible.

20 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: Sitting here
21 today, are you aware of any false or
22 misleading statement that any sales
23 representative has ever made to you about
24 opioids?

25 MR. DUCK: Objection to form.

1 THE WITNESS: Well, I can't --
2 I can't remember -- I can't remember
3 anything that was false, but I do
4 remember one time when a rep came in
5 to me and wanted -- and was
6 recommending that I use the medicine
7 for postop pain, OxyContin, you know,
8 for example.

9 And I had told the rep that I
10 didn't think that was appropriate. It
11 was an extended release for a short
12 period of time, and I did not believe
13 that was appropriate.

14 Now, I've learned that it's
15 very widely used for postop pain, for
16 postop acute pain, but I was
17 uncomfortable that the rep said that
18 to me, and she never repeated it.

19 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: And in that
20 instance, you chose not to use the medicine
21 for postop pain --

22 A. That's correct.

23 Q. -- in that case?

24 A. And I told her she shouldn't be
25 detailing it that way.

1 credentialing bodies, and they're the ones
2 who have to review with their independent
3 sources the content to make sure that it's
4 fair and balanced.

5 Q. And with respect to CMEs that
6 you were involved in, did you develop the
7 content of those CMEs?

8 A. Often, not always. I may not
9 have had 100 percent input in all of them,
10 but most of the time I would contribute most
11 of the content.

12 Q. And are you aware -- strike
13 that.

14 With respect to any of the CMEs
15 that you were involved in, are you aware of
16 any false or misleading statements that were
17 made?

18 MR. ROBINSON: Objection.

19 MR. DUCK: Objection to form.

20 MR. ROBINSON: Form.

21 THE WITNESS: I'm not aware of
22 anything false that I've ever said,
23 except maybe to my wife -- no.

24 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: There was
25 some -- you mentioned before that you've

1 given CMEs about the risks and abuses --
2 well, the risk potential and abuse potential
3 of opioids; correct?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. And was that the -- strike
6 that.

7 When you say "risk potential
8 and abuse potential of opioids," what are you
9 referring to there?

10 MR. DUCK: Objection to form.

11 THE WITNESS: Well, and all
12 opioids have a risk of contributing to
13 abuse, addiction, overdose, and death.

14 And so most of my lectures were
15 to try to help physicians learn how to
16 assess for that risk, and so that's --
17 that's really a large part of it.

18 And different molecules would
19 have different risk profiles, and
20 whether they were short-acting, rapid
21 onset, or extended release. So it was
22 all about trying to educate risk
23 mitigation to the prescribers.

24 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: And the --
25 those CMEs that you're talking about here,

1 they would have been developed independent of
2 pharmaceutical companies; correct?

3 MR. DUCK: Objection to form.

4 THE WITNESS: By CM- -- by the
5 definition of CME, they are
6 independent. They're funded by
7 pharma, but they're not developed by
8 pharma.

9 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: Sure. With
10 respect to that funding, are you aware of any
11 CME where -- that you were involved in where
12 the funding somehow influenced the particular
13 opinion or discussion you were giving?

14 MR. DUCK: Objection to form.

15 THE WITNESS: I would not have
16 contact with the company, so I
17 wouldn't know that.

18 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: And sort of the
19 -- strike that.

20 With respect to there was some
21 discussion, I believe, of speaker programs --

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. -- earlier.

24 What's a speaker program?

25 A. Those are promotional programs.

1 Those are educational but promotional. I
2 mean, those are where pharmaceutical
3 companies or device companies contract with
4 physicians to talk about their product in a
5 promotional way.

6 Q. And did you serve as a speaker
7 for Cephalon at some point?

8 A. I think Cephalon is the only
9 company that I did that with for a short
10 time, and I can't remember how long, but I
11 did speak on the speaker bureau. The content
12 was not promoting their product, though. I
13 only spoke about the risk and abuse, and
14 that's the reason I would do it.

15 Q. And with respect to the -- the
16 speaker programs that you did for Cephalon,
17 the opinions you gave regarding risks and
18 abuse, those were your own opinions; correct?

19 MR. DUCK: Objection to form.

20 THE WITNESS: Yes, that's
21 correct.

22 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: And you
23 wouldn't have done those speaker programs if
24 they weren't your opinions; is that fair to
25 say?

1 MR. DUCK: Objection to form.

2 THE WITNESS: That is
3 absolutely correct. Much of it was
4 based on my research and science. And
5 so, I mean, most of the -- of what's
6 been developed in this field is -- is
7 really come from my research and
8 helped physicians understand what the
9 risks are and how to mitigate those
10 risks.

11 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: And with
12 respect to speaker programs that you did, do
13 you feel like they were helpful to
14 physicians?

15 MR. DUCK: Objection to form.

16 THE WITNESS: I was hopeful
17 that they were helpful.

18 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: How about with
19 respect to the CMEs?

20 MR. DUCK: Objection to form.

21 THE WITNESS: So, yes, I mean,
22 I think when you can put out good
23 science that is new, I'm hoping that
24 -- and -- because it was the topic
25 area, I was hoping that it was useful

1 to the doctors.

2 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: Anything --
3 anything false or misleading that you can
4 recall ever saying in any speaker program
5 that you were involved in?

6 MR. ROBINSON: Objection to
7 form.

8 MR. DUCK: Objection to form.

9 THE WITNESS: No.

10 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: Dr. Webster,
11 you've written books about opioids; is that
12 fair to say, or at least one book?

