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### Spinal Surgery Med-Mal Claim Results In \$2 Million Settlement

#### Medical Malpractice - Negligent Microdiscectomy Alleged - Cauda Equina Syndrome - \$2 Million Confidential Settlement

**Brief statement of claim:** Plaintiff Doe, a middle-aged male with a wife 10 years younger than he, went to Doctor Roe for a microdiscectomy. During the surgery, while using a Cobb Elevator, Dr. Roe injured several lower spinal nerve roots leaving Doe with cauda equina syndrome.

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**Principal injuries (in order of severity):** Cauda equine syndrome

**Special damages:** n/a

**Tried or settled:** Settled

**County where tried or settled:** Confidential

**Case name and number:** Confidential

**Date concluded:** Report submitted May 2004

**Name of mediator:** Bob Beason

**Amount:** \$2 million total: \$1.7 million plaintiff Doe; \$300,000 for his wife

**Insurance carrier:** n/a

**Expert witnesses and areas of expertise:** n/a

**Attorneys for plaintiff:** Don Beskind and Jay Trehoy of Twiggs, Beskind, Strickland & Rabenau, Raleigh; Ray Vallery, Fayetteville

**Other useful info:** Plaintiff Doe continues to work, but his condition significantly impacts his

quality of life. Doe has to catheterize himself for urine and disimpact his feces four to six times a day. He can still get an erection but cannot feel sensation in his penis and has lost the enjoyment of intercourse and orgasm.

Plaintiff Mrs. Doe has been married to plaintiff Doe for 10 years. The couple has a young son.

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