

1 Q As a result of those findings being normal
2 or negative, did you make a decision to perform more
3 surgery?

4 A We decided we would do what is called a mini
5 laparotomy, make a small incision in the abdomen and
6 look inside and feel inside and see if there is
7 something that might be the source of the malignancy
8 in the umbilical hernia and also give us an
9 opportunity to feel the other organs in the abdomen
10 such as the liver or spleen.

11 Q When you say you performed a mini
12 laparotomy, was Mr. Vandergucht put on general
13 anesthesia for that?

14 A He was.

15 Q Where approximately -- would you show us on
16 your own body where you would make the incision?

17 A Small rectus incision just to the right of
18 the umbilicus approximately four inches in length.

19 Q Then what did you do?

20 A We went into the abdominal cavity and
21 drained a large amount of what we call acidic fluid