

## Transfusion: Delay Leads To Patient's Death, Settlement.

The patient was admitted to the hospital with a diagnosis of gastrointestinal bleeding.

The next day a resident physician ordered a blood transfusion. It took the blood bank six hours before they were able to notify the patient's caregivers that the transfusion was ready.

Three hours later, without the blood products having been picked up from the blood bank or the transfusion started, the patient died from cardiac arrest related to his internal bleeding.

The patient's family sued the resident physician, two staff nurses, the hospital and several on-call physicians for negligence. The lawsuit filed in the Superior Court, Monmouth County, New Jersey was settled for a total payment of \$1,175,000. **Estate of Bravo v. Jersey Shore Univ. Med. Ctr.**, 2010 WL 354363 (Sup. Ct. Monmouth Co., New Jersey, January 5, 2010).