13 MR. ROBINSON: Objection.

14 MR. DUCK: Objection to form.

15 MR. ERCOLE: All right. Let me
16 ask it again.

17 MR. ROBINSON: Lacks
18 foundation.

19 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: Have you
20 written any -- any books about opioids?

21 MR. ROBINSON: Objection.

22 Lacks foundation. Form.

23 THE WITNESS: I wrote a book
24 about how to prescribe opioids and
25 mitigate the risk for practitioners.

1 it -- at the beginning, they did not
2 believe there was much risk at all.

3 And I think that that -- that
4 was just about not knowing and
5 probably not understanding how to
6 assess for risk at the time, because
7 there are a lot of people who have
8 chronic pain who have comorbid
9 medical -- mental health problems that
10 clearly increase the risk.

11 And so I would tell patients,
12 If you take the medicine as directed,
13 you should not have a problem with
14 addiction.

15 And I think that's true, but I
16 think it -- it didn't -- I didn't
17 appreciate that there were people that
18 probably were at greater risk at the
19 beginning. But that's why I developed
20 the opioid risk tool, because I knew
21 that there was something more there.
22 And we were beginning to see people
23 with problems.

24 But who -- who and why, and how
25 do you -- how do you identify those

1 people, that's why I did the
2 literature search. I don't think I
3 was unique. I think that's the way we
4 collectively in the field as experts
5 understood where we were and where the
6 science was at the time.

7 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: And -- and
8 those views were -- were views that you
9 independently developed based upon the
10 science and the field at that time?

11 A. Yeah. Wasn't from pharma. I
12 mean, this is -- this is something that I
13 developed on my own because I wanted -- I
14 didn't want to cause any harm, and I wanted
15 to be a leader in the field to make sure that
16 others knew what I knew and what I'd learned,
17 what I'd published.

18 Q. You were shown some documents
19 today pertaining to Cephalon and Teva. Do
20 you recall that?

21 A. Yes.

22 MR. LEONOUDAKIS: Objection.
23 Form.

24 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: If you turn to,
25 I believe it's Exhibit 9. I think it's the

1 document with "Actiq" on the front of it.

2 A. I see it.

3 Q. Before today, did you have any
4 independent knowledge of this document?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Did you ever see this document
7 before?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Do you have any understanding
10 of the -- given that you -- strike that.

11 Given that you have no
12 independent knowledge of this document, did
13 you have any understanding of the intent of
14 this document?

15 MR. LEONOUDAKIS: Objection.

16 Form.

17 THE WITNESS: Not what we
18 reviewed today. There are more pages
19 here than we reviewed earlier, so I
20 don't -- I can't comment on anything I
21 haven't reviewed.

22 Q. BY MR. ERCOLE: Sure. At least
23 with respect to the -- to the pages that you
24 reviewed; correct?

25 I'll ask the question this way:

1 THE WITNESS: You bet.

2 MR. HOFFMAN: -- if we can wrap
3 up.

4 THE WITNESS: I'll go to the
5 bathroom, if that's all right.

6 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the
7 record. The time is 6:00.

8 (There was a break taken.)

9 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Returning on
10 the record. The time is 6:14.

11 Q. BY MR. HOFFMAN: Just going
12 back for a moment, Dr. Webster. We had a
13 discussion about a Purdue sales rep and
14 something that she said about using OxyContin
15 and postoperative pain. We've already
16 discussed that. But I want to ask you a
17 question I guess more generally.

18 Other than that one instance
19 that we talked about where you didn't
20 prescribe for those types of patients or on
21 that basis, can you recall any other
22 statements by any pharmaceutical sales
23 representatives at any point in time that you
24 disagree with?

25 A. No.

1 Q. Do you believe that you ever
2 did anything medically inappropriate for any
3 of your patients based upon any marketing by
4 pharmaceutical companies?

5 MR. LEONOUidakis: Objection,
6 form.

7 THE WITNESS: No, I don't
8 believe so.

9 Q. BY MR. HOFFMAN: Do you believe
10 you ever did anything medically inappropriate
11 for your patients based upon any discussions
12 with pharmaceutical sales representatives?

13 MR. LEONOUidakis: Objection.
14 Form.

15 THE WITNESS: No.

16 Q. BY MR. HOFFMAN: And I take it
17 you're not aware of any doctors in the state
18 of Oklahoma who have ever done anything
19 medically inappropriate for their patients
20 based upon any marketing of pharmaceutical
21 companies or any discussions with sales
22 representatives?

23 MR. LEONOUidakis: Objection.
24 Form.

25 THE WITNESS: No.

1 Q. BY MR. HOFFMAN: Now,
2 plaintiffs' counsel did not share this with
3 you earlier, but I'm going to read a quote
4 from the State of Oklahoma's complaint in
5 this case. It's called a petition. And I
6 will read from Paragraph 62 of the State's
7 petition.

8 It reads, in part, "Like
9 Dr. Portenoy, multiple defendants utilized
10 Dr. Webster as a KOL, providing him with
11 funding and consultant fees in exchange for
12 spreading their misrepresentations regarding
13 opioids and opioid use in general through
14 CMEs and speeches."

15 Were you aware that the State
16 had made that allegation against you?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Do you believe that in exchange
19 for consulting fees you have spread the
20 misrepresentations of any defendants in this
21 case?

22 A. That's flatly wrong.

23 Q. Just to wrap up, Doctor, you
24 did mention earlier that -- we had the
25 discussion about prescribing OxyContin for

EXHIBIT 10

1 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CLEVELAND COUNTY

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel.
4 MIKE HUNTER, ATTORNEY GENERAL
5 OF OKLAHOMA,
6 Plaintiff,

7 vs.

