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Family Settles C. Diff Case With Nursing Home

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The family of a deceased **Mississippi nursing home** patient that died from complications related to **Clostridium Difficile (C. Diff)** has settled a claim with the nursing home where she contracted the infection. WREG reported that the family of Virginia Valentine settled their **wrongful death claim** with Trinity Mission Health & Rehab for an undisclosed amount of money due to the alleged C. Diff infection of their loved one.

Shortly after her admission to Trinity Mission, Ms. Valentine became weakened to the point that she was taken to a nearby hospital. While at the hospital, doctors diagnosed her with C. Diff and began administering antibiotics to kill the infection. Despite the medical intervention, Ms. Valentine was unable to fight off the C. Diff and passed from complications.

Even though Ms. Valentine had executed an Alternative Dispute Resolution Agreement at the time of her admission to Trinity Mission, which called for all disputes to be

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resolved via arbitration, her family was successful in invalidating the agreement based upon multiple errors on the part of the facility. Read more about the settlement of this [nursing home claim here](#).

C. Diff In Nursing Homes

In the course of the past few years, C. Diff has received much attention due to an increasingly aware medical community that has become more attuned the risks associated with this infection-- particularly among the elderly.

C. Diff is a bacterial infection can cause diarrhea and more serious intestinal conditions, such as colitis. C. Diff bacteria are found in the feces of an infected person. The bacteria is primarily spread when caregivers come in contact with the feces of an infected patient and fail to wash their hands before treating another patient.

Many elderly in nursing homes and hospitals are at a heightened risk for contracting C. Diff due to the fact that they may be taking antibiotics for other. The influx of antibiotics is believed to weaken their bodies ability to fight off the C. Diff bacteria.

When diagnosed early on, C. Diff may be treated with a course of specialized antibiotics. However, the effectiveness of the antibiotics becomes compromised when a diagnosis is delayed. Advanced cases of C. Diff may require surgery in the bowel or colon and may deadly.

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