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Mr. Cohen. This is an interview of Tommy Craig conducted by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The interview is part of the committee's investigation into allegations of steroid use by Major League Baseball players.

Mr. Craig, thank you for joining us today. Could you please state your full name for the record?

Mr. Craig. Melvin Thomas Craig.

Mr. Cohen. My name is Brian Cohen, and I am an investigator for the committee. I am accompanied by two of my colleagues, and I will let them introduce themselves.

Dr. Cha. Hi. This is Steve Cha with the majority staff.

Mr. Castor. Mr. Craig, Steve Castor with the Republican staff.

Mr. Cohen. Before we begin with the questions, I will go over some basic instructions and explanations regarding the interview. Is it safe to say you have never been part of a Congressional interview before?

Mr. Craig. No, sir. Never.

Mr. Cohen. All right. Here's how it goes. I will ask you questions regarding the subject matter of the committee investigation for up to an hour. When I am finished, I will turn it over to my colleague on the minority staff, Mr.

Castor. He will then have the opportunity to ask you questions for up to an hour. Additional rounds of questioning will alternate between the two of us until the interview is completed. My instinct is this should go pretty quick. I don't think it will take more than a couple hours.

The reporter here will be taking down everything you say and will make a written record of the interview. If you could give verbal, audible answers, we appreciate it, because we cannot see you and the reporter cannot record nods or gestures.

You are required to answer questions from Congress truthfully. Is there any reason you're unable to provide truthful answers in today's interview?

Mr. Craig. No, sir, not at all.

Mr. Cohen. If you knowingly provide false testimony, you could be subject to criminal prosecution for making false statements, or other related offenses. Do you understand this?

Mr. Craig. No problem. I understand.

Mr. Cohen. Okay. You have the right to be represented by an attorney. Do you have one present?

Mr. Craig. No, sir, I do not.

Mr. Cohen. It's our understanding that you wish to proceed with the interview, is that correct?

Mr. Craig. Yes, sir.

Mr. Cohen. All right. Any other questions before we begin?

Mr. Craig. No, sir.

Mr. Cohen. All right. Let's start with the basics.

EXAMINATION

BY MR. COHEN:

Q Can you describe and walk through your educational and professional background?

A Yes, sir. I was a 1980 graduate of East Carolina University. I have a BS degree in health and physical education, with an area of emphasis in sports medicine. I am a certified athletic trainer of the NATA standards. Also, at that time I had a teacher's certificate to teach grades K through 12 in health and physical education.

I started with the Toronto Blue Jays in 1980, worked my way up through the minor league system and became a major league -- actually, assistant trainer first, in 1985. That was my first full year in the major leagues. In 1987, I was named the head trainer of the Toronto Blue Jays, and I held that position until October of 1999.

I then went down to the minor leagues and became the rehab coordinator for 2000. 2001, '02, '03, '04, and up to June of '05, I worked spring training, extended spring, and then I went to the New York pen league every summer, and I

was still a full-time athletic trainer and minor league staff, kind of by choice.

Then I went out on my own with a father and a son who was a physical therapist, and I worked and had part ownership in a clinic called Performance Rehab Institute of Sports Medicine here in Palm Harbor, Florida. I did that for 18 months. I got back in professional baseball with the Milwaukee Brewers in December of last year, in '06. I have had one full season with Milwaukee. This will be my second.

Q All right. So to summarize, if my math is correct, you have been involved as an athletic trainer or rehab specialist for almost three decades?

A That is correct.

Q Okay. Can you tell us your responsibilities, and we are interested in the period in which Mr. Clemens was with the Toronto Blue Jays in 1997 and 1998. Can you work us through your basic responsibilities with the team in that position?

A As I mentioned, I was the head trainer, which I was one of the liaisons between the players and management. My responsibilities were of course the prevention, care, and rehabilitation of the athletic injuries that occurred on a daily basis. That included keeping records on all of that. And then reporting to management the well being of the players and of the everyday treatment or whatever we were

doing down in the training room that may have a bearing on a guy's ability to perform that night.

Q To what extent did you interact with Roger Clemens in that position?

