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— In the News —

In Circuit Court

A 55-year-old woman who claimed she was not promptly diagnosed or treated for a spinal epidural abscess has settled a lawsuit against the hospital for \$1.9 million.

Barbara Miner went to the University of Chicago Hospitals emergency room in 2006, complaining of pain between her shoulders and paralysis from the neck down, according to her lawsuit.

She waited three hours to be seen by a neurologist, and 30 hours for an MRI. Between her esophagus and spinal cord, hospital staff found a spinal epidural abscess that was pushing on her spine.

Emergency neurosurgery was performed about 34 hours after she arrived at the emergency room. The surgeon said that if the surgery had been delayed for 30 more minutes, Miner would have died, according to her attorney.

Miner can walk and run, but suffers from chronic pain and some loss of feeling below her waist. Miner was represented by **David R. Barry Jr.** of Corboy & Demetrio P.C. The hospital was represented by **Joseph A. Camarra** of Cassidy, Schade LLP. Camarra said that Miner didn't suffer from paralysis when she arrived at the emergency room.

Cook County Associate Judge **Ronald S. Davis** dismissed the suit on Monday. *Barbara Miner and Thomas Miner v. The University of Chicago Hospitals*, No. 08 L 2455.