

Fall: One Nurse Made Bed After Back Surgery.

A \$600,000 settlement awarded to a patient in Massachusetts was reported on condition that the identities of the parties and even the city where the lawsuit was filed remain confidential.

The patient had anterior spinal release surgery from T10 through L1, posterior osteotomies from T9 to L1 and a posterior fusion from T4 through L3.

Five days after surgery he fell out the other side of the bed while a hospital nurse was changing the bed linens. He sustained a new fracture of the L3 vertebra.

The patient claimed his condition mandated at least one other nurse or other caregiver should have been involved. **Confidential v. Confidential, 2009 WL 3748654 (Massachusetts, April 7, 2009).**