

Emergency Room Negligence

Valerie Campbell v. Carnival Cruise Lines, et al

Settlement: \$6,300,000.00

Valerie Campbell was a black jack dealer on a Carnival cruise ship and became ill with flu-like symptoms on a cruise. She was treated by the ship's doctors and eventually airlifted to Mount Sinai Hospital in Miami Beach, Florida, at which time she was diagnosed with a virus in her brain. Due to the delay in getting Valerie to a proper healthcare facility, and due to delays in diagnosis and treatment for her condition, Valerie suffered extensive brain injury resulting in quadriplegia. This case was litigated by Robert J. Dickman and Manuel Epelbaum.

Louis Pare v. North Miami General Hospital

Settlement: \$2,000,000.00

Plaintiff was involved in a car accident and went to the emergency room at North Miami General Hospital complaining of neck pain and dizziness. He was diagnosed with having a whiplash. Rather than remaining in the hospital, he signed out AMA. Several days later, he passed out and suffered a blunt trauma to his head resulting in a brain bleed. Plaintiffs sued the emergency room alleging that they failed to diagnose a neck fracture at the time that the Plaintiff was in the emergency room, which would have resulted in his admission diagnosis and would have resulted in his not suffering blunt trauma to the brain. This case was settled during trial by Manuel Epelbaum and Robert J. Dickman.

John Doe v. XYZ Hospital

Settlement: \$1,750,000.00

Plaintiff was twenty-six weeks pregnant when she presented to the emergency room with severe abdominal pain and lab work showing abnormal liver values. Rather than admit the patient or send her to a tertiary facility such as XYZ Hospital to obtain immediate care, the Plaintiff was discharged. Two days later, Plaintiff was admitted to XYZ Hospital suffering from pregnancy induced hypertension and preeclampsia. Emergency vaginal delivery was performed resulting in injury to the baby. The child today suffers hemiplegia and brain injury. This case settled with the hospital and obstetrician and is pending against the emergency room physician. This case was litigated by Manuel Epelbaum.

Love v. Veterans Administration

Settlement: \$1,200,000.00

Plaintiff was a Vietnam War veteran who suffered a sharp nail injury to his back and was treated for several years at the Veterans Administration. On the date in question, he presented to the emergency room at the VA hospital in Miami complaining of severe back pain and difficulty with urination. He was discharged home. The following morning, the Plaintiff found himself to be paraplegic. He was unable to move his extremities and was immediately rushed to the hospital where he was diagnosed as paraplegic. The Plaintiff sued the Veterans Administration alleging that the emergency room physician failed to properly assess the Plaintiff's condition and properly interpret an MRI which would have resulted in immediate admission and surgery. This case was litigated by Robert J. Dickman.