

## **Verdicts Against Family Medicine Physicians, 2000-2009**

*Verdicts marked with an \* are shared among multiple defendants*

*Case No. 166 was against two family practitioners*

<b><u>County</u></b>	<b><u>Case#</u></b>	<b><u>Verdict</u></b>	<b><u>Year Tried</u></b>	<b><u>Description of alleged error</u></b>
Clark	35	Defense	1999	Patient with a head injury did not get a CT scan and later suffered seizures and partial paralysis
Allen	18	\$500,000	2000	Baby strangled on cord and was stillborn
Elkhart	44	Defense	2000	Blistered toe became infected and required partial leg amputation
St Joseph	45	\$300,000	2001	Cancerous lump in breast was misdiagnosed as benign
Tippecanoe	56	\$920,308* (\$750,000 cap)	2001	Doctors thought a patient with heart disease symptoms was improving, but he died
Allen	50	Defense	2001	Patient died of heart attack after taking Digoxin for nearly a year
Porter	115	Defense	2003	Doctor prescribed anti-inflammatory for patient who died within 24 hours of heart problems
Allen	114	\$151,666	2003	After delivering baby, doctor pulled uterus out of patient
Daviess	141	\$7,000,000 (\$750,000 cap)	2004	Hour's delay in difficult delivery led to infant's severe brain damage
Randolph	137	Defense	2004	Infant born with respiratory problems suffered brain damage and cerebral palsy
Lake	134	\$16,058,754* (\$1,500,000 cap)	2004	<i>Doctor misdiagnosed a spinal tumor as a back sprain (bench verdict)</i>
Marion	143	Defense	2005	Doctor delayed treating flesh-eating bacterial infection
Putnam	182	Defense	2005	After doctor bandaged patient's cut finger, it required amputation
Lake	166	\$1,300,000* (\$750,000 cap)	2006	Patient died after multiple errors following laparoscopic gallbladder removal
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Porter	179	Defense	2006	Doctor misdiagnosed heart attack as angina
Lake	167	Defense	2006	Patient's broken hip was diagnosed as hamstring strain
Vanderburgh	185	Defense	2006	Doctor failed to order tests when an infant had an unusually large head
Hancock	178	Defense	2006	Doctor misdiagnosed stroke as post-childbirth hysteria