Department for the histological review.

Q Did Mr. Vandergucht have any additional surgical procedures done?

A Yes, sir. After this diagnosis, diagnosis of cancer was made, a second procedure was performed to determine the extent of the cancer, and to get more tissue for diagnosis, and that was performed one or two months after his hernia procedure was performed.

Q And was that a laparotomy?

A That was a laparotomy with biopsy.

Q What is a laparotomy, just briefly?

A Laparotomy is basically an incision made into the abdomen and a search for disease processes.

Q And was it after the laparotomy -- did the laparotomy reveal any further findings that were consistent with mesothelioma?

A Yes. The surgeon described the abdomen as being stunted with tumor nodules. I believe the term used, there were tumor nodules all over the intestines, and he biopsied one of the tumor nodules during the procedure.