Case No. CJ-2017-816

8 PURDUE PHARMA, L.P.; PURDUE
9 PHARMA, INC.; THE PURDUE
10 FREDERICK COMPANY; TEVA
11 PHARMACEUTICALS USA, INC.;
12 CEPHALON, INC.; JOHNSON &
13 JOHNSON; JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS,
14 INC.; ORTHO-McNEIL-JANSSEN
15 PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., n/k/a
16 JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.;
17 JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICA, INC.;
18 ALLERGAN, PLC, f/k/a ACTAVIS,
19 INC., f/k/a WATSON
20 PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.; WATSON
21 LABORATORIES, INC.; ACTAVIS, LLC
22 and ACTAVIS PHARMA, INC., f/k/a
23 WATSON PHARMA, INC.,
24 Defendants.

25 VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF SCOTT FISHMAN, M.D.

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1 Q. And you worked with them for many years?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Do you believe that had they known this,
4 they would have wanted to engage with Janssen as a
5 key opinion leader?

6 MR. EHSAN: Objection, calls for
7 speculation.

8 THE WITNESS: I -- yeah, I don't know what
9 they would do or what they were thinking.

10 BY MS. BALDWIN:

11 Q. If you turn to Page 8, it looks like they
12 sampled consistent of the -- the sample of 1,000
13 physicians were from five different regions;
14 correct?

15 MR. EHSAN: Objection to form.

16 THE WITNESS: Yes.

17 BY MS. BALDWIN:

18 Q. And they broke down the Respondents by
19 specialty, and the majority were primary care
20 physicians; is that correct?

21 A. Yes.

22 MR. EHSAN: Same objection.

23 THE WITNESS: Yes.

24 BY MS. BALDWIN:

25 Q. And then there's -- on the following page,

1 there is a table that shows the number and
2 percentage of doctors by Duragesic decile in each
3 region. Do you see that?

4 MR. EHSAN: Objection to form.

5 THE WITNESS: Yes. Can you tell me what a
6 "Duragesic decile" means?

7 MR. ROBINSON: You can't ask questions.

8 THE WITNESS: Sorry.

9 BY MS. BALDWIN:

10 Q. Well, again, did you know -- you didn't
11 know until I told you today that -- correct, that
12 Janssen ranked physicians based on how often they
13 prescribed their products; correct?

14 A. Correct.

15 MR. EHSAN: Objection to form.

16 BY MS. BALDWIN:

17 Q. And it's typically on a scale of 1 to 10?

18 A. Yes.

19 MR. EHSAN: Objection to form.

20 BY MS. BALDWIN:

21 Q. You didn't know that prior to today?

22 MR. EHSAN: Objection to form.

23 THE WITNESS: I think it was a scale of 1
24 to 7. On Page 6 it says 1 to 7, but I did not know
25 that until today.

1 BY MS. BALDWIN:

2 Q. Yeah, 1 to 7 is the influence of a key
3 opinion leader on prescribing.

4 A. Oh, I see. Got it.

5 MR. EHSAN: Objection to form.

6 BY MS. BALDWIN:

7 Q. This is a pretty --

8 A. Yeah, involved.

9 Q. This PowerPoint is a pretty involved
10 analysis of the influence of key opinion leaders on
11 physicians prescribing. Would you -- wouldn't you
12 say?

13 MR. EHSAN: Objection to form.

14 MR. ROBINSON: Objection to form.

15 THE WITNESS: Yes.

16 BY MS. BALDWIN:

17 Q. If you turn to Page 12, do you see that
18 they -- Janssen did a point allocation summary.
19 "Each Respondent was asked to assign points based
20 on the level of influence of these parameters on
21 his prescribing. The most influential factor was
22 assigned 100 points, and no two factors were to be
23 assigned the same value by a Respondent. A summary
24 of the response is as follows in the next two
25 slides: First one with overall results, and the

1 second one by specialty group of Respondent";
2 correct?

3 MR. EHSAN: Objection to form.

4 THE WITNESS: Yes.

5 BY MS. BALDWIN:

6 Q. Give you an example of Question 10:
7 "Please consider the following specific factors
8 that may influence your prescribing of opioids. Of
9 course many other factors will influence your
10 prescribing, but we are interested in the relative
11 influence of these particular factors"; correct?

12 MR. EHSAN: Objection to form.

13 THE WITNESS: Yes.

14 BY MS. BALDWIN:

15 Q. And these factors include peer
16 interaction; correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 MR. EHSAN: Objection to form.

19 BY MS. BALDWIN:

20 Q. Availability of coupons and/or vouchers?

21 MR. EHSAN: Same objection.

22 THE WITNESS: Yes.

23 BY MS. BALDWIN:

24 Q. Patient request for specific drugs?

25 MR. EHSAN: Same objection.

1 THE WITNESS: Yes.

2 BY MS. BALDWIN:

3 Q. Sales representative messages?

4 MR. EHSAN: Same objection.

5 THE WITNESS: Yes.

6 BY MS. BALDWIN:

7 Q. Influence of opinion leaders?

8 MR. EHSAN: Same objection.

9 THE WITNESS: Yes.

10 BY MS. BALDWIN:

11 Q. Peer-reviewed journal articles or studies?

12 MR. EHSAN: Same objection.

13 THE WITNESS: Yes.

14 BY MS. BALDWIN:

15 Q. Medical education?

16 MR. EHSAN: Same objection.

17 THE WITNESS: Yes.

18 BY MS. BALDWIN:

19 Q. Formulary status?

20 MR. EHSAN: Same objection.

21 THE WITNESS: Yes.

22 BY MS. BALDWIN:

23 Q. Regulatory liability concerns?

24 A. Yes.

25 MR. EHSAN: Same objection.

1 used them before.

