### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

CARMEN R. CABALLERO, in representation of minor son, CYCC,

Plaintiff,

V.

CARIBBEAN MEDICAL CENTER-CDT; DR. VICTOR M. GRILLO LEON, DR. OMAR DIAZ SOJO, EXPRESS AMBULANCE; A, B, C INSURANCE COMPANIES, INC.; E, F, G INSURANCE COMPANIES; JOHN DOE; JAMES ROE; MOE-FOE CONJUGAL PARTNERSHIPS I-X;

Defendants.

CIVIL NO.: 19-2158

RE: TORT ACTION FOR MEDICAL MALPRACTICE PURSUANT TO ARTS. 1802 AND 1803, 31 P. R. Laws Ann. §§ 5141 AND 5142.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

#### **COMPLAINT**

#### TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

APPEARS NOW, CARMEN R. CABALLERO, in representation of minor son, CYCC (hereinafter referred to as "Plaintiff", through the undersigned counsel, and hereby states, alleges, and requests as follows:

#### **JURISDICTIONAL BASIS**

- 1. This case is based upon diversity jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §1332.
- 2. Plaintiff CYCC is presently living in Italy with his mother CARMEN R CABALLERO and her husband who is in the US Army, and is a resident of the state of FLORIDA.
- 3. All Defendants are either individuals who reside in Puerto Rico or corporations organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico with his principal place of business in P.R. or of states other than Florida.

- 4. The matter in controversy exceeds the sum of SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000.00), exclusive of interest and costs, thus vesting jurisdiction on this Honorable Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332.
- 5. Venue is proper in the District of Puerto Rico pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391, since the events and acts or omissions giving rise to this claim occurred in this district.

#### THE PARTIES

- 6. Plaintiff CARMEN R. CABALLERO, in representation of her minor son CYCC (hereinafter "plaintiff") who is the 12-year-old son of patient Paul Calderon Villamil (hereinafter "Paul Calderon", or "the patient').
- 7. Co-Defendant **CARIBBEAN MEDICAL CENTER**, d/b/a CARIBBEAN MEDICAL CENTER-CDT (hereinafter "**CMC**" or "hospital"), is an entity duly registered and/or incorporated in and with its principal place of business in Puerto Rico.
- 8. Co-Defendant **CMC** owns and/or operates an emergency clinic, located in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, wherein it provides its patients with emergency medical services, including physician, nursing, medication, laboratory, EKG, radiology and other services.
- 9. Co-Defendant **DR. VICTOR M. GRILLO** (hereinafter "**DR. GRILLO**") is a physician authorized to practice medicine in Puerto Rico, who is designated in the relevant medical record as the patient's attending physician and who treated Mr. Paul Calderon Villamil while admitted to Defendant **CMC** on the relevant date.
- 10. Co-Defendant **DR. OMAR DIAZ SOJO** (hereinafter "**DR. DIAZ**") is a physician authorized to practice medicine in Puerto Rico, who is designated in the relevant medical record as having treated Mr. Paul Calderon Villamil while admitted to Defendant **CMC** on the relevant date.

- 11. Co-Defendant **EXPRESS AMBULANCE** is a domestic entity operating in Puerto Rico, who was responsible of transferring Patient Paul Calderon from **CMC** to an institution capable of providing the patient the care he urgently needed.
- 12. Co-Defendants **A, B, C Insurance Companies** are entities or corporations organized or operating under the laws of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, with their principal place of business in Puerto Rico or in a state other than Florida and/or Florida, which issued insurance policies on behalf *of named* defendants for the acts or omissions described herein, encompassing the relevant period of time.
- 13. Co-Defendants **E**, **F**, **G INSURANCE** are entities or corporations organized or operating under the laws of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, with their principal place of business in Puerto Rico or in a state other than Florida, which issued insurance policies on behalf of one or more *unknown codefendants/tortfeasors* for the acts or omissions described herein, encompassing the relevant period of time.
- 14. Co-Defendants unknown tortfeasors **JOHN DOE** and **JAMES ROE** are physicians or other health care providers fictitiously named herein, to be later replaced by their actual names which may become known through further discovery in this litigation and who may be liable to Plaintiff for the damages suffered, in whole or in part, for the actions and/or omissions herein described, encompassing the relevant period of time.
- 15. Co-Defendants **MOE-FOE CONJUGAL PARTNERSHIPS I-X** are unknown conjugal partnerships comprised of the individual defendants and their respective husbands and/or wives, who are currently unknown.

#### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 15. Plaintiff CYCC is the twelve-year-old son of Paul Calderon Villamil.
- 16. Paul Calderon was a US Army veteran and a member of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborn Division and Special Forces Group, having successfully completed extremely dangerous missions during multiple tours in war torn Afghanistan and Iraq.
- 17. Paul Calderon was only 39 years old at the time of the events of this complaint.
- 18. On the morning of February 6, 2019, Paul Calderon was rushed to the Caribbean Medical Center in Rio Grande ("CMC") by his mother, Maria Iness Villamil, who drove him there.
- 19. That morning, Paul Calderon had left nursing school to then be driven to the CMC emergency ward.
- 20. Upon arrival at CMC, the medical staff recorded that Paul Calderon complained of chest pain, nausea and vomiting.
- 21. The chest pain was recorded as constant, oppressive and unrelenting, despite medication.
- 22. Chest pain is the most common complaint in a patient with acute myocardial infarction.
- 23. Paul Calderon informed CMC staff that he was a nursing student and that he suspected he was having a heart attack, also known as an acute myocardial infarction.
- 24. According to the medical record, the triage was carried out by the nurse at 12:00 noon.
- 25. Shortly thereafter, at approximately 12:12 p.m., an ECG was taken by the CMC nurse of Paul Calderon.
- 26. CMC assigned DR. VICTOR M. GRILLO (hereinafter "DR. GRILLO") and later DR. OMAR DIAZ SOJO (hereinafter "DR. DIAZ SOJO") as the physicians who attended to Paul Calderon.

- 27. Both **DR. GRILLO** and **DR. DIAZ SOJO** accepted to become treating physicians for Paul Calderon.
- 28. Not long after the ECG was taken, **DR. GRILLO** saw Paul Calderon for the first and only time while Paul Calderon was at CMC.
- 29. Approximately two hours later, Maria Innes, Pual Calderon's mother, demanded to see DR.
  GRILLO about Paul's care.
- 30. **DR. GRILLO** informed Maria Innes that CMC does not have ability to obtain cardiac enzymes and would transfer Paul Calderon to the VA Hospital in San Juan (hereinafter "VAHSJ".)
- 31. At approximately 2:50 p.m., the medical record indicates that **DR. GRILLO** ordered laboratory test and ECG for Paul Calderon.
- 32. CMC's nursing staff documented by circling those orders by **DR. GRILLO** as being carried out by 2:50 p.m.
- 33. Patient's preliminary work up showed ECG with indications of a heart attack, at approximately 12:12 p.m.
- 34. Paul Calderon was accompanied by his mother, Maria Iness Villamil, who followed up and requested CMC's staff to treat his son, but the personnel was not giving his care any importance.
- 35. Hours passed and Paul Calderon was left waiting, without any periodical medical or nursing proper follow up.
- 36. As per **DR. GRILLO's** 3:00 p.m. medical note, he indicated that Paul Calderon was going to be transferred to VA Hospital.
- 37. **EXPRESS AMBULANCE** was called to transfer Paul Calderon to the VA Hospital.

