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## Verdicts & Settlements

### Med-mal plaintiff wins \$1.5M verdict

Plaintiff sustained anoxic brain injury during ICD implantation procedure in February 2002. After the device was placed, plaintiff was administered 50mg Brevital for deep sedation in order to test the device. Defendant cardiologist had been trained and certified in deep sedation anesthesiology and was responsible for administration and monitoring of patient during deep sedation; an electrophysiologist was implanting the ICD. Testing was uneventful. During the procedure the oxygen saturation levels dropped and following the testing the electrophysiologist noted that plaintiff was not breathing properly. At some time after the device was implanted and before patient was intubated, defendant had left the procedure room and was in the monitoring

room when he was called back to the patient. Plaintiff's expert was an anesthesiologist who testified as to the standard of care for monitoring during deep sedation.

Plaintiff's expert testified that the injury was caused by failure to manage the airway and assist the breathing of the sedated patient. Defendant alleged that plaintiff's injuries were due to cardiac stunning secondary to the ICD testing causing pulseless electrical activity.

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The dollar amounts of plaintiff's medical bills and life care plan were stipulated by the parties.

**Type of Action:** Medical malpractice

**Injuries Alleged:** Hypoxic brain injury

**Name of Case:** Carter v. Ravindra, M.D.

**Court:** Richmond Circuit Court

**Case No.:** LS-2919-3

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**Tried Before:** Jury

**Name of Judge:** T.J. Markow

**Special Damages:** Medical bills: \$116,455 and life care plan, present value \$605,210

**Verdict/Settlement:** Verdict

**Amount:** \$1.5 million

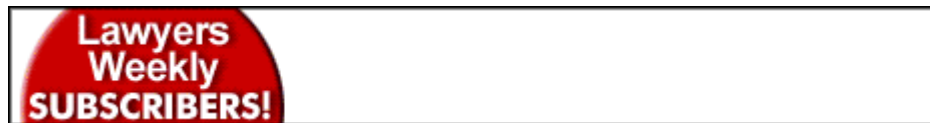
**Verdict Date:** Nov. 16, 2005

**Plaintiff Attorney:** Thomas W. Williamson Jr., Richmond

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