

Pinarkyil v. Resurrection Medical Center et. al.

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The family of a forty-five year old man who died at Resurrection Medical Center in 2007 after surgery to remove a benign tumor in his heart, has settled their lawsuit against the hospital and several doctors for \$3.8 million. After his surgery Abraham Pinarkyil began to experience cardiac abnormalities as well as signs of shock in the ICU. Although he was initially treated with fluids and medications, he showed no significant improvement. Over the next two days, tests indicated he was having continued dramatic reductions in cardiac output.

Mr. Pinarkyil's family, consisting of his widow, two daughters, and his then unborn son, was represented by Charles Hornewer of Phillips Law Offices. According to their attorney, the defendants failed to diagnose that his shock was due to a problem with his heart. Had the doctors intervened with devices like an intra-aortic balloon pump to protect the heart, the family contended that he would not have suffered the cardio-pulmonary arrest that resulted in his death.

The Defendants initially claimed that this wasn't cardiac shock. Almost all of their experts eventually conceded that in fact it was cardiac shock. Then they contended that the treatment given was appropriate, but that the damage initially done as an unavoidable consequence of the surgery was irreversible and would have resulted in his death no matter what interventions were used. The case (Pinarkyil v. Resurrection Medical Center, et. al. 2007 L 10009) was on trial before Hon. Patrick F. Lustig of the Circuit Court of Cook County at the time the settlement was reached. Judge Lustig entered the order dismissing the case pursuant to settlement on May 19, 2011.