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Re: the float test / hydrostatic lung test

Dear Ms Paltrow:

We, the undersigned, affirm that in our opinion, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty, the float test / hydrostatic lung test is not a scientifically reliable test or indicator of live birth.

Given the education, training, experience, positions, and number of the undersigned, it is clear that the float test is not generally accepted within the forensic pathology community.

Respectfully yours,

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