

Jonathan Rosenfeld's Nursing Homes Abuse Blog

Family Alleges Nursing Home's Failure To Control Diabetes Resulted In Death Of Patient

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The family of retired Judge John Philips has filed a nursing home negligence lawsuit against Prospect Park Residence alleging the facilities failure to treat the man's diabetes resulted in his death. According to the lawsuit, the staff failed to provide him with a specialized diabetic menu and failed to administer his insulin on a regular basis.

According to Philips long-time friend John O'Hara, "He had diabetes that was supposed to be controlled. They kept screwing up. They killed him."

The lawsuit seeks \$10 million from this New York nursing home. Read more about this lawsuit [here](#).

Diabetic Nursing Home Patients

According to the American Diabetes Association, approximately 18.3% (8.6 million) of Americans age 60 and older have diabetes. The prevalence of the disease increases with age; an estimated 50% of all diabetes happens in those aged 55 and older. The risk of developing type 2 diabetes also increases with age.

Particularly in patients with type 2 diabetes, age causes a decline in insulin production and an increase in glucose intolerance. Older Americans are also more likely to have complicating conditions such as retinopathy, hypertension, ketoacidosis and kidney problems. Nursing home staff should carefully monitor glucose levels and make every effort to timely administer insulin if necessary.