A Very little, except on the day that he threw on the side. What I mean by side is let's say today was his starting role and tomorrow would be day two. Day three would be his side day, day four would be an off day, and then pitch on the fifth day again. So I would usually see him on that third day, the side day, and work on him if he had any soreness or any problems from his previous start. I may see him right afterwards, too. I would ice him or do whatever he needed.

Then on the game day I would prepare him for his start. He would come in like 4:30, 5:00 and get his pre-game ritual going, usually directed at his right shoulder, right groin. He would get some routine treatment, a groin rap, stretch, heat pack, whatever. On his shoulder he would get a massage and a stretch. And then his right toe, or drag foot, had it taped prior to the game. Then that would either be myself or Brent Andrews. We kind of alternated or flip-flopped back and forth. Then of course we would ice him when he came out of the game.

Q Who was Brent Andrews?

A Brent Andrews was my assistant in Toronto for 9

years.

Q Okay. When did he begin?

A I think he came aboard in '87, and then he was let go in, I want to say, Roger's first year. 1996, '97, somewhere in there.

Q Was he replaced by Scott Shannon?

A Correct.

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BY MR. COHEN:

Q So Mr. Shannon was the assistant trainer in 1997 or 1998?

A Uh-huh.

Q Okay. Did Mr. Clemens, to your knowledge, suffer from any major injuries?

A No, nothing really, what I would term, major. It was more along maintenance and just kind of -- he had I think a couple groin strains, and he may have had maybe a couple bouts of rotator cuff, tendinitis, or where he needed a little treatment on his shoulder or groin. But nothing of any significance where I recall that he was shut down for any length of time.

Q Did Mr. Clemens report suffering from any joint pain?

A No, not that I recall. I mean, he'd had soreness in his shoulder from throwing 75- to 100-some pitches. But that would be what we would call normal soreness.

Q How about any lower back pain?

A Not that I recall. You know, again, when a pitcher throws, he may have lower left back pain if they are right-handed and vice versa if they are left-handed, but nothing that I recall unusual.

Q I am going to move next to general team policies with regard to treating and tracking injuries. And you are responsible for team recordkeeping. Is that correct?

A I was, along with my assistant Bryan Andrews. I mean, we kind of -- whoever saw the guy initially, that was the guy that wrote the initial injury report and followed it up. But I was the head trainer, so I was in the position of the guy that they came to for the reports and so forth.

Q Okay. And then, in 1998, it would have been either you or Scott Shannon who was writing up the reports?

A Correct.

Q Can you walk us through the basic recordkeeping process? For example, was a record created every time a player reported an injury or discomfort?

A Not discomfort. Only if a guy had seen a doctor or had an injury where he was removed from a game or had to miss a game as a result of an injury. Just the little daily stuff was just recorded -- you know, like a Band-Aid or whatever, that sort of stuff, but there may not be an initial injury report unless the guy met that criteria I just described.

Q Okay. In cases where players received medication, prescription medication in particular, would there be a report made of every incidence of that?

A Yes. There would be -- either by myself or Dr.

Taylor or both, there would be some sort of either notation written; or if we are on SIMTRAC at the same time, it may be on there on the computer program where a box may be checked or something like that. And then, I am not sure of the exact year, but we got on HomeLink Pharmacy, which is a scanning process that you have to go through when the doctor gives you the go-ahead to give a player some medication, and it would have been scanned out.

Q What was your opinion of working with Dr. Taylor? Was he attentive to detail? Was he careful about documenting his medical treatments?

A Very much so. He is a very neat -- he is one of the few doctors you can read his handwriting. I will say that. And he is a very intelligent guy. He has been through the ranks of professional baseball as a pitcher, and he also I think has degrees in electrical engineering and as a physician.

Q Can you imagine or envision a scenario where Dr. Taylor would have provided the medication or shot, and not written it up in the team reports?

A No, I cannot. No. He was usually pretty good about that. And I would say we were good about reminding him, too.

Q When records were created, were they created, was it a same-day type thing? Did they have to be created within

24 hours?

A Yes. The SIMTRAC system, once you put a guy in, it won't allow you to go any further unless you put everything in right then and there. Once he makes an injury report or what I would call a daily injury report, which would go up to the front office -- or, once you do an initial report, then you have got to fill it out. You have got to complete it. That is just kind of the way the system is set up.

