

IN THE STATE COURT OF COBB COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

MARIE LEONARD, Individually and as :
Administrator of the ESTATE OF :
JAMES LEONARD, her deceased husband, :
Plaintiff, :

v. :

COBB HOSPITAL, INC. d/b/a :
WELLSTAR COBB HOSPITAL, :
WELLSTAR HEALTH SYSTEM, INC., :
YACOB GHEBREMESKEL, M.D., John :
Doe Individual, John Doe Company, John :
Doe Medical, :
Defendants. :

CIVIL ACTION
FILE NO. 2010A2896-6

QUALIFIED PROTECTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, this matter comes before the Court on Defendants' Motion for a Qualified Protective Order, and;

WHEREAS, this Court has considered Defendants' Motion, all responsive pleadings, and Georgia law as set forth in the recent case of Baker v. WellStar Health Systems, Inc., S10A0994 (June 1, 2010);

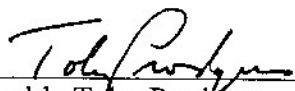
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that counsel for all Defendants in this action are hereby permitted to engage in *ex parte* communications with James Leonard's treating physicians and other healthcare providers. This Court notes, however, that Mr. Leonard's treating physicians and other healthcare providers are not required to engage in informal discovery communications with Defendants' counsel, but they may do so at their own choosing. These communications will be limited to matters relevant to Mr. Leonard's medical condition which is at issue in this proceeding.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants' counsel are forbidden from using or

disclosing Plaintiff's protected health information for any purpose other than this litigation.

IF IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants' counsel shall return any protected health information to the physicians and other healthcare providers or destroy the protected health information, including all copies made, at the end of this litigation.

SO ORDERED this 1st day of July, 2010.



Honorable Toby Proddgers
Judge, State Court of Cobb County

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have this date served copies of the within and foregoing Order by mailing same (through the Cobb County Mail System) to the parties in this case as follows:

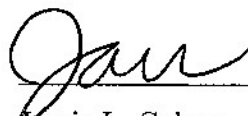
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