

SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
CIVIL DIVISION

<b>Christine Gambino and</b>	:	
<b>Garrett Gambino,</b>	:	
<b>on behalf of their minor child, R.G.,</b>	:	
<b>and for themselves,</b>	:	
5605 Ridgeview Dr.	:	
Alexandria, VA 22310	:	
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<b>Plaintiffs,</b>	:	
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v.	:	<b>Case No.</b> _____
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<b>MedStar Georgetown Medical Center Inc.,</b>	:	
<b>d/b/a MedStar Georgetown University Hospital</b>	:	
3800 Reservoir Road	:	
Washington, D.C. 20037	:	
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Defendant.	:	
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**COMPLAINT**  
**(Medical Negligence)**

1. The plaintiffs sue the defendant for all damages incurred as a result of negligent treatment of the minor plaintiff, R.G., at the defendant's hospital on January 16, 2013.
2. Christine and Garrett Gambino are the parents and next friends of R.G. They sue on her behalf and on their own behalf.
3. The defendant MedStar Georgetown Medical Center Inc., does business as MedStar Georgetown University Hospital (MGUH).

4. Pursuant to DC Code § 16-2802, the plaintiffs gave written notice to MGUH on December 14, 2015 of their intent to sue the defendant for the injuries described here. This complaint is timely filed 90 days after that notice.
5. All of the care that occurred in MGUH's NICU to R.G. was carried out by employees of MGUH acting within the scope of their employment, and the defendant is therefore liable for any injury and damages caused by such employees' negligent acts or omissions.
6. R.G. was born on January 2, 2013 at MGUH. Because she was premature (at 30 6/7 weeks), she was placed in MGUH's neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), also known as its critical care nursery.
7. R.G. required nutritional supplements and antibiotics to be delivered through an intravenous line.
8. On January 16, 2013, nurses were delivering a continuous i.v. infusion to R.G. through a line placed into a vein in her right ankle. The infusion contained TPN (total parenteral nutrition) fluids at a rate of 8.2 mL (milliliters) per hour and IL (lipids) fluids at a rate of 0.6 mL per hour, and also Vancomycin, a strong antibiotic.
9. These fluids are dessicants which are dangerous if they leak into tissues surrounding the veins because they can cause severe chemical burns.
10. The national standard of care required that the nurses caring for R.G. inspect the i.v. site at least every hour and remove the i.v. if there were any signs of problems with it, such as the fluid escaping from the blood vessel into the surrounding soft tissues in the ankle. That is called i.v. infiltration.

11. In the critical care nursery flowsheet, the nurses recorded the hourly condition of the infusion site and the amount of fluids delivered over each hour.
12. The flowsheet for January 16, attached here as Exhibit A, shows that at around 2 p.m., the nurse noted the site was puffy (“P” on the flowsheet). This meant that the solution was starting to leak into the surrounding tissues.
13. The standard of care required the nurse to stop the i.v. as soon as the nurse saw puffiness at the i.v. site.
14. In violation of the nursing standard of care, the nurse continued the i.v. for two additional hours after seeing that the fluids were starting to leak into the tissue.
15. The flow sheet shows that the last hour when the site was still noted to be normal was the 1300 hour, when total infusion that day was 57.4 mL of TPN and 4.2 mL of IL. The flow sheet shows two more hours of infusion after that, 8.2 mL of TPN and 0.6 mL of IL at both the 1400 and the 1500 hours, with a total for the day of 73.8 mL of TPN and 5.4 mL of IL, before the i.v. was pulled out.
16. When she arrived on the afternoon of January 16 for a visit, Christine Gambino saw her daughter’s foot was swollen, red and blistered, and she immediately pointed this out to the nurses. Only then was the i.v. pulled. By then, R.G. had a severe chemical burn.
17. The MGUH staff treated R.G.’s chemical burn with an injection of a drug called Vitrase, intended to hydrate the tissue and disperse the drugs that had leaked into the tissue. But this was not done until around 6 p.m., another violation of the standard of care, which requires prompt use of this drug in the face of a chemical burn.

