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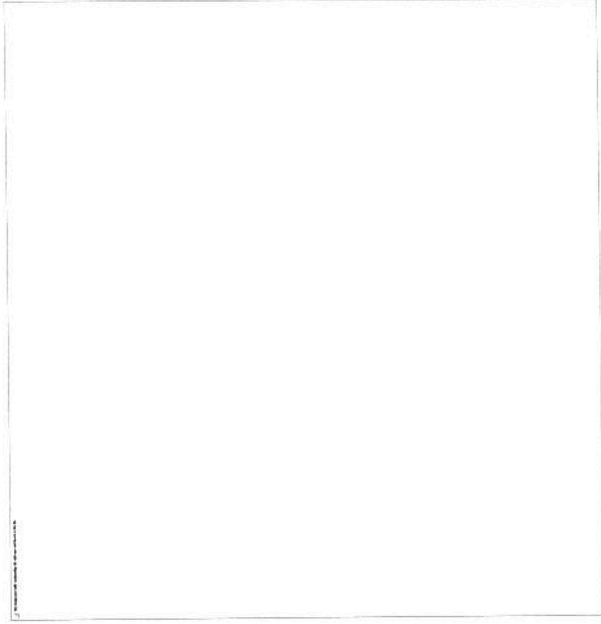
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State and Federal Appellant Cases for Vasectomy: Case Review from 1995 to 2016



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Background



- Most common non-diagnostic urologic procedure that are performed by both urologists and non-urologists
- Vasectomy is a source of medical malpractice litigation
- Literature on types and outcomes of this litigation is lacking
- Aim: evaluate the incidence, cause, and outcomes of lawsuits filed following vasectomy

Methods

- LexisNexis national legal database of state and federal level appellate cases
- Queried all cases with terms “vasectomy” and “medical malpractice” from January 1995– January 2016
- Included: patients >18 year old, ≥1 physician as defendant

Results

Table 1. Demographics

Number of cases identified	21
Urologist identified in litigation	8 (38.1%)

Table 2. Outcomes

Defendant 13 cases cited multiple reasons for litigation	13 (61.9%)
Plaintiff 8 cases cited multiple reasons for litigation	8 (38.1%)

Results

Table 3. State verdict according to reason for litigation

Reason	Plaintiff	Defendant
Informed consent	3	3
Loss of testicle	3	3
Post op complications	3	3
Pregnancy	2	4
Reoperation	0	2
Unknown	1	0

Conclusion

- First review of medical malpractice from vasectomy
- Majority of claims were made after pregnancy, loss of testicle, or post op complications
- Majority of state appellant cases favor the defendant
- All cases involving reoperation favored defendant
- Majority of cases involving pregnancy favored defendant
- Majority of cases involving a known urologist resulted favored defendant
- Numbers too small for statistical conclusions
- Study limited by information available in legal database