

## MRI: Ferrous O<sub>2</sub> Tank Drawn In By Magnet, Kills Pediatric Patient.

The case involved an incident that occurred at a magnetic resonance imaging facility.

A six year-old boy was sedated by an anesthesiologist and placed in the MRI machine.

Upon realizing that the boy was not receiving oxygen, the anesthesiologist called to the MRI technicians to attend to the oxygen supply. Hearing the call for oxygen, a nurse passing in the hallway outside the MRI scanner room attempted to hand the anesthesiologist an oxygen tank made of ferrous material, which was drawn into the MRI machine by the strong magnetic field. The oxygen tank struck the boy's head and killed him.

The recent opinion of the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, only ruled out the parents' claims for punitive damages. **Columbini v. Westchester County Healthcare Corp.**, \_\_\_ N.Y.S.2d \_\_\_, 2005 WL 3543186 (N.Y. App., December 27, 2005).