



\$500,000 for Medical Malpractice

Posada v. Arrunategui: A doctor alleged to have caused permanent injury to a hysterectomy patient by unnecessarily removing her cervix settled the suit on Oct. 12 for \$500,000.

Maria Posada of Summit went to Jose Arrunategui of Elizabeth to perform a subtotal hysterectomy on Jan. 20, 2003, but he mistakenly removed her cervix, too, says her lawyer, **Adam Slater of Mazie Slater Katz & Freeman** in Roseland.

Posada, now 55, had to have another surgery, has pain during sex and suffers from incontinence, according to evidence Slater presented during four days of trial before Union County Superior Court Judge **William Wertheimer**. The case settled after a defense expert testified.

Defense lawyers **Tina Jordan and Renee Sherman of Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker** in Newark did not return calls. Slater says the defendant testified the cervix wasn't removed; it is just hard to detect by examination. He says that testimony was contradicted by both sides' experts.

— **By Henry Gottlieb**