

Woman wins \$2.1 million from hospital

PADUCAH (AP) — An Illinois woman who claimed she had a stroke because of substandard medical care won a \$2.1 million medical malpractice claim against Lourdes Hospital in Paducah.

A McCracken County jury last week awarded Cynthia Featherston of Metropolis, Ill., the money after a four-day trial in circuit court.

Featherston's attorney, William McMurry, said her stroke could have been prevented if doctors had administered a clot-busting drug known as TPA when Featherston went to the emergency room on Jan. 25, 2005.

Attorney Rick Walter of Paducah, who represented Lourdes, said Featherston wasn't given TPA because some of her symptoms indicated she was not a good candidate for the drug and that its improper use could have caused more harm than good.

Nine of the 12 jurors agreed to award Featherston \$350,000 for pain and suffering, \$90,708.40 for past medical expenses and \$1,670,000 for future medical expenses.

In a statement, Lourdes said it was trying to decide if the ruling would be appealed and that Featherston received the proper care.

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