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Medical lawsuit helps no one



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I am writing in regards to a story that was published in The Daily News on Jan. 28, involving a l Leonora Ford against a local surgeon, Interior Health, and Royal Inland Hospital. The judge rule while her case was tragic, it did not result from negligence on the part of the doctor or the hospitals.

I fully understand the woman's frustration. I'm assuming this was her first dealing with our med 'system'? Welcome to the nightmare.

I was introduced to it back in 1997. There was the wait to see the various specialists. The wait things, as the MRI, was much worse back then as well. Eventually, however, I met Dr. Faridi ar experience was very different from Ms. Forde's. I owe Dr. Faridi my life.

He operated and removed my tumor. He saved my life.

Thanks to him I have been able to watch my children grow up, graduate, go on to university, at their own children.

I know what it's like to be so ill that someone has to do everything for you. I know what it's like wheelchair; use a walker; a cane and a leg brace. I get it. Really.

People told me I should have sued everyone concerned. Why? Was it the medical staff's fault the didn't have the proper equipment? Was it the hospital's fault that there was such a long wait fo These people can only work with what they have.

I am grateful to all the people involved in my surgery and care. They were top notch. Dr. Faridi demonstrated great care and concern for his patients. The waiting period is beyond his and the control.

Everyone is important. Everyone should be able to go in for tests without any waiting period. W have everything from equipment, to medical personnel at our disposal.

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