- 38. Maria Innes would repeatedly requested help for Paul and the status of the ambulance to CMC's staff.
- 39. CMC's staff would answer that it was on its way to CMC to transfer Paul to the VA Hospital.
- 40. This continued for hours, without the **EXPRESS AMBULANCE** or any other ambulance arriving.
- 41. According to CMC's staff, **EXPRESS AMBULANCE** had been called on multiple occasions and was coming to transfer Paul Calderon to the VA Hospital.
- 42. As of 6:00 p.m., Paul Calderon had not been transferred to the VA Hospital, where appropriate treatment could be provided to him.
- 43. **DR. DIAZ SOJO**, note of 6:00 p.m., repeated that Paul Calderon was to be transferred to VA Hospital in San Juan.
- 44. At that time, **DR. DIAZ SOJO** prescribed Toradol for the chest pain, but patient still had not been transferred as his 6:00 p.m. note reflected.
- 45. It was not until approximately 6:30 p.m. that **EXPRESS AMBULANCE** arrived and transferred Paul Calderon to VA Hospital in San Juan.
- 46. Once at the VA Hospital, Paul Calderon's cardiac enzyme confirmed he was having a massive heart attacked.
- 47. At the VA Hospital, thrombolitics were administered and the following day he was catheterized, but Paul Calderon died on February 7, 2019.
- 48. Defendants failed to timely and properly intervene and transfer Paul Calderon to VA Hospital for timely and appropriate treatment.
- 49. Defendants allowed valuable time to elapse, thereby contributing to Paul Calderon's death and the ensuing damages.

50. As a consequence of defendants gross mishandling of the Paul Calderon's serious medical condition, he died from the heart attack in progress and ill treated while at the CMC.

## FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION FOR NEGLIGENCE UNDER ARTICLE 1802 & 1803 OF THE PUERTO RICO CIVIL CODE AGAINST CARIBBEAN MEDICAL CENTER AND ITS PERSONNEL

- 51. The allegations contained above are incorporated by reference as if again fully set forth herein.
- 52. At the relevant times of this complaint, **CARIBBEAN MEDICAL CENTER**, (hereinafter "**CMC**") advertised to the public it was a facility that was capable of treating medical emergencies.
- 53. At the relevant times of this complaint, **CMC** operated or contracted to operate emergency clinic within its premises.
- 54. **CMC** sets up policies, procedures and/or requirements for the treatment of the emergencies within its premises.
- 55. **CMC** selected, hired, and contracted physicians to provide emergency medical care to its patients.
- 56. **CMC** paid its physicians and staff to provide medical, nursing and clerical support to its emergency room patients.
- 57. **CMC** through its policies, procedures and/or requirements for **CMC** privileges admitted from its emergency department to its hospital ward and assigned Dr. Grillo to become his treating physician while at **CMC**.
- 58. **CMC** assigned Dr. Grillo, who was only a family medicine doctor and unqualified to adequately treat Patient Calderon Villamil's condition.
- 59. CMC also assigned Dr. Diaz Sojo, who was only a general practitioner and unqualified to

- adequately treat Patient Calderon Villamil's condition.
- 60. As such **CMC** is liable for the negligent acts or omissions of Dr. Grillo and Dr. Diaz Sojo, that caused damage to Plaintiff.
- 61.**CMC** supplies medical, nursing, clerical, administrative, and technical personnel to the emergency department within its premises.
- 62. **CMC** derives revenue from the services provided to patients at these departments within its premises.
- 63. **CMC** is liable for medical malpractice occurring at the previously mentioned emergency departments located on its premises.
- 64. The treatment offered by **CMC** to Patient Calderon Villamil, through its medical, nursing, technical personnel, and/or the doctors who either are employees, or have privileges who used its facilities, was below the medical standard that satisfies the exigencies generally recognized by the medical profession in light of the modern means of communication and teaching and, as such, directly caused and/or contributed to causing Plaintiff the untimely death of his beloved father, Patient Calderon Villamil, and the injuries, as described herein.
- 65. **CMC's** personnel failed to exercise the care and precautions required under the circumstances in order to prevent the loss of Patient Calderon Villamil's life, lacked the knowledge and medical skill required to treat a patient in their care, and failed to timely have available the personnel and equipment necessary to avoid the injuries, suffering and subsequent death of Patient Calderon Villamil.
- 66. **CMC** medical and hospital personnel negligently failed to provide Patient Calderon Villamil with competent nursing and medical personnel to monitor, treat and follow up in a timely and adequate manner.

