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Emergency Room Mistake Results in Disabling Stroke

Lake Success, June 2023. The [Pegalis Law Group, LLC](#), a New York medical malpractice/personal injury law firm, announces that it has secured a substantial settlement for a client whose improper care in a hospital emergency department resulted in permanent brain damage.

The patient, a 43-year-old man, was brought to the hospital after falling off his motorcycle. When he arrived in the emergency room, he was awake and alert, able to move his extremities, and able to speak clearly. The emergency room doctor sent him for CT scans of his head, neck, abdomen and pelvis. The scans were all essentially negative except that a radiologist raised a concern about possible injury to blood vessels in the neck that supply the brain. The emergency room doctor consulted – by telephone – with a neurosurgeon who advised that a CT angiogram, a special CT scan to visualize those blood vessels, should be done to determine if those blood vessels had been injured.

Despite the surgeon's recommendation, the study was not done. The emergency room doctor improperly decided to delay the test until the following day. Hours after this unfortunate mistake, the patient had a major stroke which left him partially paralyzed and unable to speak more than a few words. He will have those disabilities for the rest of his life. The test, which would have taken minutes to perform, would have revealed a reparable injury to the patient's carotid artery – the result of head trauma from the accident – which was the cause of the stroke.

The [Pegalis Law Group](#) assembled a team of experts in interventional neuroradiology, emergency medicine, diagnostic radiology, and neurosurgery, to persuasively demonstrate that the carotid artery injury should have been detected and repaired, and that the stroke could have and should have been prevented. The hospital agreed to mediation and ultimately agreed to a substantial seven figure settlement to compensate the client for his injuries.

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