2 We didn't use them excessively in my
3 practice, and we rarely use them at very high
4 doses. So that's a long-winded yes.

5 You know, I think when I present, that
6 would be the basis that I would come from, and no
7 one would shift me, and some people disagreed with
8 my positions and other people agreed.

9 In the long run, I believe that the work
10 that I did would be embraced by pharmaceutical
11 companies, because in the long run, pharmaceutical
12 companies wouldn't have successful products unless
13 they were used safely.

14 BY MR. ERCOLE:

15 Q. In fact, pharmaceutical companies did
16 sponsor, indirectly at least, presentations that
17 you've given on these very topics; correct?

18 MS. BALDWIN: Objection, leading.

19 THE WITNESS: I would say they sponsored
20 the book Responsible Opioid Prescribing, which if
21 you really read it, is basically a book that says
22 be careful.

23 BY MR. ERCOLE:

24 Q. It's a book to physicians saying be
25 careful, these are the risks associated with

1 opioids potentially; correct?

2 A. This is a dangerous group of drugs that we
3 have to use carefully or we'll use the right to use
4 them, which is something I say in the book.

5 Q. And the book you're referring to is
6 Responsible Opioid Prescribing; is that correct?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. Just we heard a lot of -- we'll get into
9 some of the content of that book a little bit
10 later, but we had a lot of questions about
11 Responsible Opioid Prescribing. Just to clarify,
12 the opinions expressed in that book are your
13 independent opinions and your independent opinions
14 only; correct?

15 MS. BALDWIN: Objection, leading.

16 THE WITNESS: They're my independent
17 opinions, but with that said, I wrote the book as a
18 commissioned production for the Federation of State
19 Medical Boards to articulate what I thought was an
20 important -- were important guiding principles from
21 the model policy, which gave medical boards
22 guidance on how to investigate physicians if they
23 were called out for their prescribing. Does that
24 make sense?

25 So with that, that was really my

1 framework, and I built it -- I built the
2 Responsible Opioid Prescribing case out from there.

3 BY MR. ERCOLE:

4 Q. Understand, and we'll get into some of
5 these topics a little bit later, but at least with
6 respect to the views expressed in Responsible
7 Opioid Prescribing, the book that you authored, is
8 it fair to say that those views were developed by
9 you independent from any pharmaceutical company
10 influence?

11 MS. BALDWIN: Objection, leading.

12 THE WITNESS: Independent of any direct
13 influence. Again, it's all an amalgamation of all
14 the experiences and thoughts and ideas that I've
15 had, but they were in my independent views.

16 BY MR. ERCOLE:

17 Q. And the book reflects your independent
18 views; correct?

19 A. Correct.

20 MS. BALDWIN: Objection, leading.

21 THE WITNESS: I would say the book is
22 consistent with my views throughout, throughout its
23 evolution of editions.

24 BY MR. ERCOLE:

25 Q. There have been -- with respect to that

1 book and again we'll get into this a little bit, is
2 it fair to say there have been two editions?

3 A. There have been three editions. The first
4 two were called First and Second Edition. The
5 third was called the Second Edition Expanded.

6 Q. Dr. Fishman, you understand this case was
7 brought by the -- strike that. Let me go back.

8 You mentioned before that you have no
9 direct knowledge, and I don't want to misquote you,
10 but this is what I wrote down. You have no direct
11 knowledge of how any company in this case marketed
12 its drugs. Do you recall saying that?

13 MS. BALDWIN: Objection, leading.

14 THE WITNESS: Yes.

15 BY MR. ERCOLE:

16 Q. And is that accurate?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. You understand that this case is -- strike
19 that.

20 With respect to your reference to drugs,
21 that would include opioid medicines; correct?

22 MS. BALDWIN: Objection.

23 THE WITNESS: Correct.

24 BY MR. ERCOLE:

25 Q. You understand this case is brought by the

1 Q. So about since say 1993 or so?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. I'm not asking you an exact number, but
4 since that time, do you have a sense of sort of how
5 many pain management -- excuse me, how many
6 patients you've treated for pain-management-related
7 issues as a practicing physician on a weekly basis?

8 A. Well, it's varied on a weekly basis. I
9 don't know if it's acceptable, but just I've
10 treated thousands of patients over the years.

11 Q. Have you prescribed opioids for those
12 patients?

13 A. For some.

14 Q. Yes. Have you prescribed long-acting
15 opioids for some patients?

16 A. Again, for some.

17 Q. And have you provided -- prescribed
18 short-acting opioids for some patients?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And have you prescribed opioids for
21 noncancer pain?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And have you prescribed opioids for
24 chronic pain?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Do you still prescribe opioids today?

2 A. I do.

3 Q. Is it fair to say that as a -- as the sort
4 of trained medical professional, you are the person
5 responsible for making a prescribing decision with
6 respect to any particular patient?

7 A. It's true in respect to my patients.

8 Q. All I'm asking is about your patients; is
9 that true?

10 A. Yes, if it's my patient, it's my decision.

11 Q. You have the responsibility for making
12 that decision; correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. You have -- as a trained medical
15 professional, you have the obligation to exercise
16 your independent medical judgment in making that
17 prescribing decision; is that fair to say?

