

## **B V HEART OF ENGLAND NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

Total Damages: £2,500

Trial/Settlement Date: 2/6/2010

Age at Trial: 53

PSLA: £2,500

Type of Award: Out of Court  
Settlement

Court: Out of Court Settlement

Age at injury: 51

Sex: Male

A piece of foam was left inside the Claimant's wound following removal of lymph glands in his groin. The patient experienced protracted healing and infection after this point.

Claimant: Male: 51 years old at date of incident; 53 years old at date of settlement.

Clinical Negligence: The Claimant attended a hospital of the defendant trust as an inpatient in May 2008 for surgical removal of his lymph glands in his groin. Post-operatively, the Claimant's wound was drained via vacuum. The Claimant reported occasions when the vac bottles were not changed promptly.

The Claimant was discharged from hospital on 20 June 2008 with a provision for district nurses to attend daily for dressing changes. Poor healing and signs of infection were reported to the Claimant's GP. The Claimant was commenced on antibiotics.

On 8 August, whilst cleaning the wound, a district nurse extracted a 4cm x 2cm piece of foam. The Claimant experienced protracted healing after this point and persistent infection remained.

Liability not admitted.

Injuries: Delay in healing of wound and exacerbation of infection.

Effects: Claimant still recovering from effects of infection.

Out of Court Settlement: £2,500 total damages.

Background to damages: No special damages.

*Report submitted by Nye Moloney of Metcalfes Solicitors instructed on behalf of the Claimant. NHSLA for the Defendant.*