- 67. **CMC** medical personnel, including defendants named herein, negligently failed to adequately treat the patient with a treatable heart condition, if promptly treated.
- 68. **CMC** medical personnel, including defendants named herein, negligently failed to adequately follow an appropriate course of diagnosis, treatment, including immediate transfer to another institution with the capability to treat patient's condition.
- 69. **CMC** medical personnel, including defendants named herein, negligently allowed the patient to be left waiting for medical treatment and transfer.
- 70. **CMC's** staff failed to ensure it provided adequate ambulance services for the patients it could not treat and needed transfer.
- 71. **CMC's** staff relied on Express Ambulance which took hours to arrive and negligently provided its transportation service to Paul Calderon and contributed to the excessively delayed transfer and thus catastrophic results in the death of this 39 year old patient.
- 72. **CMC** nursing and medical personnel negligently failed to recognize or otherwise ignored the signs and symptoms that Patient Calderon Villamil developed consistent with a heart attack medically known as a myocardial infarct.
- 73. **CMC** nursing and medical personnel negligently failed to promptly and adequately examine and follow up on patient's condition and ensure immediate transfer to another institution capable of dealing with Calderon's myocardial infarction.
- 74. **CMC** nursing and medical personnel failed to use available methods to timely prevent, diagnose and treat Patient Calderon Villamil who was a likely candidate to develop a massive myocardial infarction which would cause his death.
- 75. While at **CMC's** ward, Patient Calderon Villamil was inadequately monitored by nurses and physicians, requiring family to be intervening to alert and try to obtain timely treatment for

- the patient.
- 76. Patient Calderon Villamil required closer nursing and medical supervision but instead was afforded delayed and inadequate treatment throughout his admission at CMC.
- 77. At all times herein pertinent, co-Defendant **CMC**, its directors, officers, and employees and physicians with privileges were negligent in failing to provide the proper medical attention to Patient Calderon Villamil, in failing to provide the proper supervision of co-Defendant **DR**. **GRILLO**, **DR**. **DIAZ SOJO** and other unknown physicians employed by and/or practicing at **CMC**, and by otherwise failing to exercise due care and caution to prevent the tortious conduct, injuries, and suffering to Plaintiff and to patient Paul Calderon Villamil.
- 78. **CMC** not only failed to adequately supervise the Defendant physicians and/or ensure their prompt attention to the patient, but also permitted the use of its facilities by physicians with privileges, in that way allowing, encouraging, and condoning the negligent care and improper treatment of Patient Calderon Villamil, proximately and directly causing his death as well as Plaintiff's injuries.
- 79. As a result of all of the above, **CMC** misled those who sought appropriate emergency treatment into thinking that they would be appropriately treated at its facilities.
- 80. **CMC** did not provide the timely services of persons capable of properly and effectively coordinating its departments and immediate transfer due to its limited capacity to treat Patient Calderon Villamil.
- 81. As a direct and proximate cause of co-Defendant **CMC** and its personnel's failure to properly treat Patient Calderon Villamil, Plaintiff sustained severe pain and suffering and other damages, as described below.

## SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION FOR NEGLIGENCE UNDER ARTICLE 1802 & 1803 OF THE PUERTO RICO CIVIL CODE AGAINST PHYSICIAN DR. VICTOR M. GRILLO

- 82. The allegations contained above are incorporated by reference as if again fully set forth herein.
- 83. The interventions of Co-Defendant **DR. GRILLO** (hereinafter referred to as "Dr. Grillo") and codefendants as well as medical personnel under their supervision and independently, with Patient Calderon Villamil while he was at **CMC**, were below the standards that satisfy the exigencies generally recognized by the medical profession in light of the modern means of communication and teaching and, as such, directly caused and/or contributed to causing the premature death of Mr. Paul Calderon Villamil and, thus, his pain and suffering as well as that of Plaintiff and other damages, as described herein.
- 84. Co-Defendant **DR. GRILLO** and medical personnel under their supervision and independently, failed to exercise reasonable care and skill commensurate with the standard of care practiced in the medical profession at that time and under like and similar circumstances when they failed to immediately transfer the patient as soon as the possibility of a myocardial infarction emerged in the differential diagnosis.
- 85. Co-Defendant **DR. GRILLO** and/or clinic, nursing and medical personnel under his supervision, failed to exercise reasonable care and skill commensurate with the standard of care practiced in the medical profession at that time and under like and similar circumstances when they failed to provide timely and effective care to the heart condition demonstrated by the patient's signs, symptoms, ECG and other diagnostic tests.
- 86. Co-Defendant **DR. GRILLO** and/or clinic, nursing and medical personnel under his supervision, failed to exercise reasonable care and skill commensurate with the standard of

care practiced in the medical profession at that time and under like and similar circumstances when they realized their emergency facility was not equipped to failed to provide timely and effective care to the heart condition demonstrated by the patient's signs, symptoms, ECG and other diagnostic tests.

- 87. Co-Defendant **DR. GRILLO** and the nursing, medical and clinic's staff personnel under his supervision and independently, failed to exercise reasonable care and skill commensurate with the standard of care practiced in the medical profession at that time and under like and similar circumstances when they failed to provide Mr. Patient Calderon Villamil with a proper: evaluation, reading of the ECG, repeating ECG and ensuring immediate transfer to a suitable facility.
- 88. In so doing, Co-Defendant **DR. GRILLO** and other medical personnel committed professional negligence, including lack of expertise, fault and malpractice, which directly and proximately caused the suffering and death of Mr. Calderon Villamil and the damages to him and Plaintiff, as detailed herein.
- 89. As a direct and proximate cause of co-Defendant **DR. GRILLO's** failure to properly treat Patient Calderon Villamil, Plaintiff sustained severe emotional pain and suffering and other damages, as described below.

#### THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION FOR NEGLIGENCE UNDER ARTICLE 1802 & 1803 OF THE PUERTO RICO CIVIL CODE AGAINST PHYSICIAN DR. OMAR DIAZ SOJO

- 90. The allegations contained above are incorporated by reference as if again fully set forth herein.
- 91. The interventions of Co-Defendant **DR. DIAZ SOJO** and Co-Defendants as well as medical personnel under their supervision and independently, with Patient Calderon Villamil while he

- was at **CMC**, were below the standards that satisfy the exigencies generally recognized by the medical profession in light of the modern means of communication and teaching and, as such, directly caused and/or contributed to causing the premature death of Mr. Paul Calderon Villamil and, thus, his pain and suffering as well as that of Plaintiff, as described herein.
- 92. Co-Defendant **DR. DIAZ SOJO** and codefendants and/or medical personnel under their supervision, failed to exercise reasonable care and skill commensurate with the standard of care practiced in the medical profession at that time and under like and similar circumstances when they failed to provide timely and effective care to the patient's conditions demonstrated by the patient's signs and symptoms.
- 93. Co-Defendant **DR. DIAZ SOJO** and **CMC's** staff under his supervision and independently, failed to exercise reasonable care and skill commensurate with the standard of care practiced in the medical profession at that time and under like and similar circumstances when they failed to immediately transfer the patient as soon as the possibility of a myocardial infarction emerged in the differential diagnosis.
- 94. Co-Defendant **DR. DIAZ SOJO** and her consulting physicians, co-defendants and medical personnel under her supervision and independently, failed to exercise reasonable care and skill commensurate with the standard of care practiced in the medical profession at that time and under like and similar circumstances when they failed to provide Mr. Calderon Villamil with proper care, including the transfer to a facility capable of treating him adequately.
- 95. In so doing, Co-Defendant **DR. DIAZ SOJO** and other medical personnel committed professional negligence, including lack of expertise, fault and malpractice, which directly and proximately caused the suffering and death of Mr. Calderon Villamil and the damages to him and Plaintiff, as detailed herein.

