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1	A. I told him that his vision would not be any	1 repeating my question?	
2	better than the best correction and that it might	2 A. I was answering.	
3	drop.	3 Q. I'm sorry. My question was is the 2	0/40 level
4	Q. When you told him that his vision might drop,	4 different from the 20/50 level, and do I u	inderstand
5	did you indicate to him how much it might drop?	5 your answer is yes, it is different?	
6	A. Yes. I told him he could lose one or both	6 A. Yes.	
7	eyes or he could die.	7 Q. And, Doctor, why would the 20/40	level have
8	Q. Where does it indicate that?	8 been your cutoff for performing LASIK	in April of
9	A. I didn't write that here, but that is what I	9 1998?	
10	told him. Here I wrote, "Discussed in detail that	0 A. It was stipulated in our protocol.	
11	visual acuity will not improve and that damage to	1 Q. Was there any other reason?	
12	retina from ROP is not going to improve. Also	2 A. It seemed appropriate to me.	
13	discussed that best corrected visual acuity could	3 Q. It seemed appropriate?	
14	decrease."	4 A. It seemed appropriate.	
15	Q. Did you discuss how much the visual acuity	5 Q. And why did it seem appropriate?	
16	could decrease?	6 A. Because that was my judgment.	
17	MR. LAPAT: She just said she told him	7 Q. Doctor, why was it your judgment t	
18	he could lose both eyes or die.	8 appropriate to have a cutoff in the 20/40	level for
19	DR. FRIEDMAN: Counsel, let me have it	9 doing LASIK surgery in April 1998?	
20	from the witness.	20 MS. NEWMAN: Is there somet	
21	A. I told him he can go completely blind.	21 you're getting at here? Because I'm not l	
22	Q. In April 1998, what was the visual acuity	22 it. She is answering your questions and	
23	defect beyond which you would not perform LASIK?	really understanding where you're going	. Doctor, do
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