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**On September 21, 2012 attorneys Richard Mangan and Ted Copeland of our firm obtained a defense verdict for Dr. Solomon Singh in the Revelia trial in behalf of The Doctors Company. This was a wrongful death medical malpractice action tried for one week in Pasco County.**

**The decedent, a 340 pound 46 y.o. gentleman, presented to the E.R. at Pasco Regional Medical Center in Dade City on Feb. 12, 2007 at 4 pm with severe abdominal pain. The E.R. physician's diagnosis was pancreatitis. Mr. Revelia was admitted to the floor but was never seen by his admitting physician. Dr. Singh, a gastroenterologist, was consulted and saw the patient at just before noon the following day.**

**Mr. Revelia's heart rate had been significantly elevated for 4-6 hours and his blood pressure was elevated per the vitals graph. Dr. Singh concluded the patient was unstable and ordered an increase in fluids. Dr. Singh also ordered that the patient be transferred to the ICU so his care could be managed by a critical care specialist.**

**Dr. Singh also ordered 2 mg. of Ativan given Mr. Revelia's anxiety and history of significant alcohol intake. Dr. Singh was concerned about probable alcohol withdrawal. Mr. Revelia coded 15 minutes after receiving the Ativan and despite being resuscitated died shortly thereafter.**

**Just prior to Dr. Singh's evaluation of the patient, the nurse noted a significant drop in blood pressure. The nurses' notes also documented diaphoresis and shortness of breath in the several hours before Dr. Singh was at bedside. Dr. Singh was not aware of these symptoms nor had he reviewed the chart. Indeed, the patient was acidotic but Dr. Singh was unaware of this fact as well. The vitals relied upon by Dr. Singh on the graphics were 3.5 hours old and incorrect.**

Plaintiff contended that Dr. Singh's failure to have knowledge of the above was negligence. Plaintiff contended Dr. Singh should have ordered emergent care and that the Ativan caused the decedent's cardiopulmonary arrest.

The jury deliberated for 1.5 hours before returning a defense verdict for Dr. Singh. The E.R. physician, the admitting physician and the hospital all settled before trial.

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