Q In the case of a player receiving a B12 shot, would that be recorded? Is that something that would be recorded at the same time by team officials, or you would, again, report it within 12 hours, 24 hours? There would be a continuous report?

A Yes, they would have been put in by Dr. Taylor. Like I said, his stuff was usually handwritten. And I don't recall exactly the date that we started using SIMTRAC, but it would be in there. I would usually put up on the boards the players that I needed him to see when he arrived, and then he would take care of that stuff then and do the notes that night. If he didn't, I would ask him to do them the very next day.

Q And when you provided treatment, was it your personal policy to make a record of every incidence of treatment, every time you treated someone or gave someone a -- every time someone reported an incident or you treated

someone?

A Yes. Like I said, the only way I wouldn't is if I put a Band-Aid or something that was trivial and not of any significance. You know, most everything was recorded on a written sheet or a daily log. And then, from that, I would go through it and do my report for the evening.

Q Aside from the medical records of players, were there other procedures you could track medication use? Were there computerized inventory records or billing records that would allow one to track the use of medications?

A Yes. Like I said, I don't know what year we went on SportsLink or HomeLink, which is again for the division of SportPharm, but we started using the blister packs. And the other medications, even ointments for a dermatological problem or whatever, that would be scanned out, too. And before that time, then it would just be handwritten. We had a log.

Q Just so you know, Mr. Clemens has provided us with his medical records from the Blue Jays, and I am trying to figure out how to describe them in a way that you might be able to know which system you were using at the time. We have got a group of reports. There is a medications report, a physicians visit report, an injuries report, treatments report. It looks like they have got computerized entries and descriptions of the medical procedures and medications

that were given. Does that ring a bell about what system you might have been using? This was from 1998.

A Well, I think the telltale sign for me would be, if it is handwritten, it would be before SIMTRAC. If it is typed or looks like it is a computer printout within uniform boxes or fields that have to be completed, then it is in SIMTRAC.

Q Then it sounds like, in 1998, you would have been using the SIMTRAC system, because that matches the description of what we have. So that means, again, just to double back a little bit, that would mean that to the extent a player was given any kind of medication, there would be an almost instantaneous record made of that incidence of treatment?

A Yes, sir. Within, you know, a couple hours at that night. If it was 6 o'clock, I may not write it up until 8 o'clock or whatever. But it was within a reasonable time frame. And if it was scanned out, then it would be on a prescription drug printout, which is part of the HomeLinks system.

Q Okay. Was it team policy with regard to medications -- let's start first with prescription medications. Could trainers give out prescription medications, or was it only the team doctor?

A Only the team doctor. I mean, besides the order to

give it, it was the team doctor. And then I would get it right then and there if it was something we had or we would have a player or one of the people within the club house take a script and go get it for him.

Q Okay. And with injections, were injections ever given by trainers, or was it only team doctors?

A Only team doctors.

Q Okay. I am going to get to Brian McNamee in a little more detail later, but I will just ask right now. Did you ever observe Mr. McNamee giving any injections?

A No, I did not.

Q Did he ever give any injections that you were aware of?

A No, sir.

Q Did players come to you to get medications? Did they come to you and say, listen, in the case of B12, for example, I am feeling a little under the weather; I'm fatigued. Can I get a B12 shot?

Would they come to you with that kind of question, and would you then go to the team doctor?

A Correct.

Q Was that a common occurrence?

A No, it wasn't a common occurrence. You know, kind of -- I don't remember it being -- certainly wasn't like an everyday thing. It was, you know, a player here or there,

and it was usually a Latin player or somebody that, you know -- I wasn't a big B12 guy or whatever, so I wasn't going around talking about it or anybody coming up to me and asking me, because I don't really think it does a whole lot.

Q Do you ever remember a case where a player wanted a B12 shot but was just not able to get one? Dr. Taylor refused to give it to him?

A Not that I recall.

Q Okay. So you might not have approved -- the team -- you in particular. That is fine. Were you aware of Mr. Clemens ever receiving B12 shots when he was with the Blue Jays?

