



**MEDICAL MALPRACTICE--UNNECESSARY REMOVAL OF TESTICLE CAUSES STERILITY**

(FFF 38/1) *Carl Edwards v Dr. Ramon Manglano, Pronger Smith MedicalCare LLP* 09L-4880 Tried May 2-9, 2014 (120)

Verdict: \$1,810,000 v both defts (\$175,000 disfigurement; \$1,250,000 disability; \$385,000 pain & suffering).  
Judge: Thomas V. Lyons, II (IL Cook-Law)  
Pltf Attys: Michael F. Bonamarte, IV and Jordan S. Powell of *Levin & Perconti* Demand: \$1,000,000 Asked: \$2,750,000  
Deft Attys: Brian T. Henry and Michael A. Barry of *Pretzel & Stouffer* for both defts (ISMIE) Offer: none  
Pltf Expert: Dr. Daniel Borreson, West Michigan Surgical Specialists, 245 Cherry SE, #102, Grand Rapids, MI (616-456-5311) (General Surgeon)  
Deft Expert: Dr. Mark Schacht (Urologist) for both defts

July 19, 2007, deft Dr. Ramon Manglano performed surgery on pltf M-35 to repair a left inguinal hernia at St. Francis Hospital, Blue Island. During the procedure, deft surgeon removed pltf's left testicle, which was his only remaining testicle. The pltf's right testicle had been previously removed several years earlier due to testicular torsion. Pltf contended Dr. Manglano failed to perform an adequate physical examination prior to surgery, negligently removed the left testicle when there was no legitimate reason to do so, and failed to obtain appropriate consent to remove the testicle, leaving pltf and his wife unable to have children. Additionally, the pltf suffers from a testosterone deficiency as a result of the loss of his testicle, causing increased fatigue, increased sweating, and a decreased libido. The defense argued Dr. Manglano acted as a reasonably careful physician because he was given the wrong history, the testicle was small and in an abnormal location so it was therefore at an increased risk for testicular cancer and likely not functioning properly, and the consent form allowed for an extension of the original planned procedure for the patient's well-being based on the physician's professional judgment.

**HEAD ON--DEFT BLAMES SNOWY ROAD CONDITIONS FOR SKID ACROSS CENTER LINE**

(FFF 38/2) *Khosrow Ashouri v Brittani Algarin* 13L-2936 Tried May 6-9, 2014 (1A)

Verdict: \$1,752 (\$1,752 medical expenses; \$0 loss of normal life; \$0 pain & suffering; \$0 LT).  
Judge: Vanessa A. Hopkins (IL Cook-Law)  
Pltf Atty: Dean J. Caras of *Dean J. Caras & Associates* Demand: \$42,500  
Deft Atty: Kristin F. Galasso of *Parrillo, Weiss* (Interstate Bankers) Offer: \$22,500  
Pltf Medl: Dr. Mansoor Khan (Internist), Dr. Kristen Maguire (General Practitioner) and Paul Hackett, D.C. (Chiropractor)

Feb. 26, 2013, pltf was driving westbound on Nerge Road in Elk Grove Village when deft's oncoming eastbound vehicle crossed the center line and struck pltf head-on at Rohlwing Road. Pltf M-67, whose car was totaled and airbag deployed, claimed he suffered loss of consciousness, chest contusion, cervical strain, lumbosacral strain, abdominal contusion, multiple bruises, and a left shin scar (\$81,264 medl., \$7,000 LT 7 weeks as delivery driver). Pltf contended deft was speeding and lost control of her vehicle. Deft F-20 maintained she slid on snow/ice because the roads were not plowed and there was a lot of snow. The defense denied negligence, blamed the poor road conditions, and disputed the nature and extent of pltf's injuries. The defense argued there was no proof that pltf's abnormal EKG after the crash was caused by the collision, as opposed to being related to his pre-existing chronic coronary conditions; pltf ended up undergoing an angiogram during the hospitalization following the accident.