

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION)
OF AMERICA, INC., et al,)

Plaintiffs,)

vs.)

Case No. 3:16-cv-00236
(WHO)

CENTER FOR MEDICAL PROGRESS,)
et al.,)

Defendants.)

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VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF

MARY GATTER, M.D.

IRVINE, CALIFORNIA

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1 BY MR. BREEN:

2 Q So if you can give me an estimate of maybe
3 the lower range of gestational age, that would be
4 helpful.

10:59:59

5 MS. BOMSE: Objection. Vague.

6 THE WITNESS: Eight to twelve weeks, maybe.

7 BY MR. BREEN:

11:00:13

8 Q And at that time, were you -- were you as
9 well not providing -- you were not doing abortions
10 above 16 weeks gestational age?

11 A In fact, when I was there, I was going to
12 14 weeks.

13 Q Actually, let me just ask.

11:00:26

14 Is there a reason that you go up to 16 weeks
15 but no further?

16 A No. I just feel comfortable at that
17 gestational age. Yeah.

11:00:42

18 Q Okay. And at the PPLA time -- so we're going
19 to the PPLA time -- with that fetal tissue
20 procurement, would the surgeon in any way change the
21 abortion procedure for those patients who had
22 consented to donate fetal tissue?

23 MS. BOMSE: Objection. Vague. Calls for
24 speculation.

11:00:55

25 You can answer.

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1 THE WITNESS: Not the procedure.

2 BY MR. BREEN:

11:01:06

3 Q Okay. And when you say "not the procedure,"
4 would the surgeon change anything besides the
5 procedure for those patients who had agreed to
6 provide fetal tissue?

11:01:25

7 A Not the procedure, which is the abortion.
8 Not the method, which is aspiration abortion. The
9 techniques -- sometimes there was a lively
10 discussion about whether it was permitted or not
11 permitted to change the technique, and we were still
12 debating that in Los Angeles when I left.

11:01:39

13 But by the time I met Mr. Daleiden and his
14 associated, I had evolved in my thinking to think
15 that changing the technique to get better tissue was
16 allowed.

11:01:51

17 Q I want to make sure we unpack that so we're
18 all clear.

19 So when you say the procedure -- because you
20 said three things; procedure, method, technique.

21 A Right.

11:02:01

22 Q Would you describe for us what is your
23 understanding of the meaning of the word
24 "procedure"?

25 A An abortion.