A Only if he came up to me and asked me if he can get one, and then Dr. Taylor would give it to him.

Q Did he ever do that?

A He did. But I don't know, I can't tell you how many times or how often or -- but I don't remember anybody, really, asking a lot. I don't ever remember any player really asking a lot on a regular basis for B12. We kept it on hand, but it wasn't like an everyday occurrence.

Q But Mr. Clemens did ask for B12, did come to you seeking B12 at some point?

A Yes. And he may have gone straight to Dr. Taylor, too, at times, and I might not have been aware of the initial contact because I was out on the bench or whatever.

Q Can you remember, any ballpark, how many times Mr. Clemens came to you for B12 shots?

A No. I couldn't list. A ballpark, I would just say under five.

Q More than one?

A Maybe. Between one and five tops. I don't remember a whole lot of requests.

Q Okay. Do you remember ever being in the room when Mr. Clemens was given a B12 shot?

A Yes, I think I was in there maybe for one or somewhere along the way. But, again, it wasn't often. I mean, I just vaguely remember getting one here or there.

Q Can you -- I know it was a long time ago. Can you think back to the date when that might have been?

A I have no clue on that.

Q Can you even think back maybe to the year?

A No. Not really. Because they all run together back there. I mean, you know, I wouldn't remember if it was '97, '98. I can't say for sure.

Q If you don't remember, you don't remember. That is fine. I am just going to see if it can jog your memory. Was it Mr. Clemens' first year with the Blue Jays? Was it his second year?

A If I would have to guess, and I would be strictly guessing, I would say first year. And I may be off. I may

be wrong.

Q Fair enough. Do you remember, was it Dr. Taylor who gave the shot, or was it you who gave the injection?

A It was Dr. Taylor.

Q And you are certain it was Dr. Taylor; it wasn't someone else on the medical staff?

A Correct.

Q Does anything else stand out about that shot? Do you remember if there were any complications or anything?

A None whatsoever. And I am sure I would remember that if there were.

Q In general, you were saying, again, you have been in athletic training for about 30 years; you have probably had a number of instances where athletes have received B12 shots. Have you ever seen any complications from a B12 shot?

A No. Not really. I can't say I have.

Q Again, can you, if you can, just try to give us a sense, how frequently would players come to you? How often would Dr. Taylor give B12 shots for players?

A I bet we didn't give three or four a year. And they came in bunches. Because it was like one guy said, I got a B12 or whatever and went to another guy, and we gave another one. But I cannot tell you. But it was very far and few between, I can tell you that. I don't remember just lining

up B12 shots on a regular basis at all.

Q Would you say that have you observed Dr. Taylor giving more than two B12 shots?

A In a season?

Q Let's ask the question both ways, in a season, or even over the course of your career. It sounds like you have worked a fairly long time together?

A Yes, we did. I don't recall ever seeing him give more than probably three or four in a season to different guys. I bet you it was very -- I know it was probably less than five.

Q Would you -- again, I know it is hard to answer to come up with some precision, but can you estimate about how many you saw Dr. Taylor give over the course of the time that the two of you were together?

A Well, I was there probably 13 years as a trainer, been in the league 15, and I would say I didn't see him give maybe more than 20.

Q Okay. And was it his policy when he gave B12 shots, to your knowledge, was it his policy that a trainer would be in the room at the time?

A Not a policy. No. I wasn't -- if I just happened to be in there, and I stayed in there. But not in every case, no.

Q Okay. I am going to talk about some information. I

know you don't have Mr. Clemens' medical records in front of you, but Mr. Clemens has provided his medical records to our committee. Through those records, the committee has learned that Mr. Clemens received treatment for an injury on his buttocks in July and August 1998. Do you remember this injury at all?

A No, I don't. Not at all. Unless it was something to do with sciatica or musculature of nature. But I don't recall. I am not real sure. Right off the top of my head, I don't remember anything out of the ordinary.

Q Okay. This was described as a palpable mass, soreness in the right buttocks, a collection of blood below the surface of the skin. Does any of this ring a bell?

A No, sir. Is my name on there?