18 MS. BALDWIN: Objection, leading.

19 THE WITNESS: Yes.

20 BY MR. ERCOLE:

21 Q. With respect to prescriptions of opioids
22 that you've written, have you always exercised your
23 own independent medical judgment in deciding to
24 prescribe that opioid for a particular patient?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Is it important for prescribers to
2 exercise their own independent medical judgment
3 when making a prescribing decision regarding
4 opioids?

5 MS. BALDWIN: Objection to form.

6 THE WITNESS: It's not only important,
7 it's -- it would be beneath the standard of care to
8 do otherwise.

9 BY MR. ERCOLE:

10 Q. And with respect to your practice, have
11 you ever -- strike that.

12 With respect to your pain management
13 practice, have you ever interacted with
14 pharmaceutical representatives who have come to
15 your practice?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Did those -- did some of those
18 pharmaceutical representatives ever detail you
19 about particular medicines?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And in writing opioid prescription, did
22 you ever rely blindly on anything a pharmaceutical
23 representative might say about a particular product
24 in that type of situation?

25 MS. BALDWIN: Object to form.

1 THE WITNESS: No.

2 BY MR. ERCOLE:

3 Q. Is it fair to say it would be beneath the
4 standard of care to rely blindly on what a
5 pharmaceutical representative might say to a
6 particular physician at a particular time?

7 MS. BALDWIN: Object to form.

8 THE WITNESS: Sorry.

9 MS. BALDWIN: Objection to form.

10 THE WITNESS: I think that's a difficult
11 question to answer because there are some
12 circumstances where a industry representative might
13 actually have the most critical information about
14 delivering a drug, or in modern times today, on
15 implanting a medical device, et cetera. So you
16 can't say always, but we have to be very, very
17 careful, you know, walking that road and that line,
18 and I don't know that I've ever been in that line
19 where I've needed an industry representative to
20 help me.

21 But I know that right now in every
22 hospital in America we're using new technologies
23 that we have no experience with, and unless we have
24 industry partners who are experienced because they
25 developed the tools, we would be unsafe in

1 delivering those devices or those technologies.

2 BY MR. ERCOLE:

3 Q. With respect to opioid prescribing itself,
4 did you ever prescribe a opioid medicine because of
5 some marketing statement a pharmaceutical company
6 made, as opposed to exercising your own independent
7 medical judgment as to what was in the best needs
8 of the patient?

9 MS. BALDWIN: Object to form.

10 THE WITNESS: I did not.

11 BY MR. ERCOLE:

12 Q. As a trained medical professional, did you
13 ever prescribe opioid medicine because of some
14 funding that you received indirectly from a
15 pharmaceutical company concerning a publication, as
16 opposed to making your own independent medical
17 judgment?

18 MS. BALDWIN: Object to form.

19 THE WITNESS: No.

20 BY MR. ERCOLE:

21 Q. Did you ever write an opioid prescription
22 because a pharmaceutical representative, for
23 instance, dropped a lunch off in your office?

24 MS. BALDWIN: Object to form.

25 MR. ROBINSON: Object to form, foundation.

1 THE WITNESS: No.

2 BY MR. ERCOLE:

3 Q. How about ever write opioid prescription
4 because were you invited for a dinner program by a
5 pharmaceutical company?

6 MS. BALDWIN: Object to form.

7 THE WITNESS: No.

8 BY MR. ERCOLE:

9 Q. Were you ever -- did you ever write an
10 opioid prescription because of some offer to sit on
11 an advisory board by a pharmaceutical company?

12 MS. BALDWIN: Object to form.

13 THE WITNESS: Absolutely not.

14 BY MR. ERCOLE:

15 Q. In fact, all of these -- this notion of
16 doctors exercising their own independent medical
17 judgment to prescribe opioids safely is precisely
18 what you've been teaching about since the late
19 '90s; is that fair to say?

20 MS. BALDWIN: Objection, leading.

21 THE WITNESS: Yes.

22 BY MR. ERCOLE:

23 Q. How about was it even before the late
24 '90s?

25 MS. BALDWIN: Same objection.

1 THE WITNESS: Yes. It's not about
2 opioids, but it's the foundation of my training.
3 You can't rely on any one piece of information, and
4 you certainly can't rely on information that comes
5 solely from conflicted sources.

6 I mean, it's ironic that that's, in fact,
7 what we did in a field in many ways to get into the
8 problems that we're in, but, yes, that's kind of
9 where -- those are the foundations of my training.

10 BY MR. ERCOLE:

11 Q. When you say your "training," where would
12 you have -- where did you learn those?

13 A. Well, I trained in internal medicine
14 through the Yale system in Greenwich Hospital in
15 Southern Connecticut, and then I trained and did my
16 anesthesia subspecialty training at Mass General at
17 Harvard, and my psychiatry training at Mass General
18 at Harvard. I think those are particularly places
19 that were grounded in that solemn role of a
20 clinician to independently see each patient as an
21 individual and treat them based on their
22 presentation, rather than any other group of ideas
23 or beliefs and datasets, et cetera.

24 Q. And, in fact, that's the standard of care
25 that physicians are obligated to perform; is that

1 correct?

2 MS. BALDWIN: Objection, leading.

3 THE WITNESS: I believe that's true.

4 BY MR. ERCOLE:

5 Q. With respect to your teaching, have you
6 always taught that type of standard of care?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And does that date back to 1993 when you
9 first started teaching?

