

Q. Isn't that correct?

A. This is one of the purported facts, yes.

Q. Well, it was one of the facts that you referred to in your article?

A. Yes.

Q. Correct?

A. Yes.

Q. And then, Doctor, you went on to finish that statement by saying:

"... but the risks for a woman who becomes pregnant are considered greater."

A. Yes.

Q. Is that correct?

A. Right.

Q. So, again, you were balancing the risk of taking this oral contraceptive medication against the risk of pregnancy?

A. That's true.

Q. And there are certain risks to pregnancy, are there not?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know how many women in this country die in the birth per—

A. Per year?

Q. (Continuing)—per year per million?

A. No, I don't.

Q. Well, there are some risks, though?

A. There are quite a few, yes.

Q. And the risk of blood clots?

A. Yes.

Q. And the risk of death in childbirth?

A. Yes.

Q. Now, Doctor, some of the women who die in childbirth do so because they don't have adequate prenatal care?

A. True.

Q. And adequate postnatal care?

A. True.

Q. And their babies are delivered in facilities that are not adequate?

A. Yes.

Q. And sometimes by doctors who are not well trained?

A. Yes.

Q. Is that correct?

A. Yes, these are all correct.

Q. So to the extent that the human female has good prenatal care, good postnatal care, her babies are delivered in good facilities, she is on a good diet, and she is watched by a good obstetrician, her risk of death lowers in childbirth, isn't that correct?

A. That's true.

Q. And you are aware of the fact, Doctor, that in South Bend, Indiana, we have good medical facilities, is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. And our gynecologists here are well trained?

A. (Nodding.)

Q. Is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. And so a woman in South Bend, Indiana, who has good medical attention, and is delivered at one of our local hospitals, is on a good diet, has good prenatal care and good postnatal care, has a much lower incident of death in childbirth than the women who do not, isn't that correct, just from statistics?

A. Yes. I would have to agree.

Q. And that would be true, wouldn't it?

A. Yes.

Q. So to the extent, Doctor, that the risk of death from childbirth goes down, as it is in South Bend, Indiana, where you have good facilities and a good doctor, the risk of a blood clot from an oral contraceptive goes up, as you balance the risks?

A. All right.

Q. Isn't that correct, Doctor?

A. It would have to be, if you diminished the other risks.

Q. All right.

Now, Doctor, I take it as part of your professional attitude toward your