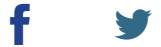


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# Jury awards family \$1.1 million in woman's stroke death

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A jury awarded more than \$1 million to a family of a woman who died of complications from a stroke.

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**A** Cook County jury has awarded the family of a Chicago woman more than \$1 million in a case in which the 80-year-old went into a [Lincolnwood](#) rehab facility for a broken ankle and eventually died of complications from a stroke.

Rose Lasko of Chicago died in 2010. Ileen Lasko, Rose Lasko's daughter, said her mother had been healthy before breaking her ankle in February 2006 and going to a Lincolnwood rehabilitation facility. She said that, at that time, her mother was put under the care of Dr. John Fultz.

Fultz did not work for the rehab facility and the company declined to comment on the case or verdict. Reached by phone, Fultz also declined to comment.

In April 2006, Lasko had a stroke, according to her daughter. After the stroke, Rose Lasko lived the last four years of her life in a nursing home, Ileen Lasko said.

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Lasko's family had argued in the lawsuit that the elderly woman should have been taking a blood-thinning medication she previously had been prescribed to prevent stroke.

Lasko and her two brothers sued Fultz. On Nov. 20, a jury found that Fultz, 73, had been medically negligent and awarded Rose Lasko's children nearly \$1.17 million, according Jordan Powell, a partner with the Chicago law firm of Levin and Perconti, which represented the Lasko family.

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