

# Heart Attack Misdiagnosis Leads to \$6.41 Million Medical Malpractice Award

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The family of a 38-year-old man who died after doctors misdiagnosed his heart condition was recently awarded \$6.41 million. As [Laurel medical malpractice attorneys](#), we know that no amount of money can bring back a loved one, but we are hopeful that the jury award will prevent a similar medical mistake from harming someone else.

As reported by [Philly.com](#), Derrick Harlem collapsed on May 31, 2009, while playing basketball. After complaining of severe chest pain, he was taken to Temple University Hospital. He was diagnosed with pneumonia and released after being given Motrin and an antibiotic, according to the medical malpractice lawsuit. Three months later, Harlem collapsed again while playing basketball. He had suffered a massive heart attack and died on Nov. 12, 2009.

As this case highlights, misdiagnosis can lead to tragic results, particularly since early diagnosis is often the key to achieving a positive outcome. Therefore, if you feel you may have been misdiagnosed, it is imperative to take action.

## *What Should You Do If You Have Been Misdiagnosed?*

If you believe that you may have suffered from misdiagnosis, it is important to speak with an attorney who specializes in this area as soon as possible. Upon meeting with a medical malpractice attorney, you will be asked to explain what happened in as much detail as possible. It is helpful to bring a copy of your medical records as well. The attorney will then be able to discuss your legal options with you.

*The Laurel medical malpractice attorneys of [Hyatt & Weber, P.A.](#) understand the potentially devastating impact of a medical mistake. If you or someone you love has been injured due to someone else's negligence, we are here to help. Our Laurel personal injury attorneys are experienced and dedicated to pursuing the compensation you deserve.*

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