

13-205. Patient's history as told to doctor.

A medical witness may testify about statements concerning a person's medical history and condition that were made for purposes of diagnosis or treatment. [Such statements are not evidence of their own truth, but they may be considered to show the information upon which the witness's diagnosis or medical opinion was based.] To whatever extent the opinion of the witness is based upon such statements, you may consider the trustworthiness of the statements in determining the weight to be given to the witness's opinion.

USE NOTES

This instruction should be given, if requested by counsel, when a medical witness testifies to a statement concerning a person's medical history or condition made for purposes of diagnosis or treatment. If the statement is not admissible for its truth, the bracketed sentence should be given and the instruction may be given as a limiting instruction at the time the witness testifies. If not given at that time, the instruction should be given at the conclusion of the case, if requested by counsel, with the other instructions to the jury.

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