

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.