10 A. No, you know, I probably -- so the way
11 that my lineage worked is that I graduated medical
12 school in '90. And then from '90 to '92 and a
13 half, I was doing internal medicine, and then it
14 was back in the day when you could actually overlap
15 different trainings. So I actually was a internal
16 medicine resident, and went up to Boston, and I
17 became actually an internal medicine resident and
18 an anesthesia pain fellow at the same time doing
19 electives in one and training in the other. And
20 then actually there was a time where I was a
21 psychiatry resident, internal medicine resident and
22 an anesthesia fellow for six months. So, you know,
23 that was -- so, really, I became faculty -- I
24 technically became faculty at Harvard Medical
25 School in my fellowship, but I became formal

1 faculty after my psychiatry residency, which was I
2 think at the end in 1995. So that's really when my
3 teaching career began.

4 Q. So I assume basically if you survived all
5 of that, you could basically survive anything; is
6 that fair to say?

7 A. I'm surprised I did it.

8 Q. At least since 1995 you've been teaching
9 about -- about opioids; is that fair to say?

10 MR. ROBINSON: Objection, form.

11 MS. BALDWIN: Objection, form.

12 BY MR. ERCOLE:

13 Q. I'll reask it. You've been teaching
14 students at least as of since 1995; correct?

15 MS. BALDWIN: Objection.

16 MR. ROBINSON: Objection.

17 THE WITNESS: Opioids have been an issue
18 since then.

19 BY MR. ERCOLE:

20 Q. And pharmacovigilance has been an issue
21 sense then; is that fair to say?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And at least since 1995, have you trained
24 your students on the potential risks associated
25 with opioid?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And since 1995, have you trained your
3 students on the potential for a risk of addiction
4 associated with opioids?

5 A. Yeah. You know, I have to say that I
6 was in that last cohort that was trained that if
7 you used opioid for pain, you had very minimal risk
8 of addiction, and that had to be unlearned over
9 many years. So I'm not sure I would want to use my
10 training in 1995, my teaching in 1995 as a
11 reference standard for that.

12 Q. Whatever teaching that you would have done
13 in 1995, would have been teaching that you sort of
14 independently developed; is that fair to say?

15 MS. BALDWIN: Objection, leading.

16 THE WITNESS: Yes.

17 BY MR. ERCOLE:

18 Q. And since 1995, have you taught your
19 students that before prescribing a particular
20 medicine, they should read the label table of the
21 medicine?

22 A. I don't know that I could tell you that
23 that's a specific thing I've advised students to
24 do.

25 Q. Is it self-evident that before --

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Let me just finish before you respond.

3 A. Sorry.

4 Q. Thank you. Is it self-evident that before
5 prescribing a medicine, a provider needs to and
6 should understand the contents of the label of that
7 medicine?

8 MS. BALDWIN: Objection, form, leading.

9 THE WITNESS: Yes.

10 BY MR. ERCOLE:

11 Q. And is it fair to say that before writing
12 a prescription of a medicine, that a provider
13 should understand the risks associated with that
14 medicine?

15 MS. BALDWIN: Object to form, leading.

16 THE WITNESS: Yes.

17 BY MR. ERCOLE:

18 Q. And whether implicitly or explicitly, are
19 those concepts that have been made clear in
20 teaching that you've done since 1995?

21 MS. BALDWIN: Object to form.

22 THE WITNESS: They're consistent.

23 BY MR. ERCOLE:

24 Q. Is it fair to say that with respect to the
25 labels of medicines, including opioids, the labels

1 MS. BALDWIN: Object to form.

2 THE WITNESS: Yes.

3 BY MR. ERCOLE:

4 Q. And would that apply to opioids as well?

5 MS. BALDWIN: Objection, same objection.

6 THE WITNESS: Yes.

7 BY MR. ERCOLE:

8 Q. And does the -- that training begins in
9 medical school; is that fair to say?

10 MS. BALDWIN: Same objection.

11 THE WITNESS: The training should begin in
12 medical school.

13 MS. BALDWIN: Same objection in case you
14 didn't hear me.

15 THE WITNESS: Sorry.

16 BY MR. ERCOLE:

17 Q. Since 1995, have you trained your students
18 to obtain informed consent from a patient before
19 writing opioid prescription?

20 MS. BALDWIN: Objection, leading.

21 THE WITNESS: You know, I don't think that
22 we emphasized that -- I emphasized that or we as a
23 field emphasized that as much as we should and do
24 now.

25

1 BY MR. ERCOLE:

2 Q. When you say "we as a field," what field
3 are you referring to?

4 A. Pain medicine.

5 Q. That is -- that's the medical community;
6 is that correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And we'll get into some of these
9 documents, but at least in the 1990s you were
10 publishing articles about opioid contracts; is that
11 fair to say?

12 A. That's right.

13 Q. What is an opioid contract?

14 A. An opioid contract is a bilateral
15 agreement between a patient and a prescriber that
16 outlines the expectations and the procedure for
17 receiving an opioid and can serve as an informed
18 consent process.

19 Q. Do you know, do you recall when you first
20 started using opioid contracts in your particular
21 practice, if you've done at all?

22 A. Oh yeah. From the beginning they were
23 used in my training.

24 Q. And what -- when you say "from the
25 beginning," are you referring to 1995, for

1 instance?

2 A. Probably 1993 I think we were using opioid
3 contracts when I started my pain fellowship.

4 Q. And those opioid contracts would have
5 disclosed the risks associated with using opioids;
6 is that fair to say, to the patient?

