

1 A I did.

2 Q What did that examination reveal?

3 A A healthy male appearing to be 68. He had a
4 small incarcerated umbilical hernia approximately two
5 to three centimeters in diameter which was according
6 to the patient intermittently painful.

7 He had also admitted to approximately a 10
8 to 15 pound weight loss.

9 Q Ten to fifteen pound weight loss?

10 A Yes. Also, he had intermittent pain because
11 of the hernia.

12 Q Can you tell me what an incarcerated
13 umbilical hernia is?

14 A Small defect in the abdominal wall occurs in
15 the area of the umbilicus such that the lining of the
16 abdominal cavity is allowed to protrude through and
17 come up against the skin of the abdominal wall and
18 with time, the increased pressure, the intra-abdominal
19 contents, the fatty omentum and sometimes the
20 projection can inject into that hernia sac and cause
21 pain.