

# Family awarded \$2.65M in malpractice lawsuit

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A Lackawanna County jury Monday awarded nearly \$2.7 million to the family of a 51-year-old Narrowsburg, N.Y., woman who died six days after undergoing surgery in 2002.

After hearing two weeks of testimony in the medical malpractice case, jurors deliberated less than three hours before finding Dr. William Steven Auriemma negligent in the death of Nancy F. Wilson.

Mrs. Wilson underwent elective surgery to fix a bowel problem on Jan. 16, 2002, at Marian Community Hospital in Carbondale. Dr. Auriemma, a colorectal surgeon with offices in Scranton, performed the operation.

The lawsuit filed by her estate alleged Dr. Auriemma failed to timely diagnose and treat a bowel perforation that led to complications and resulted in her death six days later.

Jurors awarded the estate and Mrs. Wilson's adult children, Christine A. Hook, of Honesdale, and David Casey, of Pond Eddy, N.Y., damages of \$2,654,266, including \$2 million for pain and suffering.

The jury cleared two other doctors who were named as defendants — primary care physician Dr. Allen James Orehek, of Waymart, and pulmonary specialist Dr. Meena Desai, of Peckville — of negligence.

Judge Carmen D. Minora denied a post-verdict request by Dr. Auriemma's attorney, Eugene Feeney, for a mistrial.