Q It is not. There is a description in the injuries report, and I will read you that description. This was dated July 28, 1998: Roger received a B12 injection approximately 7 to 10 days ago into his right buttocks from Dr. Taylor of SkyDome. Roger started complaining of right buttocks soreness on July 28, 1998, after his start. He was examined by Dr. Gross on July 28, 1998. Diagnosis was a small collection of blood below the surface of skin. Okay for all activity. Therapy should consist of hydrocollator packs and ice packs alternating. Plus, Dr. Taylor prescribed Kloxocillin, 500 milligrams.

Any of that ring a bell?

A No, it doesn't, just what you've read. I mean, and even after then, it doesn't stick out in my mind at all. It didn't before you said that.

Q Okay. Would there be a way on these injury reports, is there a way to determine who wrote the report? Would there be any way we could identify who wrote it?

A Yes. Usually at the end of the report, once it is printed, the person that wrote it would have signed it. And it also may have had a printed name, or there may be a spot on there where it was a checked box on which trainer wrote it or which doctor signed off on it.

Dr. Cha. This is Steve Cha.

EXAMINATION

BY DR. CHA:

Q I am just curious, do you know if there is in terms of the system, was there sort of a summary report system that might exclude some of this information if they wanted to make us a quick printout?

A No. I mean, it is pretty much, if it was an injury report, an initial injury report, it would have been written up, and I don't think there would have been anything excluded.

Q Including the signature?

A No, sir. No. If it is a one-pager, it should have

the signature right at the bottom. And I remember most of the initial injury reports are all one page. They have kind of a subnote format, you know, or boxes that you have to fill in. But I don't, without seeing that one I couldn't tell you. But most of those are printed out and signed, and you would be able to read my name if it was on there, or Scott's.

Q But I guess we have sort of almost a paragraph summary of each of the reports rather than a full page on each of the reports. Does that ring a bell with you at all?

A No, sir. Not right now. I mean, without seeing it. Is it an injury report? What type of a report does it say at the top?

Q At the top it says, Injuries Report?

A Like a daily running with other players' names on there, or just his?

Q Just his.

A Then that is probably like an initial injury report with somebody's signature at the bottom. You know, if it was done by the trainer, whoever did the initial, he would have signed it. And if it was a daily injury report, whichever one of us did that day would have signed it. You know, there are two separate kinds of forms. One is like something that goes up to the general manager's office prior to the game; then the other one just goes in his chart, his

medical chart. And they would have records of those, both of them.

Q Okay. The description of the injuries in the report, this one, for example, that starts: Roger received a B12 injection approximately 7 to 10 days ago into his right buttocks from Dr. Taylor at SkyDome.

Would that description of when Mr. Clemens received the B12 shot have come from Mr. Clemens himself?

A No. It would have come from the trainer or the doctor, whoever wrote it that day.

Q And the trainer would have known that Mr. Clemens received the B12 injection because?

A He would have had to have written that report, so he would have put it in that day.

Q So the date that the injection was made, he would have had a report of it, a written report?

A He should have. I mean, you know, if it was one of those particular situations where Dr. Taylor did it and one of us was outside or whatever and then he wrote it or I had to get him to write it after I jogged his memory the next day or whatever. But in most cases I would say it would have been done that day or within the next couple of days for sure.

Q Okay. On this description, it notes that Dr. Taylor prescribed Kloxocillin for the injury?

A Uh-huh.

Q Do you know why Dr. Taylor would have done that?

A Ron used that Kloxocillin on pretty much any infection or where he was trying to cover somebody for a broad or wide range infection, like whether it be an ingrown toe or whatever. That was his drug of choice most of the time.

Q So presumably it would have been because of some concern over an infection?

A Correct.

Q Okay. Mr. Clemens was then sent for an MRI for this condition, for the injury. Do you have any memory of that?

A No, I do not.

Q Do you know, generally, is it fair to say that there must have been some level of concern among the doctors for Mr. Clemens to be sent for an MRI?

A Yes. Like an initial thing. Although they are very quick these days to do an MRI sometimes.

Q But to you, it does indicate that they believe this could have been a relatively serious problem?

