

# MISCELLANEOUS MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

## THIRD PARTY DISCRIMINATION

A man complaining of stomach pain went to a physician's office for immediate treatment. Due to the lack of insurance, the office refused to treat the man and sent him to a clinic five miles away. The man filed suit against the physician's office for racial and religious discrimination due to his Middle Eastern and Muslim background.

## EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY

A medical assistant was demoted to part-time clerk because she was pregnant, as the physician said she would not be able to work the necessary hours. The jury awarded the young woman \$53,000 in compensatory damages plus \$350,000 in punitive damages.

## SEXUAL MISCONDUCT TO A PATIENT

A patient visited a chiropractor for the first time due to a back injury arising from an automobile accident. Being unfamiliar with proper spinal adjustments and manipulations, she felt she was touched inappropriately, while the chiropractor performed a lower back adjustment. Although the charges were found to be unsubstantiated and were dismissed by the court, the chiropractor incurred substantial Defense Costs.

## RETALIATION

An administrative assistant working in a surgical center was ordered by her office manager to bill patients for procedures that were not performed. The assistant was uncomfortable doing this and brought the situation to the attention of the owners of the center. The administrative assistant was let go shortly thereafter. She then brought charges against the surgical center for wrongful termination.

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