

Jury Awards \$700G In malpractice case

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SCRANTON — A jury awarded a Moosic family \$700,000 in a medical malpractice case against a local doctor.

Barbara A. Sensi sued Stafford M. Smith, M.D., in the death of her husband, Gerard J. Sensi.

The lawsuit claims Dr. Smith made several mistakes while performing a cardiac catheterization procedure on Mr. Sensi in September 2003. He died later that night, the suit says.

Mr. Sensi's right ventricle was perforated several times during the surgery, the suit claims.

The trial took place last week in front of Lackawanna County Judge Terrence Nealon. The verdict was reached Friday. The judgment will be paid through the doctor's insurance.

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