18. The MGUH staff also treated R.G.'s chemical burn with warm compresses, another violation of the standard of care because heat is contraindicated for treatment of a burn.
19. The delay in use of Vitrase and the inappropriate use of warm compresses worsened R.G.'s injury.
20. A resident physician named Avery wrote a note at 5 p.m. about assessing R.G.'s injury. He or she noted that the redness and swelling extended halfway up the baby's calf and that there were areas of "blistering cyanosis" and "denuded epithelium" on the dorsum of the foot. The doctors prescribed intravenous morphine to treat the child's obvious pain.
21. A plastic surgeon assessed the burn as full-thickness damage to the skin of the foot and ankle but no damage to other structures.
22. After nearly a month of treatment, R.G. was sent home on February 17, 2013.
23. R.G.'s burn eventually healed with a thick scar around her ankle on all sides. The scar caused her skin to contract and the right foot to invert so that she has difficulty standing normally. Her parents have obtained plastic surgery consultations with surgeons who have offered various treatments including serial casting of her foot, which she underwent, along with physical therapy. All doctors have said that she will need periodic physical therapy and eventually a release of the scar tissue plus likely a full-thickness skin graft, along with further releases of scar tissue in later years when she goes through growth spurts. Her need for surgical care will continue until her legs have stopped growing.

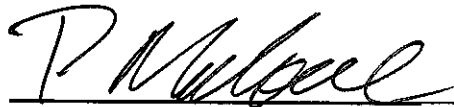
24. Because of the negligence of the defendant's employees, R.G. has experienced and will experience for her lifetime: (1) physical pain and emotional distress; (2) disfigurement, deformity, and associated humiliation and embarrassment; (3) inconvenience; (4) medical and rehabilitation expenses, and expenses to hire others to do things for her that a non-injured person could do for herself; (5) restrictions in her activities of daily living, her vocational options, and recreational activities; (6) loss of earning capacity; and (7) harm to her overall physical and emotional well-being.
25. R.G., through her parents, seeks damages for all compensable harm caused by the defendant's negligence.
26. Christine and Garrett Gambino seek damages for medical expenses and related expenses they have incurred and will incur until their daughter is an adult.
27. MGUH and its employees, particularly the nurses in the critical care nursery, were aware of the close relationship between Christine and Garrett Gambino and their daughter R.G. The parents attended the daughter daily and helped care for her during her stay in the critical care nursery. MGUH and its employees knew that the Gambinos would be emotionally distressed if their daughter suffered harm from neglect or from careless treatment. The parents relied on the nurses and physicians of MGUH to do their jobs diligently and to not neglect their daughter. When Christine Gambino found the severe burn on her daughter's leg and then brought it to the nurses' attention, she was profoundly shocked at the severity of the injury and the neglect by the nursing staff, as was her husband Garrett Gambino as soon as he saw the injury later that afternoon. Neither parent could

eat or sleep. Both parents suffered serious emotional distress at seeing the injury and the pain and discomfort it caused to their daughter starting on the day of the injury and continuing to the present.

28. MGUH and its employees had a duty to protect the emotional well-being of Christine and Garrett Gambino from emotional harm to the parents caused by preventable physical injuries to their daughter R.G. Christine and Garrett Gambino seek damages for their own emotional distress negligently inflicted by the defendant's employees.
29. WHEREFORE, the plaintiffs demand judgment of the defendant in the amount of \$2 million, plus interest and costs.

Dated: March 14, 2016

Respectfully submitted,



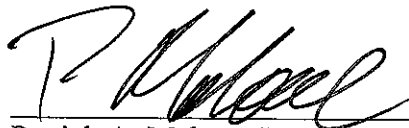
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*Plaintiff's Counsel*

### **JURY DEMAND**

The plaintiffs demand trial by jury.



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MEDSTAR GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL  
CRITICAL CARE NURSERY FLOWSHEET

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# Superior Court of the District of Columbia

## CIVIL DIVISION- CIVIL ACTIONS BRANCH INFORMATION SHEET

Christine Gambino and Garrett Gambino on behalf  
of their minor child, R.G., and for themselves  
vs

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: March 14, 2016

MedStar Georgetown Medical Center Inc.,  
d/b/a MedStar Georgetown University Hospital

One of the defendants is being sued  
in their official capacity.