A Yeah. Well, I don't know about serious, but they were just using it maybe as a tool to rule out something, rule out whether it is low back or whatever. But I don't recall the actual order of MRI. Right today, I don't remember that at all.

Q Is it the type of thing you would use to rule out an abscess?

A No. Usually not.

Q And, again, you have no memory of this injury to Mr. Clemens. You couldn't describe it, you couldn't describe if he came to you in pain?

A No, sir.

Q Okay. You had mentioned, again, in your 20-year career, it sounds like you have observed Dr. Taylor provide a couple dozen B12 shots. Are you aware, have you seen other patients, are you aware of other patients having received B12 shots?

A Yes.

Q And you have never seen them cause any kind of complication? No contusions or bleeding or?

A No, sir.

Q Nothing described as a palpable mass?

A No, sir.

Q Okay?

A I don't recall any.

Q Could other kinds of shots cause those kind of complications?

A I am sure it could, but I've never seen it that I recall.

Q If there was an injection that was performed by a

nonphysician, would it be more likely to cause complications? Injection?

A I would certainly think so. And that is the very reason I never did any and I never would, because I wouldn't want any complications to arise on any of my players, on anybody.

Q Are you aware of any other occasions when Mr. Clemens sought medical treatment, either from a member of the Blue Jays organization or any other medical professional, for an abscess or soft tissue infection or similar type injury?

A No, sir. Well, let me back up on that. He did get massages from an outside source. But as far as what he was getting treated, I don't know, because he was just doing that on his own. Which a lot of players could have done, and I wouldn't have ever known it. But I did know he had a massage therapist.

Q And do you know where he got those or who that massage therapist was?

A I know her name, but that is it. I don't know her company name or anything. I think her name was Cheryl. But I never like had to approve any bills. Like I said, it was completely something done by Roger outside on his own.

Q And to make sure I am clear on this, you never saw -- you remember when Brian McNamee was with the Blue

Jays?

A Yes, sir.

Q And were you aware of Mr. McNamee ever providing injections to players?

A No, sir.

Q Okay. I am going to move to a different set of questions on the issue of lidocaine. I don't know how much attention you have been paying, but soon after the Mitchell Report came out, Mr. Clemens gave an interview in which he described Mr. McNamee as having injected him with lidocaine. Were you, during this time with the Blue Jays, were you ever aware, did Mr. Clemens ever receive a lidocaine shot?

A Not that I was aware of.

Q Not from Dr. Taylor?

A No, sir.

Q Not from any of the trainers?

A No, sir.

Q And not from Mr. McNamee?

A No, sir.

Q Okay. Have you or any of the trainers ever provided lidocaine injections for any player?

A No, sir. I don't even know -- I would never do that. I don't understand why you would do that. I don't know why anybody would get lidocaine to go perform a pitch. That really baffled me. I don't know why that came about,

how it came about.

Q Do you think such injection, do you think they would be risky, a lidocaine injection by a nonmedical professional?

A Absolutely.

Q What could happen if someone who wasn't trained tried to perform such an injection?

A Well, I would think that they, you know, could miss and -- number one, and hit the wrong part of the anatomy or hit some, a nerve or whatever. I am sure there is an array of things that could go wrong. Even a physician doing it. I mean, I have never given one, but it never even crossed my mind.

Q So I think you have answered this, but I will ask it again. Mr. Clemens told 60 Minutes that Mr. McNamee, who of course is not a physician, injected him with lidocaine, gave lidocaine injections for lower back pain. Does it make sense to you that an athletic trainer like Mr. McNamee would perform injections for lower back pain?

A It doesn't make any sense. I don't know why he would do that.

Q Was Mr. Clemens pretty careful about the way he treated his body? To me, again, from the outside this was an athlete who was worth tens or hundreds of millions of dollars. Was he pretty careful about how he took care of

himself?

A Yes. He was very careful. He was in good shape. I mean, this guy worked hard. He ran a lot, you know, he lifted. He did the normal workouts. But he was a hardworking person. He made a good example for the other guys.

Q Does it sound like it would be out of character for him to do something like allow Mr. McNamee to inject him with lidocaine?

A It does to me. I don't know what the advantage of that would be, to numb an area. I just don't -- I was kind of baffled when I heard that one.

