

Filipino Family Wins \$217-Million Medical-Malpractice Judgment in Florida - MabuhayRadio

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The *Medical Economics* magazine's Dec. 7, 2007, issue's front cover tells of the medical malpractice suit filed by a Filipino-American family in Tampa, Florida. The cover story read, "The medical community was stunned when a Tampa jury last year awarded a staggering \$217-million, including \$100-million in punitive damages, to a (Filipino-American) man whose cerebellar stroke was misdiagnosed as sinusitis at a hospital ED in 2000."

Readers may read the malpractice suit filed by Allan Navarro, his wife and son in an article written by Mark Crane in this hyperlink:

[\\$200+ million verdict: It started with a midlevel's mistake](#)

If readers are unable to access the hyperlink, they may go to the web site of *Medical Economics* at this

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and just click the link to the story of Allan Navarro.

In the end all the parties agreed on a confidential settlement. Mr. Crane reported that, "The plaintiffs' attorneys can't comment on the size of the settlement but said they and Navarro were pleased. And it was substantial enough for the plaintiffs to make good on their promise to help others. In July, the Navarro family donated \$600,000 and Richard Gilbert's and Steve Yerrid's law firms donated \$200,000 each to The Buoniconti Fund for research on spinal cord injuries."

Editor's Note: Our writer, Ceny Reyes, works in the healthcare industry and she picked up a copy of the *Medical Economics* magazine at her place of work.

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