

Appendix #95

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE
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MEMO

DATE; May 2, 1994

TO: David A. Goldstein, MD
Chief, Division of General Internal Medicine

FROM: David Cundiff, MD *David Cundiff*

RE: Medicine ward attending for May 1994

I received your letter responding to my physician restricting me to 40 hours hospital work per week due to my left hip bursitis. The Cancer Pain Service now follows about 250 active patients, 95% of whom are at home or in nursing homes. We have been averaging about 40 new consults per month in recent months. The medical residents rotating on the service see only the inpatients. As a nurse, Cadena Bedney cannot make medical decisions or prescribe medication which is required to run the Cancer Pain Service. If I attend on the medical service, I cannot avoid working 55 to 60 hour weeks. Additional physician staffing for the service would be needed to reduce my hours of work.

Because of the realities of the Cancer Pain Service workload and my medical condition, I will accept the medical ward attending assignment under protest.

cc: Richard L. Tannen, MD, Chairman, Dept. of Medicine
Sol Bernstein, MD, Medical Director
Patric Mayers, LLD