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The parents of an infant twin who died of lung congestion have settled their lawsuit against the doctor and hospital for \$1 million, their attorney said.

Benjamin Abderhalden was born prematurely at 33 weeks in October 2005 in Central DuPage Hospital. He weighed 4 pounds, 11 ounces.

Shortly after his birth, a percutaneous central venous catheter line was ordered by a doctor to provide the baby with nutrients and medications. It was inserted the next day by an advanced practice nurse.

Six days after his birth, the infant developed sudden respiratory distress. An X-ray showed that fluid had filled his chest cavity. He died the following day.

In an autopsy, it was noticed that the tip of the catheter line caused irritation and erosion inside the vein, creating a hole that allowed fluid to spill out and accumulate in the chest cavity.

The lawsuit alleged that the defendants didn't consider the failure of the catheter as a reason for the boy's sudden respiratory distress, failed to order another X-ray to confirm the presence of fluids in the chest cavity and failed to remove the catheter line.

Abderhalden was survived by his parents and his twin. **Susan J. Schwartz** of Corboy & Demetrio P.C. represented the parents.

Dr. Renato Fontanilla and TIVA Healthcare Inc. were represented by **William J. Rogers** of Bollinger, Ruberry & Garvey Ltd.

Children's Memorial Medical Group was represented by **Brian J. Hickey** of Cassiday, Schade LLP. Central DuPage Hospital was represented by **Benjamin E. Patterson** and **Christopher J. May** of Hall, Prangle & Schoonveld Ltd.

Associate Judge **Dorothy F. French** of the 18th Judicial Circuit approved the settlement on Tuesday. *Tricia Abderhalden and Robert Abderhalden, etc. v. Renato Fontanilla, et al.*, No. 07 L 1214.