

Weight Gain: Disabled Patient Obtains Settlement.

The thirty-six year-old patient is a highly dependent brain-injury victim who resides in a nursing facility.

Over time the resident was allowed to gain more than eighty pounds. It is not considered realistic that he will ever lose the weight.

Damages were claimed in his lawsuit against the facility filed in the Superior Court, King County, Washington, for the fact it is hard for him how even to get out of bed, causing isolation and humiliation.

The lawsuit alleged the weight gain resulted from negligence by facility staff not monitoring his caloric intake. Allegedly food was withheld as punishment at times while at other times he ate so much that he vomited on himself.

His lawsuit reportedly settled for \$851,276 of which \$465,000 went to the patient and \$305,000 went to his attorneys as fees and \$82,276 as litigation costs. **Sanderson v. Evergreen Rehab.**, 2008 WL 5644404 (Sup. Ct. King Co., Washington, October 13, 2008).