

1 fluid sort of like hitting a stone wall, so the
2 ability of the heart to efficiently pump the normal
3 amount of blood is impaired with fluid accumulation.

4 Q Now, Doctor, from the medical records, the
5 one in May of 1993 --

6 A '80?

7 Q '93, May of 1993.

8 A Right.

9 Q Mr. Grewe was admitted to the hospital and
10 there was an attempt at a thoracentesis, but they were
11 unable to tap it because it was so thick?

12 A Well, they were unable to tap it. What they
13 tried to do is put a needle in here to drain out
14 fluid, much like with Mr. Vandergucht.

15 They put a needle into his abdomen to drain
16 fluid out, and what they were trying to do is drain
17 fluid here to alleviate some of his symptoms.

18 They were unable to tap it. I don't know
19 that it is because it was so thick. I suspect because
20 very little of this was fluid and most of it is mass,
21 tumor.