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Re: Claudine Clayman-Cook SSN #572-04-7178

February 3, 2011

Dear Ms. Reason:

Ms. Claudine Clayman-Cook has been under my care since April 2010 for infectious complications that developed following revision breast augmentation surgery performed in August 2009. In November 2009, she first developed blistering ulcerations of the right chest wall. Infection of the skin and breast tissue with *Staphylococcus* species was confirmed and deeper infection of the right breast implant was clinically suspected. Over the next 12 months, she developed recurrent skin ulcerations and chest wall/breast infection that required multiple courses of intravenous and oral anti-staphylococcal antibiotic therapy. Ultimately, the bilateral breast implants were removed on November 4, 2010, to control the recurrent infection. As a result, she has been unable to work since 2009.

Although there has been no evidence of recurrent chest wall or breast infection since the breast implants were removed, Ms. Clayman-Cook continues to experience significant short-term disability and physical limitation related to persistent post-operative incision pain and joint and muscle pain related to fibromyalgia and osteoarthritis.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Pegues".

David A. Pegues, MD