

## Medical Specialties at a Glance 2000-2009

*A snapshot summary of the 2000-2009 medical verdicts by specialty*

Italicized cases represent non-jury verdicts

This report examines verdicts according to the practice area of the defendant healthcare provider, which is usually but not always a doctor. Because the focus is on the provider's specialty and a single case may include several defendants practicing in different areas, a single verdict may be shared among multiple defendants. When multiple defendants are liable for a single plaintiffs' verdict, that verdict is marked with an asterisk. Defense verdicts in cases with multiple asterisks are not marked with asterisks. Some cases, of course, are filed against multiple doctors in the same practice area, and verdicts against two such doctors will be listed separately.

Thus, if Ms. Doe is awarded \$100,000 in her suit against the family practitioner Dr. Smith and the ER physician Dr. Jones, but her Ob-Gyn Dr. Roe receives a defense verdict, the entries will be *Family - \$100,000\**, *Emergency - \$100,000\**, and *Ob-Gyn - Defense*. If Dr. Adams and Dr. Baker, both orthopedic surgeons, obtain a defense verdict in case #500, there will be two entries of *Orthopedics - 500 - Defense*.

<u>Specialty</u>	<u>Case</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Verdict</u>	<u>Specialty</u>	<u>Case</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Verdict</u>
Allergies	276	Lake	Defense	Emergency	72	Fed-Indy	\$1,500,000
Anesthesiology	192	Lake	\$3,000,000*	Emergency	196	Lake	\$750,000
Anesthesiology	105	Lake	\$2,500,000	Emergency	31	Vanderburgh	Defense
Anesthesiology	278	Lake	\$181,020	Emergency	36	Clark	Defense
Anesthesiology	93	Monroe	Defense	Emergency	39	Floyd	Defense
Anesthesiology	116	Porter	Defense	Emergency	132	Lake	Defense
Anesthesiology	156	Vigo	Defense	Emergency	172	Elkhart	Defense
Anesthesiology	295	Floyd	Defense	Emergency	238	Elkhart	Defense
Cardiology	56	Tippecanoe	\$920,308*	Emergency	244	Morgan	Defense
Cardiology	132	Lake	\$15,000	Emergency	279	Lake	Defense
Cardiology	5	Lake	Defense	Emergency	291	Tippecanoe	Defense
Cardiology	32	Vanderburgh	Defense	EMT	87	Jasper	Defense
Cardiology	46	Elkhart	Defense	EMT	121	Spencer	Defense
Cardiology	120	Vanderburgh	Defense	ENT	162	Fed-Indy	\$259,375
Cardiology	170	Lake	Defense	ENT	104	Marion	Defense
Cardio Surgery	5	Lake	\$800,000	ENT	126	Marion	Defense
Cardio Surgery	155	Porter	\$750,000	<i>Family</i>	<i>134</i>	<i>Lake</i>	<i>\$16,058,754*</i>
Cardio Surgery	19	Allen	Defense	Family	141	Daviess	\$7,000,000
Cardio Surgery	158	Monroe	Defense	Family	289	Porter	\$1,675,000*
Chiropractics	60	Sullivan	\$175,000	Family	166	Lake	\$1,300,000*
Chiropractics	264	Floyd	\$47,416	Family	209	Hancock	\$980,000
Colon Surgery	12	St Joseph	\$480,000	Family	56	Tippecanoe	\$920,308*
Dentistry	140	Bartholomew	\$75,000	Family	261	Dubois	\$650,000*
Dentistry	51	Hamilton	\$69,400	Family	18	Allen	\$500,000
Dentistry	81	St Joseph	\$40,000	Family	45	St Joseph	\$300,000
Dentistry	70	Marion	Defense	Family	114	Allen	\$151,666
Dentistry	102	Marion	Defense	Family	230	Lake	\$112,500
Dentistry	108	St Joseph	Defense	Family	35	Clark	Defense
Dentistry	203	Elkhart	Defense	Family	44	Elkhart	Defense
Dentistry	218	Jennings	Defense	Family	50	Allen	Defense
Dentistry	241	St Joseph	Defense	Family	115	Porter	Defense
Dermatology	188	Marion	\$80,000	Family	137	Randolph	Defense
Emergency	234	Lake	\$4,450,000	Family	143	Marion	Defense