7 MS. BALDWIN: Objection.

8 THE WITNESS: So you seem to know about
9 the paper that I did. We actually did a survey of
10 opioid contracts and most of them didn't and most
11 of them really didn't meet informed consent
12 criteria. So I don't think in the early days it
13 did. The contracts in the early days was really to
14 benefit the prescriber at the -- and putting the
15 patients in kind of the one-down position.

16 BY MR. ERCOLE:

17 Q. With respect to the opioid contracts that
18 you utilized in your practice, did those contracts
19 disclose the risks associated with opioids?

20 MS. BALDWIN: Objection.

21 THE WITNESS: They ultimately did --
22 sorry, they ultimately did as they evolved in my
23 practice, but probably didn't in the early days.

24 BY MR. ERCOLE:

25 Q. And you as a physician or your practice

1 would have controlled what went into an opioid
2 contract and what didn't go into an opioid
3 contract; is that fair to say?

4 MS. BALDWIN: Objection, leading.

5 THE WITNESS: Yes, yes.

6 BY MR. ERCOLE:

7 Q. The pharmaceutical companies did not --
8 did not control what you as a physician decided to
9 put or not put into a particular opioid contract;
10 correct?

11 MS. BALDWIN: Objection, leading.

12 THE WITNESS: Well, I don't think they had
13 any binding input. I do vaguely recall that some
14 companies actually, to be helpful, came up with
15 agreement language that they would put forward for
16 some period of time, but they didn't influence what
17 I put in my contract or we put in our contract in
18 my clinic.

19 BY MR. ERCOLE:

20 Q. Is it fair to say that since 1995 you've
21 trained your students to utilize the opioid
22 contracts in connection with their contract?

23 A. Yes.

24 MS. BALDWIN: Objection, leading.

25

1 BY MR. ERCOLE:

2 Q. And is it fair to say there are many
3 different manufacturing --

4 A. There are many different manufacturers. I
5 think they're all manufacturers. So I'm not sure
6 that there are a variety of them. They're all
7 manufacturers.

8 Q. That's an excellent clarification. I
9 appreciate that.

10 But different companies manufacture
11 opioids; correct?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And those manufacturers manufacture
14 different types of opioids; is that fair to say?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And opioid medicines are different; is
17 that correct?

18 MS. BALDWIN: Object to form.

19 THE WITNESS: Opioid medicines are, yeah,
20 an overarching group of different molecules and
21 different formulations.

22 BY MR. ERCOLE:

23 Q. And different opioids may be approved by
24 the FDA at different times?

25 A. Correct.

1 Q. And some of those medicines may be generic
2 medicines; is that true?

3 MS. BALDWIN: Object to the form.

4 THE WITNESS: Yes.

5 BY MR. ERCOLE:

6 Q. And some may be branded medicines?

7 MS. BALDWIN: Object to the form.

8 THE WITNESS: Yes.

9 BY MR. ERCOLE:

10 Q. And some may be short acting opioids?

11 A. Yes.

12 MS. BALDWIN: Objection, object to the
13 form.

14 BY MR. ERCOLE:

15 Q. Some may be long acting opioids?

16 MS. BALDWIN: Object to form.

17 THE WITNESS: Yes.

18 BY MR. ERCOLE:

19 Q. And may be different delivery systems with
20 respect to those opioid medicines?

21 MS. BALDWIN: Object to form.

22 THE WITNESS: Yes.

23 BY MR. ERCOLE:

24 Q. And with respect to marketing, is it fair
25 to say that opioid manufacturers may engage in

1 different types of marketing, if any?

2 MS. BALDWIN: Object to form.

3 THE WITNESS: I assume so.

4 BY MR. ERCOLE:

5 Q. For instance, generic manufacturers may
6 not market their medicines at all?

7 MS. BALDWIN: Object to form.

8 BY MR. ERCOLE:

9 Q. Is that fair to say?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Dr. Fishman, do you have -- do you recall
12 any communications that you've ever had with anyone
13 from a company known as Actavis Pharma?

14 A. I don't recall.

15 Q. Do you recall receiving directly or
16 indirectly any funding from a company called
17 Actavis Pharma?

18 A. I don't.

19 Q. Are you aware of any promotional or
20 marketing statements ever made about opioids by
21 such a company?

22 A. I do not.

23 Q. How about do you recall any communications
24 that you've ever had with a company by the name of
25 Watson Laboratories?

1 A. I don't.

2 Q. Are you aware of any funding that you
3 received directly or indirectly from any company
4 known as Watson Laboratories?

5 A. I don't. I would not be surprised if the
6 American Pain Foundation received funding from
7 those or the American Academy of Pain Medicine or
8 the American Pain Society, organizations I had a
9 role in. So when you say "indirectly," maybe there
10 is a connection there, but I don't recall working
11 with those companies or receiving anything from
12 them.

13 Q. Sure. Well, sitting here today, do you
14 recall any of those other entities that you've
15 just -- third-party entities you just described
16 ever receiving any funding from Watson
17 Laboratories?

18 MS. BALDWIN: Object to form.

19 THE WITNESS: I don't recall, but I
20 wouldn't be surprised if they did.

21 BY MR. ERCOLE:

22 Q. Okay. But sitting here today you don't
23 recall? I just want to make sure.

24 A. Correct, I do not recall.

25 MS. BALDWIN: Object to form.

1 BY MR. ERCOLE:

2 Q. Are you aware of any promotional or
3 marketing statements made about opioids from Watson
4 Laboratories?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Have you ever had any communications with
7 a company known as Actavis, LLC, to the best of
8 your understanding?