Q Has anyone else spoken to you about what you should say in response to questions from Congress?

A No, sir.

Q Has Mr. Clemens -- have any representatives of Mr. Clemens been in touch with you about the allegations?

A Yes, sir.

Q Can you describe those conversations?

A They were just asking me about my qualifications, sort of just like you guys did, and that sort of thing. Just, you know, the same sort of questions that you guys have asked me as well, about my education and what I would and would not do and those types of things.

Q Did they ask you any questions about this buttocks

injury of Mr. Clemens?

A Yes, they did. They asked me if I recall or remember anything, and I didn't. And I told them that it would all be in the records if it was true, because anything like that would be written up.

Q Okay. And they haven't provided you with the medical records?

A No, sir.

Q Okay. Thanks. I am going to turn it over to my colleague, Steve Castor.

EXAMINATION

BY MR. CASTOR:

Q Mr. Craig, when players come to the Blue Jays, are they advised of the protocols for handling medical treatments and shots and that type of thing?

A Are you asking me if they are advised of the protocols?

Q Yes.

A No, sir, not per se. They are not sat down and told, this is the protocol; this is how we do things here. It is more of a, I guess, an unwritten rule. They should have experienced it all along the way coming up through the Minor Leagues, the same uniform way of doing things. And if they come to us from another organization, of course, we only address things like that as they come up.

Q Presumably all teams do things probably a little bit differently. Is that fair to say?

A Yes, I would say, in some ways, that is true. But I would think a lot of teams, I don't know the exact number, are on SIMTRAC today. And before SIMTRAC, they may have had other systems for tracking injuries, or they just may have done your basic old notes and so forth.

Q I will use B12 as an example. It turns out we learned the Yankees organization, the doctors there or perhaps even trainers give B12 shots. You have helped us understand that the trainers on the Blue Jays don't. If anyone has given B12 shots, it is the doctors. We have known from previous work, the Orioles don't do B12 shots, but the Rangers do. Are the players advised when they come to the team about these rules of the road, or is this something they figure out as incidents come up?

A It is more they figure it out as incidents come up. I mean, they are not sat down and advised that specifically on injuries, you know, or medications or injections. And usually it has been my experience that your doctor tells you what we are going to do; what is the course of the treatment going to be? And we may suggest things, and he may say, this is what we are going to do. But I don't think there is ever any policy or something set up where this is the procedure for giving a B12 shot or whatever it may be.

Q Do the players generally know they shouldn't be having their personal trainers or nonmedical professionals administering injections though?

A Yes, sir. I would say that. Certainly more so in recent years, but I would think that would be just common sense.

Q As we understand it, the B12 shots I guess are a little bit more commonplace down in the Dominican Republic. Is that a true statement?

A Yes, I would say there or Venezuela. But that is the other -- I have seen it more in Latin American guys asking for it more than the guys from the U.S.

Q For the most part, the lidocaine injections or cortisone injections, are they provided by orthopedic surgeons?

A Correct. It is usually a mixture, you know, where the cortisone is mixed with the lidocaine or a Marcane or something like that and then given one injection jointly by the physician.

Q In your experiences, has that been the orthopedic surgeon who does that?

A Yes, sir.

Q In your time with the Blue Jays, did you ever come across any evidence that maybe some of your players were dabbling with steroids? Did you ever find any syringes or

vials laying around the trash or anything?

A No, I did not.

Q Did you ever have any suspicions that maybe some of the players were using steroids?

A No, sir. You only heard rumblings at times. And then you never really -- you know, you never saw anything. I don't ever recall anybody where it looked like there was a big drastic change. So I can't say that -- I never was approached, either, by anyone.

Q And in your time as the trainer, you never saw a player getting treatment for what might be considered an improperly injected steroid injury?

A No, sir.

Mr. Castor. I think that is all my questions. Thank you.

Mr. Cohen. All right. We will go off the record now.

[Whereupon, at 6:42 p.m., the telephone interview was concluded.]

Certificate of Deponent/Interviewee

I have read the foregoing ____ pages, which contain the correct transcript of the answers made by me to the questions therein recorded.

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