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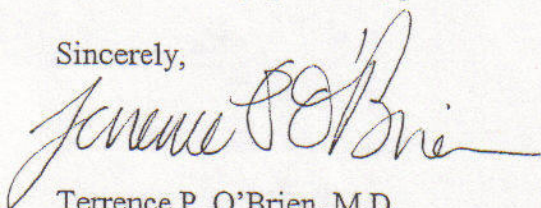
The failure to obtain corneal pachymetry to accurately assess corneal thickness preoperatively even in 1997 was substandard. The creation of the LASIK flap was complicated by microkeratome failure and stoppage both on the forward and reverse passes as documented in the medical record. Actually, a nurse was controlling the foot pedals of the microkeratome and not the operative surgeon. Moreover, an unapproved laser ("black box laser") was used to perform the Excimer Laser ablation. This Excimer Laser ablation resulted in a markedly significant overcorrection and a post-operative topography indicating a significantly decentered ablation. It is my opinion, to the best degree of medical probability, that this marked overcorrection and decentration created by Dr. Anita Nevyas-Wallace's Excimer Laser treatment using the unapproved laser is the direct cause of Ms. Cheryl Fiorelli's irregular astigmatism and continued subjective visual disturbances in the right eye in association with markedly flat keratometry readings.

The decision to perform early clear lens extraction in a young patient with high myopia in her left eye carries a significant cumulative risk for retinal detachment in Ms. Fiorelli's lifetime. This is increased by the necessity for early YAG Capsulotomy following placement of a silicone haptic plate lens in a highly myopic young individual. Finally, a third major operation to exchange the intraocular lens of suboptimal power and extension of the posterior capsulotomy can only increase the long term risk of retinal detachment for her left eye.

Mr. Kafrissen, your kind attention to this information regarding the ophthalmologic care provided to Ms. Cheryl Fiorelli by Dr. Anita Nevyas-Wallace, that in my expert medical opinion, falls below acceptable standards by reasonable practitioners is greatly appreciated. Moreover, Ms. Fiorelli's ongoing problems of poor quality of vision with subjective halos are a direct result of the substandard surgeries performed by Dr. Anita Nevyas-Wallace beginning in March 1997.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Terrence P. O'Brien". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Terrence P. O'Brien, M.D.
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