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PLAINTIFF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE VERDICTS
(CLARK COUNTY: 1996 - 2001)

Date of Verdict	District Ct. Case #	Case Name	Nature of Case	Panel Findings	Results of Mandatory Settlement Conference		Verdicts	Insurance Company
					Judge Evaluation	Defense Offer		
1	Mar-97 A312211	Ross v. Sparkhul	Penis erroneously injected with acid rather than Lidocaine; required reconstructive surgery	No Negligence Unable to Determine		\$100,000	\$545,000	Valley Hospital (100%)
2	Nov-98 A347451	Schmitz v. Ebert					\$500,000	
3	May-99 A330489	Burney v. Kramer	Permanent injury to baby at birth	Negligence	\$1,000,000	\$200,000	\$5,350,000	Doctors Company
4	Jun-99 A354647	Cleveland v. Capanna	Spine surgery at wrong level Failure to recognize internal bleeding leading to death of 61 year old woman	Negligence No Negligence	\$325,000	\$0	\$450,000	St. Paul
5	Jul-99 A320120	Schrader v. Swain	Death of 70 year old man when negligently inserted breathing tube	Negligence	\$900,000	\$100,000	\$3,406,355	CNA Insurance Doctors Company
6	Dec-99 A376883	Pucket v. Valley Hosp.	Failure to timely diagnose facial fractures resulting in permanent nerve damage and complex surgical repair	Negligence	\$100,000		\$983,000	Valley Hospital (100%)
7	Mar-00 A352612	Marquez v. Southwest Medical					\$1,200,000	AIG Insurance
8	Mar-00 A381955	Gairney v. Valley Hosp.					\$55,000	
9	Apr-00 A347725	Ruppert v. Buzzard	Total blindness in one eye				\$2,000,000	
	Apr-00 A387463	Makuch v. Fremont Medical Center	Lost biopsy with potential diagnosis for malignancy in foot	No Screening Panel			\$130,000	Doctors Company
	Jul-00 A357782	Rice v. Torres	Botched C-Section on 32 year old woman, first child, with post-op bleeding resulting in hysterectomy	No Negligence	\$80,000	\$0	\$205,000	Doctors Company
	Sep-00 A352025	Fowler v. Egledar	Failure to timely diagnose femur fracture resulting in ischemia to lower leg with resulting nerve damage	Negligence	\$450,000	\$0	\$1,237,220	No Insurance; Dr. pays monthly
	Sep-00 A385787	Suprien v. Poon	Adult circumcision with removal of 1" from center of penis	Negligence	\$1,000,000	\$200,000	\$515,000	St. Paul
	Mar-01 A361891	Watts v. Reliable Medical Care	Baby injured at birth with permanent brain damage leaving boy 9 months old mentally with need for lifelong care	Negligence No Negligence	\$3,500,000	\$2,000,000	\$6,000,000	Judge ordered new trial for other defendants; Professional Underwriters settled \$1,000,000 for Dr. Turner

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15	Mar-01 A379411	<i>Spradlin v. Hito</i>	Failure to rule out cauda equina syndrome resulting in depression of disc and permanent nerve damage	Negligence	\$1,000,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$1,500,000 (49% cont. negligence reduced verdict to \$765,000)	Doctors Company; St. Paul settled for ER Dr. for \$300,000
16	May-01 A412884	<i>Irving v. Sunrise</i>	Retained sponge requiring 4 follow-up needle aspirations	Negligence	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$25,000	\$78,000	Settled with doctor before trial; verdict against hospital 100% Doctors Company
17	Jul-01 A373928	<i>Banks v. Sunrise</i>	51 year old now in persistent vegetative state; \$14,000/per month life care	No Negligence Unable to Determine		\$1,000,000	Sunrise \$500,000	\$5,412,031	Doctors Company settled for \$1.9 million before trial; verdict against hospital 100% - now on appeal
18	Aug-01 A415376	<i>Conn v. Schiff</i>	Failure to diagnose myocardial infarction; sent home and died of cardiac rupture	Negligence	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$100,000	\$2,000,000	AIG Insurance
19	Oct-01 A385204	<i>Kay v. Eftaha</i>	Sphincter damaged resulting in permanent incontinence; now wears diapers	Unable to Determine				\$1,520,000	Doctors Company
20	Oct-01 A403525	<i>Debourg v. Southwest Medical</i>	Failure of nurse practitioner to diagnose cervical cord compression causing permanent damage to nerves in upper and lower extremities	Nursing/No Panel		\$500,000	\$500,000 (10 days before trial)	\$4,564,128	Firemen's Fund (On Appeal)