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| BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD |
| NUVASIVE, INC. Petitioner |
| V. |
| WARSAW ORTHOPEDICS, INC. Patent Owner |
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| Case IPR2013-00206 Patent 8,251,997 |

PETITIONER'S OPPOSITION TO PATENT OWNER'S MOTION TO EXCLUDE



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INTRODUCTION

Petitioner NuVasive, Inc. opposes Warsaw's motions to exclude, filed Apr. 25, 2014. Warsaw ignores appropriate uses of evidence. For example, much of the evidence in question is offered to rebut incorrect statements of Warsaw and its expert, Dr. Sachs. Other evidence is offered for background on the state of the art and knowledge of a person of skill in the art, in addition to rebuttal. As set forth below, Warsaw's objections must be denied.

I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The timeline presented by Warsaw is generally accurate. That said, NuVasive does not agree that Warsaw's objections were with "sufficient particularity to allow correction." 37 CFR § 42.64(b)(1). Warsaw's objections were general, and did not identify the particular issues it now addresses in its motion. See Papers 20 and 45.

II. ARGUMENT

A. EXHIBITS 1001 AND 1014: THE CROCK AFIDAVIT

NuVasive submitted, with its Petition as appendices to the Dr. McAfee's declaration, a 1982 Crock paper and a Crock Affidavit that is the subject of Warsaw's motion to exclude. Ex. 1001, pp. 40-53 (1982 Crock paper), pp. 54-85 (Crock Affidavit). The Crock Affidavit is made under oath. See Ex. 1001, p. 56; see also Ex. 1014, p. 2. The affidavit complies with Australian Law, and Warsaw makes no contention to the contrary.

Dr. McAfee cites – in a section of his declaration titled "Background Knowledge One of Skill in the Art Would have Had Prior to the Filing of the '997 Patent" – the 1982 Crock



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paper and Crock Affidavit as state of the art evidence, that lateral approaches to the spine were known before the '997 patent's earliest claimed priority (1995), and that knowledge came not only from Jacobson, but also from other sources such Dr. Crock's 1982 paper. See Ex. 1001, ¶ 11. On Oct. 21, 2013, in response to Warsaw's objections (Paper 19), NuVasive served Warsaw with the Crock Affidavit as a separate exhibit (later filed as Ex. 1014), and with a complete set of appendices to the Dr. Crock Affidavit (later filed as Ex. 1015-1021). See NuVasive transmittal letter, Oct. 21, 2013, serving supplemental evidence pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.64(b)(2).

Though Warsaw could have cross examined Dr. Crock on this direct testimony as routine discovery, 37 CFR § 42.51(b)(1)(ii), Warsaw chose not to do so. Instead, Warsaw responded with testimony of its expert, Dr. Sachs (Ex. 2038), who contended, incorrectly, that the 1982 Crock paper does not disclose a lateral approach and translaterally positioned implant. See Ex. 2038, ¶¶ 46-48. Dr. Sachs went further, stating lateral approaches had never been done before 1995. See *id.*, ¶ 48. Finally, Dr. Sachs stated, in essence, Dr. Crock testified falsely about his 1982 paper and lateral work in his Affidavit. See *id.*, ¶ 48. Dr. Sachs did this, despite Warsaw having not cross examined Dr. Crock on the issues.

NuVasive, with its Reply, offered evidence responding the Dr. Sachs' opinions related to Dr. Crock's teachings. *See, e.g.*, Ex. 1029, ¶¶ 7, 9, 10, 100. NuVasive submitted the Dr. Crock Affidavit, this time as a separate exhibit (Ex. 1014), as well as a complete set



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