96. As a direct and proximate cause of co-Defendant **Dr. DIAZ SOJO**'s failure to properly treat Patient Calderon Villamil, Plaintiff sustained severe emotional pain and suffering and other damages, as described below.

#### FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION FOR NEGLIGENCE UNDER ARTICLES 1802 & 1803 OF THE PUERTO RICO CIVIL CODE EXPRESS AMBULANCE

- 97. The allegations contained above are incorporated by reference as if again fully set forth herein.
- 98. **EXPRESS AMBULANCE** had an agreement to provide prompt and reliable ambulance service to **CMC's** patients.
- **99. EXPRESS AMBULANCE** was called on multiple occasions by **CMC's** personnel requesting the urgent transfer of Patient Paul Calderon to the VA Hospital in San Juan.
- 100. **EXPRESS AMBULANCE** continuously represented to **CMC's** personnel that they would arrive promptly and transfer Paul Calderon to the VA Hospital in San Juan, to no avail.
- 101. Despite Paul Calderon's critical condition, **EXRESS AMBULANCE** did not arrive to **CMC's** premises until after several critical hours had elapsed.
- 102. The ambulance that finally transferred Paul Calderon was property of **EXPRESS AMBULANCE** and the paramedics who transferred the patient were its employees.
- 103. **EXPRESS AMBULANCE** did not take the necessary steps to provide Paul Calderon the urgent transfer he required, thus participating and causing more damages to the patient.
- 104. **EXPRESS AMBULANCE's** negligent acts or omissions did not comport to the standards applicable to ambulance services in Puerto Rico.
- 105. **EXPRESS AMBULANCE** is jointly and severally liable to Plaintiff for the damages caused.

#### FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION FOR NEGLIGENCE UNDER ARTICLES 1802 & 1803 OF THE PUERTO RICO CIVIL CODE A,B,C INSURANCE COMPANIES

- 106. The allegations contained above are incorporated by reference as if again fully set forth herein.
- 107. Co-Defendants A, B, C INSURANCE COMPANIES, designated as such for not knowing their identities, were at all times herein pertinent an insurance companies authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and which issued public liability and/or malpractice insurance policies on behalf of Co-Defendant, CARIBBEAN MEDICAL CENTER (CMC), DR. VICTOR M. GRILLO and DR. OMAR DIAZ SOJO.
- 108. Pursuant to 26 P.R. Laws Ann. § 2001, an insurance company is liable for the negligence or fault of its insured.
- 109. Pursuant to 26 P.R. Laws Ann. § 2003, an action against an insurer may be brought separately or may be joined together with an action against its insured.
- 110. Therefore, Co-Defendants A, B, C INSURANCE COMPANIES are jointly and severally liable to Plaintiff for the damages caused to him and his father by Co-Defendants CARIBBEAN MEDICAL CENTER, DR. VICTOR M. GRILLO and DR. OMAR DIAZ SOJO.

# SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION FOR NEGLIGENCE UNDER ARTICLES 1802 & 1803 OF THE PUERTO RICO CIVIL CODE AGAINST JOHN DOE AND JAMES ROE UNKNOWN JOINT AND SEVERAL TORTFEASORS

- 111. The allegations contained above are incorporated by reference as if again fully set forth herein.
- 112. Co-Defendants John Doe and James Roe are so designated for lack of knowledge at this point in the proceedings.

