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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

MICHAEL T. RYAN,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

CORIZON; et al.,

Defendants-Appellees.

No. 20-17200

D.C. No. 2:18-cv-02596-DJH

MEMORANDUM\*

Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the District of Arizona

Diane J. Humetewa, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted September 14, 2021\*\*

Before: PAEZ, NGUYEN, OWENS, Circuit Judges.

Arizona state prisoner Michael T. Ryan appeals pro se from the district court's summary judgment in his 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action alleging deliberate indifference to his serious medical needs. We have jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1291. We review de novo. *Toguchi v. Chung*, 391 F.3d 1051, 1056

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\* This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by Ninth Circuit Rule 36-3.

\*\* The panel unanimously concludes this case is suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

(9th Cir. 2004). We affirm.

The district court properly granted summary judgment because Ryan failed to raise a genuine dispute of material fact as to whether defendant Weigel was deliberately indifferent in the treatment of Ryan's knee injury. *See id.* at 1057-60 (deliberate indifference is a high legal standard; medical malpractice, negligence, or a difference of opinion concerning the course of treatment does not amount to deliberate indifference).

We reject as without merit Ryan's contention he was improperly denied discovery.

We do not consider matters not specifically and distinctly raised and argued in the opening brief. *See Padgett v. Wright*, 587 F.3d 983, 985 n.2 (9th Cir. 2009).

Ryan's motion for status update (Docket Entry No. 24) is denied as moot.

**AFFIRMED.**