

Deep Vein Thrombosis: Elderly Patient Died Following Lasik Eye Surgery.

A long-term care facility in Will County, Illinois recently paid an out-of-court settlement of \$250,000 to settle a wrongful death claim on behalf of the estate of a resident who died from a deep vein thrombosis following Lasik eye surgery.

The eye surgery center was not alleged to be at fault and was not brought into the case.

Settlement negotiations with the long-term care facility centered on allegations that the facility did not do enough to push fluids and failed to react to lab values pointing to dehydration which increased the possibility of DVT's.

Further, the facility reportedly did not provide compression stockings and did not push for mobility following the procedure. **Marosi v. Butterfield Healthcare, 2008 WL 4900847 (Will Co., Illinois, August 1, 2008).**