- 113. Co-Defendants John Doe and James Roe's intervention in the nursing, technical or medical care of Mr. Paul Calderon while at Co-Defendant CMC was below the nursing, technical and medical standard that satisfies the exigencies generally recognized by the medical profession in light of the modern means of communication and teaching and, as such, directly caused and/or contributed to causing Mr. Calderon's death and, thus, the pain and suffering of Mr. Paul Calderon Villamil while treated at CMC and of Plaintiff upon his premature death, as described herein.
- standard that satisfies the exigencies generally recognized by the medical profession in light of the modern means of communication and teaching, failed to perform a complete, thorough and adequate post fall from bed monitoring, testing and assessment of Mr. Calderon, commensurate with his reported symptoms of cardiac deterioration, and, as such, directly caused and/or contributed to causing Mr. Paul Calderon Villamil physical injury and emotional pain, as well as his premature death and the emotional pain and suffering such death caused upon Plaintiff.
- 115. Co-Defendants John Doe and James Roe negligently and carelessly failed to exercise reasonable care and skill commensurate with the standard of care practiced in the medical profession at that time and under like and similar circumstances when they failed to correctly and promptly recognize and treat the patient's symptoms and condition and, thus, failed to provide a prompt, complete, thorough and adequate medical evaluation and treatment.
- 116. Co-Defendants John Doe and James Roe negligently and carelessly failed to promptly test, monitor, evaluate, and treat Mr. Calderon's symptoms, thus denying him the provision of essential and life-saving treatment by a transfer to a suitable facility.

- 117. Co-Defendants John Doe and James Roe negligently and carelessly failed to provide proper care to their patient, Mr. Calderon, by failing to engage in his prompt and adequate examination, evaluation of symptoms, and care on a timely basis, so that they did not follow up on the signs and symptoms of cardiac deterioration.
- 118. As a direct and proximate cause of Co-Defendants John Doe and James Roe's negligent actions and omissions upon being presented with a patient in Mr. Calderon's condition and with his clinical signs, Mr. Paul Calderon Villamil was deprived of the opportunity to be promptly treated when time was of the essence and the Plaintiff, through the premature death of Mr. Calderon, was deprived of his companionship, camaraderie, support and love.
- 119. As a direct and proximate cause of Co-Defendants John Doe and James Roe's negligent actions and omissions upon being presented with a patient in Mr. Calderon's condition and with his clinical signs, Mr. Paul Calderon Villamil was deprived of the opportunity to be promptly treated when time was of the essence and Mr. Calderon, was caused physical, emotional damages, who's cause of action is inherited by Plaintiff.
- 120. In so doing, Co-Defendants John Doe and James Roe committed professional negligence, including lack of expertise, fault and malpractice, which directly and proximately caused the death of Mr. Calderon, as detailed herein.
- 121. As a direct and proximate cause of Co-Defendants John Doe and James Roe's negligence in failing to properly treat Mr. Calderon, Plaintiff and Mr. Paul Calderon Villamil sustained severe pain and suffering.

#### SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST THE UNKNOWN CONJUGAL PARTNERSHIPS

122. The allegations contained above are incorporated by reference as if again fully set forth herein.

- 123. Upon information and belief, some of the defendant doctors were married without marriage capitulations during the events described in the complaint.
- 124. The activities by which the individual defendant doctors caused Plaintiff's damages were activities that benefited their respective conjugal partnerships, referred to herein as Doe-Roe Conjugal Partnerships I-X, as Plaintiff lack information as to the actual names of the respective wives and/or husbands.
- 125. As such, each conjugal partnership is jointly and severally liable to Plaintiff for the damages caused to them and Mr. Paul Calderon Villamil by the individual physician Defendants.

#### EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION FOR NEGLIGENCE UNDER ARTICLES 1802 & 1803 OF THE PUERTO RICO CIVIL CODE AGAINST E, F, G INSURANCE COMPANIES

- 126. The allegations contained above are incorporated by reference as if again fully set forth herein.
- 127. Co-Defendants **E**, **F**, **G INSURANCE COMPANIES** were at all times herein pertinent insurance companies authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and which issued public liability and/or malpractice insurance policies on behalf of one or more UNKNOWN Co-Defendants.
- 128. Pursuant to 26 P.R. Laws Ann. § 2001, an insurance company is liable for the negligence or fault of its insured.
- 129. Pursuant to 26 P.R. Laws Ann. § 2003, an action against an insurer may be brought separately or may be joined together with an action against its insured.
- 130. Therefore, **E**, **F**, **G INSURANCE COMPANIES** are jointly and severally liable to Plaintiff for the damages caused to them by one or more Co-Defendants.

Therefore, Co-Defendants **E**, **F**, **G INSURANCE COMPANIES** are jointly and severally liable to Plaintiff for the damages caused to them and Mr. Paul Calderon Villamil by any and/or all Co-Defendants, joint tortfeasors.

#### **DAMAGES**

- 131. The allegations contained above are incorporated herein by reference as if again fully set forth.
- 132. Defendants' actions or omissions in prompt and aggressive treatment resulted in Paul's severe deterioration which led to increasing Paul and consequently, Plaintiff's suffering.
- 133. Patient Calderon Villamil was the father of Plaintiff CYCC, whom he loved dearly.
- 134. Plaintiff CYCC and Paul Calderon, when not visiting each other, they would keep in touch through Skype, WhatsApp, and would even play games on the internet.
- 135. As a result of the professional negligence, lack of expertise, fault, and malpractice of all Co-Defendants, Plaintiff unnecessarily and prematurely lost his beloved father Paul.
- 136. As a result of the professional negligence, lack of expertise, fault, and malpractice of all Co-Defendants, Patient Calderon Villamil lived through the extraordinary pain and suffering at CMC and subsequently at the VA hospital.
- 137. With his father's death, Plaintiff, at a very young age, lost a lifelong source of love, comfort and advice.
- 138. Plaintiff has suffered dearly the unnecessary loss of his father, with whom he will not be able to share any more special moments for the rest of his life.
- 139. Plaintiff's quality of life has been severely and permanently eviscerated as a result of his father's death and is terribly sad and now worried about his own death.

- 140. Plaintiff was very close to his father and has lost his company, counsel and love for the rest of his life.
- 141. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence of all Defendants, Plaintiff will continue to suffer the irreparable loss of his father and his quality of life will continue to be severely affected for the rest of his life.
- 142. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence of all Defendants, Plaintiff have a sense of frustration and a deep pain that affects him daily, knowing that his father's death was preventable.
- 143. As Patient Calderon's heir, Plaintiff CYCC inherits his father's cause of action for the pain and suffering he experienced during his treatment at CMC and VAHSJ which led to his premature death.
- 144. The acts and omissions of the Defendants have caused Plaintiff CYCC'S a terrible loss, intense, emotional pain and suffering, terrible sadness, frustration and a grave sense of injustice equal to a sum not less than ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00).
- 145. The acts and omissions of the Defendants have caused Plaintiff CYCC a loss of economic support calculated at no less than FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00) Patient Calderon Villamil's physical and emotional pain and suffering, which is inherited by Plaintiff CYCC, as representative of his heirs, and has a reasonable value of no less than ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00).
- 146. The total damages suffered by Plaintiff and those suffered by his father, inherited in turn by Plaintiff, have a reasonable value in excess of **TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,500,000.00)** including, but not limited to, Plaintiff's own past,

present, and future mental and emotional pain and suffering, economic damages, as well as the inherited pain and suffering experienced by his father as described above.

#### TRIAL BY JURY DEMANDED

147. Plaintiff demands trial by jury on all causes of action herein raised.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against all Defendants jointly and severally, in an amount not less than TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,500,000.00), as well as costs incurred, reasonable attorneys' fees, and such other and further relief as this Honorable Court may deem just and proper under the law.

#### RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019.

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