Name: <i>(Please Print)</i> Patrick A. Malone, Esq.	Relationship to Lawsuit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attorney for Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Self (Pro Se) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Firm Name: Patrick Malone & Associates	
Telephone No.: 202-742-1500	Six digit Unified Bar No.: 397142

TYPE OF CASE:  Non-Jury  6 Person Jury  12 Person Jury  
Demand: \$ 2 million Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### PENDING CASE(S) RELATED TO THE ACTION BEING FILED

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar #: \_\_\_\_\_

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### NATURE OF SUIT: *(Check One Box Only)*

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#### COLLECTION CASES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 07 Personal Property         | Over \$25,000 Pltf. Grants Consent   | Over \$25,000 Consent Denied                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13 Employment Discrimination | <input type="checkbox"/> 07 Insurance/Subrogation  | <input type="checkbox"/> 34 Insurance/Subrogation         |
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#### C. PERSONAL TORTS

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## C. OTHERS

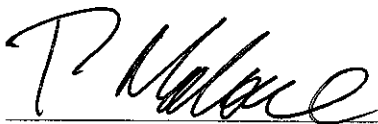
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 11 Petition for Civil Asset Forfeiture (RP) |  |



Attorney's Signature

March 14, 2016

Date



**Superior Court of the District of Columbia**  
**CIVIL DIVISION**  
 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Suite 5000  
 Washington, D.C. 20001 Telephone: (202) 879-1133

Christine Gambino and Garrett Gambino on behalf  
of their minor child, R.G., and for themselves Plaintiff

vs.

Case Number \_\_\_\_\_

MedStar Georgetown Medical Center Inc.,  
d/b/a MedStar Georgetown University Hospital Defendant

**SUMMONS**

To the above named Defendant:

You are hereby summoned and required to serve an Answer to the attached Complaint, either personally or through an attorney, within twenty (20) days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you are being sued as an officer or agency of the United States Government or the District of Columbia Government, you have sixty (60) days after service of this summons to serve your Answer. A copy of the Answer must be mailed to the attorney for the party plaintiff who is suing you. The attorney's name and address appear below. If plaintiff has no attorney, a copy of the Answer must be mailed to the plaintiff at the address stated on this Summons.

You are also required to file the original Answer with the Court in Suite 5000 at 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays or between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Saturdays. You may file the original Answer with the Court either before you serve a copy of the Answer on the plaintiff or within five (5) days after you have served the plaintiff. If you fail to file an Answer, judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Patrick A. Malone, Esq.  
 Name of Plaintiff's Attorney

*Clerk of the Court*

1111 16th Street, NW, Suite 400  
 Address  
Washington, DC 20036

By \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deputy Clerk

202-742-1500  
 Telephone

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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If you wish to talk to a lawyer and feel that you cannot afford to pay a fee to a lawyer, promptly contact one of the offices of the Legal Aid Society (202-628-1161) or the Neighborhood Legal Services (202-279-5100) for help or come to Suite 5000 at 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., for more information concerning places where you may ask for such help.

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 Washington, D.C. 20001 Teléfono: (202) 879-1133

\_\_\_\_\_ Demandante  
 contra

Número de Caso: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Demandado

**CITATORIO**

Al susodicho Demandado:

Por la presente se le cita a comparecer y se le requiere entregar una Contestación a la Demanda adjunta, sea en persona o por medio de un abogado, en el plazo de veinte (20) días contados después que usted haya recibido este citatorio, excluyendo el día mismo de la entrega del citatorio. Si usted está siendo demandado en calidad de oficial o agente del Gobierno de los Estados Unidos de Norteamérica o del Gobierno del Distrito de Columbia, tiene usted sesenta (60) días contados después que usted haya recibido este citatorio, para entregar su Contestación. Tiene que enviarle por correo una copia de su Contestación al abogado de la parte demandante. El nombre y dirección del abogado aparecen al final de este documento. Si el demandado no tiene abogado, tiene que enviarle al demandante una copia de la Contestación por correo a la dirección que aparece en este Citatorio.

A usted también se le requiere presentar la Contestación original al Tribunal en la Oficina 5000, sito en 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., entre las 8:30 a.m. y 5:00 p.m., de lunes a viernes o entre las 9:00 a.m. y las 12:00 del mediodía los sábados. Usted puede presentar la Contestación original ante el Juez ya sea antes que Usted le entregue al demandante una copia de la Contestación o en el plazo de cinco (5) días de haberle hecho la entrega al demandante. Si usted incumple con presentar una Contestación, podría dictarse un fallo en rebeldía contra usted para que se haga efectivo el desagravio que se busca en la demanda.

*SECRETARIO DEL TRIBUNAL*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Nombre del abogado del Demandante

Por: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subsecretario

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Dirección

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Si desea conversar con un abogado y le parece que no puede afrontar el costo de uno, llame pronto a una de nuestras oficinas del Legal Aid Society (202-628-1161) o el Neighborhood Legal Services (202-279-5100) para pedir ayuda o venga a la Oficina 5000 del 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., para informarse de otros lugares donde puede pedir ayuda al respecto.

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