

www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/sns-ap-il--uofill-hospitalsettlement,0,2054022.story

chicagotribune.com

U o f Ill. agrees to pay \$16 million to man over care received at Chicago hospital

By Associated Press

11:35 AM CST, November 19, 2010

CHICAGO (AP) — The University of Illinois has agreed to pay \$16.2 million to a Melrose Park man who suffered brain damage while being treated for a stroke at the school's Chicago hospital.

Attorneys for George Nissen say two nurses at the University of Illinois at Chicago Medical Center failed to properly monitor his condition while he was patient in February 2005. The attorneys claim in their lawsuit that Nissen's doctors weren't notified for hours that the pressure inside his skull was elevated.

The 47-year-old Nissen is now a quadriplegic. His attorneys say he can't eat or speak and communicates only through eye movements.

The university's board of trustees approved the settlement Thursday. A nursing agency will pay an additional \$1.5 million.

The settlement needs court approval.

advertisement

