

no multiple procedures

Posted by Rick - 06 Feb 2007 04:20

Hello All,

In reading some of the posts, the comment that proving any 1 procedure caused arach is difficult. In my case I had but one Mylogram CT, 3 back injections, and finally surgery to "grind down" an area of bone in contact with nerves. That was seven years ago and now I am experiencing new symptoms and pain and had a recent MRI done, with intravenous contrast and my neurologist said the scar tissue and inflamed area just "lit up" the MRI under the contrast and he had never seen anything like it. In the US, does being able to narrow the cause of the condition to a smaller universe of procedures help one from a legal standpoint. I have just discovered (suspect) this condition and am concerned about worst case long term care.

Any advice or opinions are appreciated.

Rick in Texas

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Re:no multiple procedures

Posted by Helen - 09 Feb 2007 22:09

Hi Rick

I don't know of anyone who has successfully sued a doctor for causing arachnoiditis in the UK. I tried for 3 years, but my expert witness would not give "causation", so I had no choice but to give up. I was injured by two steroid epidurals - no surgery. The trouble is the "experts" are using the same drugs and techniques so I believe it's a "closed shop". If a court case set a precedent there would be a landslide of claims and cost millions.

Best wishes, Helen

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Re:no multiple procedures

Posted by DocSarah - 12 Feb 2007 21:38

Hi Rick,

although much of medicolegal experience is in the UK, the principles remain the same and I'm afraid I suspect you would have to prove causation to have successful litigation and that might well be troublesome in your case: although if you have widespread arach. that would suggest a more chemical cause than focal (localised) arach. which tends to be post-surgical or trauma-related.

Regards,

DocSarah

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Re:no multiple procedures

Posted by Kim - 13 Feb 2007 23:30

Hi Doc

Date: Fri, 9 Feb 2007 23:17:22 -0800

EDITED OUT - Copyright article posted on another site now taken down.

The article was called Complications of Cervical Epidural Steriod Injections from a site called www.thedoctors.com.

The article is as good as it gets in the US but agree with you no doctor in this country will put their hands up to 'causation'

Post edited by: Kim, at: 2007/02/14 03:15

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Re:Edited article

Posted by Kim - 14 Feb 2007 03:28

I read the article from www.thedoctors.com on Cervical Epidural Steroid Injections before it was pulled on the 'board' There are no worries it was just a literature review and of no use to anyone trying to find answers.

I can't get on the 'boards' so cannot answer these people

The Hippocratic Oath says - first do no harm - the next pledge the doctors have to make to their fellow

doctors is - don't dob them in!!!

Kim

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Re:Edited article

Posted by helen - 15 Feb 2007 19:58

Hi Rick, Doc and Kim

I've just sent a feedback e-mail to www.thedoctors.com, re their article about Steroid Epidurals - if you do a search for arachnoiditis the article is still there. I await their response and will keep you posted!

Regards Helen

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