

VERDICTS & SETTLEMENTS

Stomach surgery results in death three years later

\$1.75 million settlement



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The plaintiff underwent gastric bypass surgery in December 2003. The defendant surgeon's procedure resulted in an incorrect intestinal attachment, known as a Roux-en-O configuration. The plaintiff had three

additional exploratory operations with some or all of the defendant physicians to evaluate the problem, but it was not discovered.

The improper attachment created a critical and life-threatening condition for the plaintiff. For a period of nearly three years, the plaintiff withstood constant nausea, chills, fever, dizziness and lightheadedness as a result of the condition and would vomit up to 12 times a day.

The incorrect surgical attachment was finally discovered by a subsequent treating physician in October 2006; the plaintiff passed away in December as a direct and proximate result of the negligent care and treat-

ment of the defendants.

The case settled prior to any discovery being taken by either side.

Type of action: Medical malpractice

Injuries alleged: Death

Name of case: Withheld

Court/case no.: Withheld

Tried before judge or jury: N/A
(settled)

Amount of settlement: \$1.75 million

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