

Medical Malpractice - Patient Received Drug Overdose After Surgery - Coma - Death - \$500,000 Confidential Settlement

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Brief Statement of Claim: The plaintiff's intestate was a 77-year-old widow with one married adult son. The deceased had recently undergone heart surgery to repair an aortic aneurysm. She tolerated the surgery well and was making a very rapid recovery.

After being transferred from the cardiothoracic intensive care unit, she received an overdose of Glyburide, causing her to lapse into a coma. She died approximately nine days later.

Principal Injuries (in order of severity): Death

Special Damages: n/a

Tried or settled: Settled before suit filed

County where tried or settled: Confidential

Case Name and number: *Confidential*

Date Concluded: February 2000

Name of Judge: n/a

Amount: \$500,000

Insurance Carrier: n/a

Expert Witnesses and areas of expertise: n/a

Attorneys for plaintiffs: William S. Mills of Glenn, Mills & Fisher, Durham

Other Useful Info: The plaintiff's deceased had moved to the same town as her son in order to form a close relationship with her grandchildren. The closeness of her relationship to her son and his children, and her daily involvement in their lives, was the most critical factor in reaching a timely resolution of this claim, according to plaintiff's counsel.