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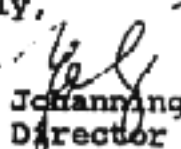
NOTE TO THE CHART:

RE: CHARLES LAKE

My last report dated 3/13/96, should be corrected as indicated on the chart copy on page #2, and should read as follows:

I do not feel that Mr. Lake is presently fit to operate a truck that requires him to have contact with various chemical products or involves demanding physical labor. I do feel that this condition which has been stated in this report is causally related to his exposure to unknown chemicals. A Workers' Compensation claim has been filed in this respect indicating that this was the competent producing cause of the injury and disability.

Sincerely,


Eckardt Johannung, M.D., M.Sc.
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CHARLES LAKE
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for the skin condition. He reported that he has not returned to his previous employment as a truck driver, that he does not feel physical fit to do that job. He also complained about low back pain problems. He reported that he has been scheduled to see a physician in Pennsylvania since his Workers' Compensation claim should be filed in this state.

He reported that he has problems doing various jobs because he has increased sensitivity to dust and chemical exposures as well as problems doing mechanical muscular work. He has moved to a different home away from the farming area because he thought this may have effected his breathing capacity. He continues to report sinus problems for which he is seeing a ear, nose, and throat specialist at Albany Medical Center. He has been treated with Saline solution. During his most recent visit he reported that he is getting physical therapy for the arms and shoulders. He is completing his GED requirements in order to proceed with vocational training and rehabilitation. His most recent medications include Flexoril and hypertension medication. He has discontinued all asthma medication.

Physical examination: his blood pressure was 130/84mmHg. He had good air movements. Examination of the lungs were all normal.

Occupational history and exposure circumstances of the present problem has been detailed previously and by others in past medical reports. Apparently, he had exposure to a substance which has not been further specified and which had been transported in his trailer.

This has been described by Dr. Marino, in her report from July 27, 1993. It appears that most of his medical, respiratory and skin problems are in time and place a result of this exposure.

FINDINGS ARE DIAGNOSED:

Hyperactive airway disease problems, chronic dermatitis, chronic sinusitis, allergy, and hypertension.

It is recommended that in the future he should avoid any exposure to irritant gases, fumes and chemicals as well as any known allergens. Because of the overall situation of your medical problems, I do not feel that he is presently medically ~~able~~ to operate a truck that requires him to have contact with various chemical products and involves demanding physical labor. Any re-exposure to chemical irritants and allergens can substantially worsen his present respiratory condition and airway problems. I do feel that he is totally disabled in his previous job as a truck driver. Vocational training for other jobs is advised and appears possible provided that he does not return to any



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SUBJECT: CHARLES LAKE
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 D.O.B.: 12/1/53

I reviewed again the results of the visits at the Eastern New York Occupational Health Program from 8/4/94, 11/7/94, 4/12/95, 7/19/95, and 1/2/96. This is a summary of the findings.

Mr. Lake has previously been seen by my predecessor, Dr. David Orgal, his last visit with him was 6/11/92. He also has been seen by Dr. Marino, from the Mt. Sinai Occupational Health Program in Hudson Valley, New York. He has a diagnosis of chemical irritant reaction and mucous membrane irritation. He apparently also had great social and financial problems as a result of his medical problems and his inability to perform his previous job as a truck driver.

At the time he reported severe fatigue problems, depression, stomach aches, chest pain-particular with exertion, skin discoloration and a rash. He reported later that he had been admitted to the Albany Medical Center, October 1994, with complaints of chest pain. Apparently, a myocardial infarction has been ruled out, however, his pulmonary function test did reportedly show a 30% capacity lost as he was told by his physician. He has been placed on Azmacort medication and Synthroid medication. He reported that previously he had normal pulmonary function test.

I have recently been provided with medical records from the Albany Medical Center. A pulmonary function test from August 5, 1994, did show moderate obstructive pulmonary impairment. His FVC pretest was 6.5 liters, FEV1 was 4.1 liters and had a ratio of 63%. Post bronchodilator medication his ratio, FEV1/FVC improved to 83% with a change of 32%. In comparison, a pulmonary function test done in our laboratory on April 10, 1992, showed a FVC of 4.8 liters, a FEV1 of 3.9 liters and a ratio of 82%. These are normal results. A subsequent test from July 19, 1995, shows a pulmonary function test again with mild restriction and obstruction. His FVC was 3.75 liters, FEV1 was 3.13 liters and a ratio of 83.46%, without any medical treatment.

In subsequent visits Mr. Lake complained about an ongoing respiratory problem and skin problems. He continues to take Prevental medication, Azmacort, and over-the-counter medication

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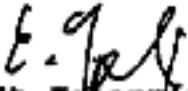
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environment exposing him to obvious lung irritants. At his most recent visit it appeared that his condition overall has stabilized and that he would be able to return to some form of gainful employment provided the exposure restriction is complied with.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,



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