



IN THE HEALTH CARE ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE
RESOLUTION OFFICE OF MARYLAND

RICHARD R. PFORR *
23628 Whispering Wood Way *
California, Maryland 20619 *

Claimant *

v. * HCAO No.:

2009-010

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL OF *
ST. MARY'S COUNTY *
(t/a St. Mary's Hospital Center) *

SERVE ON RESIDENT AGENT: *
Christine R. Wray *
25000 Point Lookout Road *
P.O. Box 527 *
Leonardtwn, Maryland 20650 *

Health Care Provider *

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STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Claimant Richard R. Pforr, by his attorneys

, sues the Health Care Provider St. Mary's Hospital of
St. Mary's County (t/a St. Mary's Hospital Center), and states as follows:

1. The amount of this claim exceeds \$30,000.00.
2. Venue for this claim is proper in St. Mary's County, Maryland.
3. Claimant, Richard R. Pforr, is an adult resident of St. Mary's County, Maryland.
4. At all times herein, Health Care Provider St. Mary's Hospital of St. Mary's County (t/a St. Mary's Hospital Center) hereinafter referred to as "Hospital" was and is a medical facility located in St. Mary's County, Maryland offering medical and other

related services to the general public and in such capacity this Hospital, its agents, servants and/or employees, medical staff and consultants held themselves out as practicing ordinary standards of medical, hospital and nursing care, and in such capacity owed to the Plaintiff, a duty to render and provide health care within the ordinary standards of medical, hospital and nursing care and to exercise reasonable skill and care in the selection of its personnel and to provide competent physicians, health care providers, nurses and other medical personnel possessing that degree of skill and knowledge which is ordinarily possessed by those who devote special study and attention to the practice of medicine and health care, and to supervise and provide its patients those diagnostic and medical services and treatment commensurate with the conditions from which Claimant Richard R. Pforr suffered.

5. On September 26, 2007, Claimant, 67 years old, was admitted to the Health Care Provider's facility for bilateral total-knee arthroplasties and surgery was performed on that date.

6. As a result of the surgery performed, Claimant had decreased functional mobility, decreased ambulation, decreased range of motion, decreased strength, decreased sensation, decreased endurance and decreased balance; therefore, Claimant was unable to sit, stand and/or move in the bed without assistance, and relied upon Hospital staff to assist Claimant with such activities.

7. Subsequent to the surgery of September 26, 2007, and while still a patient at St. Mary's Hospital, Claimant developed a pressure sore in the area of his sacrum.

8. Claimant was discharged from the Hospital on October 1, 2007.

9. On October 2, 2007, a visiting home health care nurse observed and diagnosed Claimant as having a pressure sore on his lower back in the area of his sacrum.

10. That the Health Care Provider St. Mary's Hospital of St. Mary's County (t/a St. Mary's Hospital Center), through its agents, servants, and/or employees, including its nurses, was negligent and deviated from acceptable standards of care by failing to properly and thoroughly inspect for and/or observe Claimant for a pressure sore, by failing to properly perform pressure reduction techniques to prevent the development of pressure sores, by failing to treat the Claimant's pressure sore, and by otherwise causing the development of Claimant's pressure sore.

11. That the Health Care Provider St. Mary's Hospital of St. Mary's County (t/a St. Mary's Hospital Center) through its agents, servants, and/or employees, including its nurses, was negligent and deviated from acceptable standards of care by failing to perform a post-operative risk assessment on Claimant and by failing to assist and/or advise Claimant of pressure reduction techniques.

12. As a proximate result of the Health Care Provider's negligence, by and through its agents, employees, servants and/or representatives, including its nurses, and without any negligence of the Claimant contributing thereto, Claimant Richard R. Pforr had to undergo multiple surgeries and has suffered and will continue to suffer severe emotional distress, pain and suffering, past and future medical expenses, future medical care, scarring, and other non-economic and economic damages.

WHEREFORE, Claimant Richard R. Pforr claims damages in an amount to be determined by a Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution panel.