9 A. Not that I recall.

10 Q. Do you ever -- were you ever aware of any
11 funding that you've received directly or indirectly
12 from a company known as Actavis, LLC?

13 A. Not that I know of.

14 Q. Are you aware of any promotional or
15 marketing statements about opioids made by Actavis,
16 LLC?

17 A. Not that I am aware of.

18 Q. Are you aware of what medicines, if any,
19 Actavis Pharma, Watson Laboratories or Actavis, LLC
20 manufactures?

21 A. I am not.

22 Q. Do you recall any documents that the State
23 showed you today about any of those entities?

24 MS. BALDWIN: Object to form.

25 THE WITNESS: I think there was one

1 document that listed Watson, and, I mean, it could
2 have even been in my book. I think I saw the name
3 "Watson" somewhere.

4 BY MR. ERCOLE:

5 Q. Sitting here today, can you
6 recall specifically about --

7 A. I don't know if that happened today, no.

8 MS. BALDWIN: Object to form.

9 BY MR. ERCOLE:

10 Q. Are you aware of any -- Dr. Fishman, are
11 you aware of any -- you've heard of the company
12 Teva, USA; is that fair to say?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Are you aware of any false or misleading
15 statements that Teva USA has ever made about
16 opioids?

17 A. No.

18 Q. You've heard of the company Cephalon; is
19 that fair?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Are you aware of any -- strike that.

22 Do you have any personal knowledge of any
23 false or misleading statements that Cephalon has
24 ever made about opioids?

25 MS. BALDWIN: Object to form. I should

1 say I have a history with Cephalon in that they
2 made misleading statements about me.

3 BY MR. ERCOLE:

4 Q. Okay. With respect to making misleading
5 statements about you, do you recall what that issue
6 was?

7 A. The issue was that I agreed to do a public
8 service announcement, and I think it was Cephalon
9 at the time, and then it became Teva, and I signed
10 an agreement that said that I wasn't getting paid,
11 and it would only be for public service, public
12 education. It was actually a commentary that I
13 made at a professional meeting about the risk of
14 addiction and abuse in children. They wound up
15 putting it up on their marketing website,
16 unbeknownst to me, something that they later took
17 off and apologized for.

18 Q. So is it fair to say when that issue was
19 brought to your attention, that they immediately
20 took off the video from the website?

21 A. Yes.

22 MS. BALDWIN: Object to form.

23 THE WITNESS: Yes.

24 BY MR. ERCOLE:

25 Q. You said Cephalon also apologized to you.

1 risks of opioids.

2 BY MR. ERCOLE:

3 Q. And then Cephalon went and put that,
4 actually, on its website; is that correct?

5 MS. BALDWIN: Objection, leading.

6 THE WITNESS: That is correct, or Teva
7 did. I'm not sure.

8 BY MR. ERCOLE:

9 Q. Fair enough. Once you said, Hey, could
10 you take that down because there was an incorrect
11 attribution of some payment to you in there, they
12 immediately did that; is that fair to say?

13 MS. BALDWIN: Objection, leading.

14 THE WITNESS: They took it down because it
15 was never intended to be used in their marketing,
16 and there was also an inaccurate attribution of
17 payment to me.

18 BY MR. ERCOLE:

19 Q. In connection with that particular video,
20 was there anything false or misleading other than
21 the attribution of payment to you that was
22 associated with that?

23 MS. BALDWIN: Object to form.

24 THE WITNESS: No.

25

1 BY MR. ERCOLE:

2 Q. Other than that medication attribution of
3 you receiving a payment, anything false or
4 misleading that you can recall Cephalon making
5 about opioids?

6 MS. BALDWIN: Object to form.

7 THE WITNESS: No.

8 BY MR. ERCOLE:

9 Q. With respect to the misattribution of
10 payment that you just described, that was disclosed
11 as part of the video; is that correct?

12 MR. ROBINSON: Object to form.

13 MS. BALDWIN: Objection.

14 THE WITNESS: I actually don't know. It
15 was somehow transmitted to media sources that I was
16 paid, so Cephalon made a statement that I wasn't --
17 in fact, reproduced this document I had them sign
18 that stated that I would not be paid. These were
19 my own ideas. This would only be used for a public
20 service announcement, and it would not be used for
21 marketing purposes or for corporate purposes.

22 BY MR. ERCOLE:

23 Q. So we looked at and I asked you to look at
24 Exhibit 1 in your CV. There are a number of
25 different categories in this particular document,

1 it's very extensive, very impressive. If you look
2 to, it looks like it's Bates marked as FISH 8; do
3 you see that on the bottom right-hand corner?

4 There is a section that says, "Teaching Lectures
5 and Presentations"; do you see that?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And it looks like there are -- if you
8 scroll through, it looks like there are 566 of
9 them; do you see that?

10 A. Yes, as of August 2017.

11 Q. Sitting here today with respect to those
12 lectures and presentations, could you identify a
13 single one of those lectures or presentations that
14 did not reflect your own independent medical
15 opinion?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Because they all did reflect your own --

18 MS. BALDWIN: Object to form.

19 BY MR. ERCOLE:

20 Q. They all did reflect your own independent
21 medical opinion?

22 MS. BALDWIN: Objection, leading.

23 THE WITNESS: They did.

24 BY MR. ERCOLE:

25 Q. And if you turn to the next category, it