

# Company's defense hurt in Rely trial

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CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — A doctor denies accusations by Procter & Gamble that he altered a death certificate so the family of a young woman could blame her death on Rely tampons and claim millions in damages from P&G.

Dr. John Jacobs, who treated Patricia Kehm for toxic shock syndrome linked to the use of Rely tampons, told a federal jury Tuesday a P&G attorney falsely

accused him of altering Kehm's death certificate to list TSS as the cause of death.

Jacobs' testimony in the civil wrongful-death trial brought by Kehm's husband appeared to damage P&G's defense that either Kehm never had the disease or it was caused by something other than Rely. Her family's suit seeks more than \$30 million in damages.

Kehm, 25, mother of two

young daughters, used Rely tampons for the first time Sept. 2, 1980. She died during emergency treatment at Mercy Hospital four days later.

Dr. Bruce Dan, who headed the TSS task force at the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, emphatically stated in earlier testimony that Kehm was infected with TSS from her tampon. P&G said she could have been infected by an intrauterine device.

P&G attorney Tim White also said doctors initially were uncertain what caused Kehm's death. He said Jacobs did not list TSS on her charts until after he was contacted by an attorney for the Kehm family.

Kehm attorney Tom Riley asked Jacobs whether the doctor had been coerced into changing the records.

"No," Jacobs said. "It is absolutely false. I did not change the diagnosis on the death certifi-

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By Scott McCullin

## Sheds dangerous, study shows

# Farmers' lungs menaced

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IOWA CITY, Iowa — Farmers who work in animal confinement buildings run the risk of getting respiratory ailments similar to the lung diseases of coal miners and textile workers, research shows.

A six-year study at the University of Iowa showed more than 70 percent of the people who work in confinement sheds have symptoms of respiratory ailments.

Kelley Donham, who heads the school's Preventive Medicine

and Environmental Health program, said the lung disorders pose a widespread problem because about 70 percent of hogs raised in the Midwest are in confinement.

"About 30,000 different hog operations in Iowa use these

confinement buildings," he said. "On the average, there are three people per operation there are about 90,000 people in Iowa exposed to this."

Officials estimate a 350,000 people could be affected nationwide.

A former veteran Donham first became interested in the human health hazards of confinement buildings when he experienced signs of bronchitis after working in a hog confinement building for several years. "I would come out coughing, my chest would feel very tight, and I would have a lot of sputum and phlegm," he said. "I felt those were not the symptoms of a healthy environment and considered it worth a investigation."

Donham said a preliminary study discovered about 70 percent of confinement building workers had respiratory ailments. However, most ailments were not serious.

Those initial findings supported by an in-depth study funded by the National Occupational Safety and Health Administration during the study Donham discovered a frightening trend.

"We also saw occasional fatal problems develop, primarily as the result of hydrogen sulfide gas, which is liberated from liquid manure stored in buildings," he said. "As manure is agitated, it liberates large amounts of this toxic gas."

The study found nine people who died from such problems in Iowa and southern Wisconsin. Another 14 people were covered near death from gas.

"About 50 percent of buildings have the capability of producing acute toxic situations if the manure is agitated in appropriate amount," Donham said. "With this type of risk, wonder there haven't been deaths."

Donham said the concept of confinement operations is relatively new, so it would be difficult to determine whether farmers face permanent lung damage from working in the buildings.

He said it will probably take 10 to 15 years — as it did in the case of cotton textile and grain mill workers — before researchers can detect permanent lung damage.

However, his study found out 55 people who had developed chronic bronchitis, which is a lingering disease. Pulmonary tests, which measured how well the lungs functioned, were conducted on volunteers before they entered confinement buildings and again after they had worked inside for four hours.

"We found a significant decrease in the ability for air to enter in and out of their lungs as a result of that exposure," Donham said. "What this means as far as permanent lung damage is unclear."

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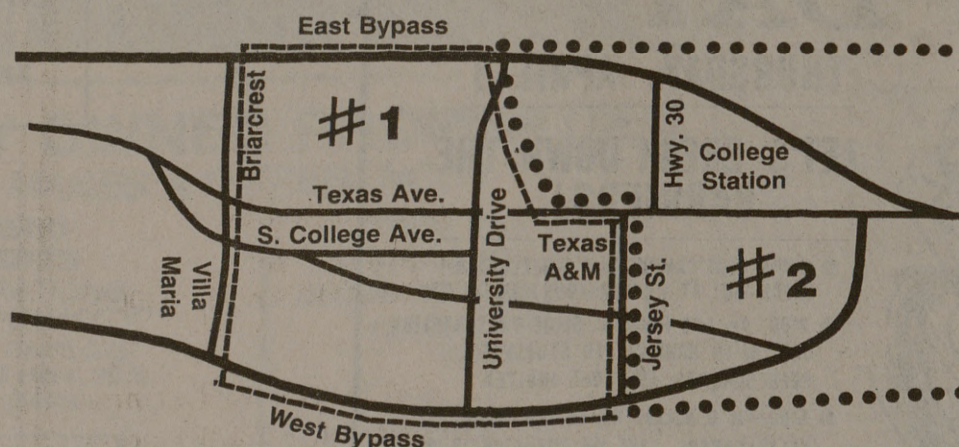


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