

1           Are you currently board certified in  
2   surgery?

3           A     I am not board certified.

4           Q     Doctor, a number of years ago did the State  
5   of Maryland institute some type of process or  
6   accreditation in which surgeons could be certified who  
7   weren't board certified?

8           A     The Maryland Board of Quality Assurance --  
9   approximately 10 years ago -- in order that certain  
10   specialists who were calling themselves surgical  
11   specialists were qualified, require that all nonboard  
12   certified specialists submit their credentials to that  
13   board.

14                That included credentials stipulating board  
15   eligibility, letters of recommendation and the type of  
16   practice that you participated in.

17                I did that and was given that recognition  
18   approximately 10 years ago to be or to call myself a  
19   surgeon specialist.

20           Q     Okay. Doctor, you mentioned earlier that in  
21   fact you operated on and treated Jean Vandergucht.