Patient Dies 2 Days After Doctor Wanted to Discharge Him From Hospital

The doctor wanted to discharge the patient from the hospital. Find out why, two days later this patient was dead. Want to know why this happened? Come join me as I share with you this remarkable story. Hi, I'm Gerry Oginski, I'm a New York medical malpractice and personal injury attorney practicing law here in the state of New York. This gentleman had gotten hurt outside of his home. He injured his legs. He was unable to get up and walk, so now an ambulance was called, they took him to his local emergency room, and now the intern that's there said, "You know what? Let's admit you to the hospital and we'll observe you for the next couple of days." They take blood work, everything's fine. Yet his intern says, "You know what? I still want to observe you," and now on day three after observing him for three entire days, he says, "Great. Everything's fine, you're going to go home now." His wife says, "What are you talking about? You can't send him home. He can't even get up out of bed and go to walk to the bathroom. How are you sending him home?"

She said, "Did you get an orthopedic consult?" He said, "No." She said, "Why not? He can't walk. This is an orthopedic problem." Finally the wife convinces the doctor to go ahead and get an orthopedic consult. An orthopedist actually comes to consult with the patient and determines, "I've figured out why you can't walk. It's likely because when you fell, you ruptured your tendons. Just to make sure we're going to get an MRI for you tomorrow morning." He says, "Okay. Get me the answer. I want to be able to get up and be able to walk." Now a day later when he goes for the MRI what happens? As they're taking him downstairs he suffers a massive embolism, a stroke, a blood clot. Where does the blood clot wind up? In his lungs. That kills him. Now you might be asking yourself, what did the doctor do wrong here? Where was the violation for the basic standards of medical care? I'll tell you where the violations were.

Number one, this patient was overweight. That automatically put him at risk for developing a blood clot by sitting in a hospital bed for three days. Number two is that they never gave him any blood thinner medication. This patient had cardiac issues and he'd had a cardiac procedure before. Together with his being overweight, together with the fact that he had a cardiac history and now he's bed ridden for three entire days because he can't get up and walk, that puts him at a much higher risk of developing a blood clot and now this intern's failure to recognize together with the orthopedist's failure to recognize the likelihood and the risk of this patient developing a blood clot was very significant, and had they given him blood thinner medication, the risk of him developing a blood clot would have been extremely, extremely small and in all likelihood according to my medical expert, more likely than not this patient never ever would've suffered this type of blood clot that actually killed him.

Why do I share this great information with you? I share it with you just to give you an inside look at what happened in one particular case where I was able to help the surviving family members obtain compensation as a result of this person dying, all because the doctors and the hospital staff violated the basic standards of medical care. I realize you're watching this video because you likely have questions or concerns about your own particular matter. Well, if your matter did happen here in New York and you're thinking about bringing a law suit but you have questions that need to be answered first, what I invite you to do is pick up the phone and call me. I can answer your legal questions. This is something I do every single day and I'd love to talk to you. You can reach me at 516-487-8207, or by e-mail at gerry@oginski-law.com. That's it for today's video. I'm Gerry Oginski. Have a fantastic day.