

## **Depositions and Trials by Joseph Esherick, M.D., FAAFP, FHM**

### **Depositions:**

1. Case of Richard Humpal for Steven Weinberg, Esq. on 4-28-15
  - a. Expert witness for plaintiff working with Steven Weinberg, Esq
  - b. Mr. Humpal was a 68 year-old man with an ischemic cardiomyopathy who had recently (<6 months ago) undergone percutaneous coronary intervention of his right coronary artery and presented with high-risk unstable angina. Patient should have gone for cardiac catheterization with PCI but was placed on a treadmill and suffered a cardiac arrest and died.
  - c. Negligent care of high-risk unstable angina by hospitalist physician
  
2. Case of George Thompson for Curtis and Co. Law Firm on 10-4-19
  - a. Expert witness for plaintiff working with Lisa Curtis Esq
  - b. Deviation of standard of care by hospitalist physicians caring for this 71 year-old man with Ogilvie's syndrome, hypoxic respiratory failure and delirium leading to colonic perforation and death
  
3. Case of Megan Moore for Cochran, Kroll & Associates on 10-28-19
  - a. Expert witness for plaintiff working with Eileen Kroll, Esq
  - b. Deviation of standard of care for failing to diagnose and appropriately manage a young woman with transverse myelitis causing BLE weakness, a clear sensory level and urinary incontinence causing prolonged paraplegia
  
4. Case of Margaret Martinez for Curtis and Co. Law Firm on 10-7-2020
  - a. Expert witness for plaintiff working with Laura Callanan, Esq
  - b. 61 year-old woman with DM2 and HTN who died from septic shock and large pericardial effusion with cardiac tamponade that was inappropriately managed
  
5. Case of Barbara Newman for Curtis and Co. Law Firm on 1-27-2021
  - a. Expert witness for plaintiff working with Laura Callanan, Esq
  - b. 75 year-old woman admitted with a perforated sigmoid colon and intra-abdominal septic shock causing multi-organ failure and death
  - c. Hospitalist physicians failed to appropriately manage septic shock, multi-organ failure and to contact surgeons in a timely fashion for source control
  
6. Case of Sally Gallegos for Curtis and Co. Law Firm on 4-4-2022
  - a. Expert witness for plaintiff working with Lisa Curtis, Esq
  - b. 54 year-old woman admitted with neutropenia, acute renal failure and septic shock causing her death
  - c. Hospitalist physicians did not appropriately manage septic shock
  
7. Case of Patrick Scoleri for Clifford Law Offices on 5-31-2022
  - a. Expert witness for plaintiff working with Susan Capra, Esq

- b. 58 year-old morbidly obese man with DM, HTN admitted with NSTEMI who developed fulminant CHF and respiratory failure during cardiac cath leading to a rapid response and then a PEA arrest. Hospitalist did not appropriately manage airway during rapid response causing PEA arrest. Hospitalist did not manage PEA arrest appropriately and patient died.
- 8. Case of Everett Chavez for Curtis and Co. Law Firm on 6-1-2022
  - a. Expert witness for plaintiff working with Lisa Curtis, Esq
  - b. 66 year-old man who developed severe necrotizing gallstone pancreatitis with multi-organ failure. Patient stabilized by surgery and ICU team.
  - c. Once stabilized, the hospitalist physicians failed to contact the surgery team to discuss cholecystectomy prior to discharge to prevent recurrent gallstone pancreatitis
- 9. Case of Sandra Ohlgren for Law Offices of Amalia Lucero on 3-31-2023
  - a. Expert witness for plaintiff working with Amalia Lucero, Esq
  - b. 83 year-old woman who suffered an esophageal perforation from an esophageal dilatation that was unrecognized and caused severe mediastinitis leading to hypoxic respiratory failure requiring mechanical ventilation, deconditioning, and a prolonged rehabilitation.
- 10. Case of Danica Enyart for Domnick Cunningham and Yaffa on 2-29-24
  - a. Expert witness for plaintiff working with Nicole Kruegel, Esq
  - b. 39 year old woman who presented with an acute pontine stroke from an unrecognized basilar artery thrombosis that was misdiagnosed as Bell's Palsy.
- 11. Case of Jaunita Jenkins for Law Office of Arden John Curry on 3-25-24
  - a. Expert witness for plaintiff working with Arden John Curry
  - b. 76 year old woman who suffered a left carotid artery catheter placement during an attempted ultrasound-guided left IJ central line placement that caused an anterior wall STEMI and a left frontal lobe ischemic stroke and eventual death.

**Trials:**

- 1. Medical Board of California Administrative Hearing Irina Volkova, M.D. November 2013
  - a. Extreme departures from the standard of care managing multiple medical inpatients including mismanagement of acute ischemic stroke, diabetes, acute hypoxemic respiratory failure and sciatica
  - b. Expert witness for MBC regarding the care of the patient by a hospitalist physician
- 2. Steven Weinberg, Esq case of Richard Humpal on 5-11-15
  - a. Mr. Humpal was a 68 year-old man with an ischemic cardiomyopathy who had recently (<6 months ago) undergone percutaneous coronary intervention of his

right coronary artery and presented with high-risk unstable angina. Patient should have gone for cardiac catheterization with PCI but was placed on a treadmill and suffered a cardiac arrest and died.

- b. Negligent care of high-risk unstable angina by hospitalist physician
3. Trial Hearing of Mendi Shahpoury Arani, MD for Medical Board of California on 1-20-2020
  - a. Unexpected death caused by inappropriate management of acute hypoxemic respiratory failure
  - b. Expert witness for MBC regarding the care of the patient by a hospitalist physician
4. Trial testimony of Kenneth Weaver vs Modoc County Public Guardian on 8-31-2022
  - a. Patient with severe dementia and did not possess decision-making capacity. I testified about my assessment of this patient in the emergency department to help pursue public conservatorship of patient
5. Trial testimony of Sandra Ohlgren for Law Offices of Amalia Lucero on 9-14-2023
  - a. Expert witness for plaintiff working with Amalia Lucero, Esq
  - b. 83 year-old woman who suffered an esophageal perforation from an esophageal dilatation that was unrecognized and caused severe mediastinitis leading to hypoxic respiratory failure requiring mechanical ventilation, deconditioning, and a prolonged rehabilitation.
  - c. Defending care of physicians at Lovelace Medical Center