

# **83-Year-Old Dies from Infection in Nursing Home**

## **Nursing Home Resident Loses Leg After Ulcers Left Untreated**

**\$450,000 recovery**

Negligence action against nursing home where plaintiff developed ulcers. Nursing home failed to monitor and provide treatment to ulcers as physician prescribed.

**Type of Action:** Nursing home negligence

**Type of Injuries:** Decubitus ulcers on left foot became necrotic, severely infected and gangrenous. Left leg amputated above knee.

**Court/Case Number/Date:** In the Circuit Court of St. Charles County/00CV126538

**Caption:** Adele Bredenbeck v. Nursing Home (confidential)

**Judge, Jury or ADR: Name of Judge:** (confidential)

**Verdict or Recovery:** \$450,000 recovery

**Special Damages:** \$14,000 (approx.)

**Allocation of Fault:**

N/A Last Offer:

N/A Last Demand: N/A

**Attorney for Plaintiff:** Tim Dollar, Kansas City, MO

**Insurance Carrier:** (confidential)

### **Plaintiff's Experts:**

### **Defendant's Experts:**

### **Summary:**

Adele Bredenbeck was a resident at a Missouri nursing home three months before she developed ulcers on her toes. The Medical Director ordered the nursing staff to treat the ulcers several times a day until they healed. Within three months, the ulcers became infected and Ms. Bredenbeck's leg was amputated.

Ms. Bredenbeck sued the nursing home and Medical Director for negligence following the loss of her leg. Ms. Bredenbeck claimed that the nursing home staff failed to treat the ulcers over 160 times. She further claimed the Medical Director failed to follow up on whether his orders were followed and provide the medical care she required to avoid the amputation.

The nursing home contended that the ulcers were unavoidable and could not be healed because she did not have adequate blood supply to her leg.

Ms. Bredenbeck died prior to recovery in November 2000.