

Crestwood nursing home sued over woman's death

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The family of a Chicago woman has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against a Crestwood nursing home, alleging that negligence by its staff led to improper care that contributed to her death in August.

The suit alleges that Symphony of Crestwood, 14255 Cicero Ave., was responsible for various health problems that Catherine Hudson suffered while at the home from spring 2011 until her death — most critically the wrong placement of a feeding tube in August.

The tube soon became dislodged and was reinserted by staff without confirming proper placement using X-ray imaging, according to the suit. It says staff members continued to feed Hudson through the improperly inserted tube, causing liquid food to leak throughout her body and result in widespread infection.

Hudson, 56, was admitted to Palos Community Hospital, where she died 11 days later as a result of injuries caused by the tube's improper positioning, the suit contends.

Hudson had been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and required assistance with daily activities, and the staff at the nursing home had developed a plan of care to address her needs, but that plan wasn't adhered to by staff members, according to the lawsuit.

A spokeswoman for Symphony Post Acute Network, which operates the Crestwood home, said the company had not seen a copy of the lawsuit and could not comment on pending litigation.

The suit was filed Friday in Cook County Circuit Court and seeks damages in excess of \$50,000.

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