

MAKING THE CASE

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Selected Illinois Settlements Involving Medication Errors

\$600,000

Settlement (Cook County)

F-59 received excessive doses of Vancomycin because her weight was incorrectly entered into the hospital medical chart. Vancomycin toxicity caused kidney failure – but the patient's kidney function eventually returned to normal.

\$3,000,000

Settlement (DuPage County)

F-48 underwent hip surgery with bleeding complications. Post-op, she was incorrectly prescribed Lovenox, which caused more bleeding and a large hip hematoma that resulted in nerve damage with foot drop and CRPS.

\$1,250,000

Settlement (McHenry County)

Defendant dispensed Depakote ER instead of the prescribed Depakote DR. After taking the medication for several weeks, M-56 suffered a series of breakthrough seizures which led to his death.

\$1,000,000

Settlement (McDonough County)

While in defendant's E/R, F-27 was prescribed an antibiotic to which she had a known allergy, resulting in an anaphylactic reaction and her death.

Your Turn

Guess The Correct Settlement Amount

(Lake County) F-47 died from complications of an opioid-induced ileus after abdominal surgery. Defendants did not recognize signs/symptoms of ileus or bowel obstruction, and instructed the patient to take laxatives while continuing her Norco and OxyContin prescriptions.

1

\$875,000

2

\$1,700,000

3

\$3,300,000

4

\$5,000,000

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