IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE CITY, MARYLAND

MARGARITA MARTINEZ 878 Marengo Street Annapolis, MD 21401

Claimant,

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ARTHUR VAUGHT, M.D. 600 North Wolfe Street Suite 2150 Baltimore, MD 21287

and

ARTHUR VAUGHT, M.D. JHU Department of GYN/OB 600 North Wolfe Street Suite 2150 Baltimore, MD 21287

and

THE JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL 600 North Wolfe Street Baltimore, MD 21287

SERVE: G. Daniel Shealer, Jr.

The Johns Hopkins Hospital

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Health Care Providers

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COMPLAINT AND JRU DEMAND

COMES NOW the Claimant, Margarita A. Martinez, by and through undersigned counsel, Nelson I. Burgos, Esquire and Burgos & Burgos, and hereby file this Statement of Claim against Health Care Providers, Arthur Vaught, M.D. individually and in his capacity as an employee/agent of the Johns Hopkins University Department of Gynecology/Obstetrics (hereafter "JHU Department of GYN/OB") and as an employee/agent of The Johns Hopkins Hospital, and for her causes of action states as follows:

PARTIES

- 1. At all times relevant hereto, Claimant Margarita A. Martinez (hereinafter "Mrs. Martinez") was an adult resident of Anne Arundel County, Maryland. The injury and negligent acts occurred in Baltimore City. The damages claimed are in excess of excess of the limit of the concurrent jurisdiction of the District Court of Maryland.
- 2. Upon information and belief and at all times relevant hereto, Arthur Vaught, M.D. (hereinafter "Dr. Vaught") was a health care provider, licensed in and under the laws of Maryland, engaging in the practice of providing medical services to the general public.
- 3. Upon information and belief and at all times relevant hereto, Dr. Vaught was affiliated with, and an employee/agent of, The Johns Hopkins Hospital and JHU Department of GYN/OB, engaging in the practice of providing medical services to the general public
- 4. Upon information and belief and at all times relevant hereto, The Johns Hopkins Hospital (trading as "The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Inc.") is a Maryland corporation, licensed in and under the laws of Maryland, engaging in the practice of providing medical related services to the general public.

5. Upon information and belief and at all times relevant hereto, Dr. Vaught was an employee, agent, servant, and/or ostensible employee, agent or servant of The Johns Hopkins Hospital and JHU Department of GYN/OB, and was acting within the scope of his employment.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 6. Jurisdiction is proper pursuant to Md. Ann. Code, Cts. & Jud. Proc.§§ 6-102 and 6-103. Venue is proper pursuant to Md. Ann. Code, Cts. & Jud. Proc. § 6-201.
- 7. Pursuant to Md. Ann. Code, Cts. & Jud. Proc.§§ 3-2A-01, et seq., Plaintiff filed a claim with the Maryland Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office and arbitration was waived by the Plaintiff. A copy of the Order of Transfer is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

- 8. On or about September 15, 2014, Mrs. Martinez presented and was admitted to Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore City, Maryland, in labor.
- 9. That Mrs. Martinez came under the care of Dr. Arthur Vaught, who after labor had advanced to a certain point without success and a failed attempt with forceps, performed a cesarean section upon Mrs. Martinez to delivery her baby.
- 10. During the cesarean section an assistant was required to push the baby's head up from the vagina. This led the baby being delivered from a breech position through the low transverse uterine incision.
- 11. The manner of delivery resulted in an extension of the hysterotomy incision inferiorly which Dr. Vaught describes this lateral extension was closed with 0 Vicryl in a running fashion. A separate extension of the incision was performed extending inferiorly and medially on the left side was closed with a separate suture and several figure eight sutures were required for hemostasis.

- 12. After the completion of the delivery and cesarean section Mrs. Martinez remained inpatient at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Over the next several days Mrs. Martinez developed and experienced significant bi-lateral back pain, could not walk as she was instructed to do by hospital staff, and she had difficulty urinating. She suffered a 3000 cc blood loss for which she received 3 units of whole blood and was noted to have an increased creatinine level in her routine lab results.
- 13. On postoperative day #4 a renal ultrasound was performed on Mrs. Martinez which was positive for a left-sided hydronephrosis. An MRI and Urogram. A Urology specialist had a CT Scan performed and this demonstrated a high-grade obstruction of the left ureter and left lower uterine segment.
- 14. This resulted in a left nephrostomy tube placed and a nephroureteral stent placed into the bladder. Subsequently, on September 21, 2014, she was again taken to surgery to place a ureteral internal stent.
- 15. Mrs. Martinez was discharged from Johns Hopkins Hospital on September 23, 2014. On October 9, 2014 she was admitted to the Urology clinic at Johns Hopkins Hospital where she underwent a cystourethroscopy, left pyelogram, and removal of the left nephroureteral stent. During the course of this procedure it was noted that there was a stitch across the lumen of the ureter (which was lastered free) and the suggestion of another foreign body in the distal ureter in the submucosal tissue. A new internal stent was placed in the ureter. Mrs. Martinez was discharged the same day as this procedure.
- 16. Starting the next day Mrs. Martinez started experiencing a fever, which developed into a high fever, severe lower flank pain, chills, rigors, and lightheadedness/dizziness.

- 17. Consequently, Mrs. Martinez returned to Johns Hopkins Hospital where she remained hospitalized from October 11, 2014 until October 17, 2014. She was diagnosed with an infection in the urine and the blood "Urosepsis". The Urology specialist stated that "Mrs. Martinez has pyelonephritis/sepsis after ureteroscopy to remove intra-ureteral stich placed during c-section". While hospitalized Mrs. Martinez underwent significant treatment to fight her infection, numerous medications, and a PICC line.
- 18. On November 13, 2014 Mrs. Martinez had her ureteral stent removed and continued to follow-up through the Urology group through Johns Hopkins Hospital into 2015 or longer, wherein she continued to experience complications and physical sequelae, including another hospitalization (December 6-7, 2014).
- 19. That the obstruction to Mrs. Martinez's left ureter was solely and proximately caused by the negligence of Dr. Arthur Vaught when he stitched Mrs. Martinez's left ureter during the cesarean section procedure he performed on September 15, 2014.
- 20. That all subsequent treatment that Mrs. Martinez required to treat the obstruction to her left ureter, and all complications related thereto were caused by, and were directly and proximately related to, the negligence of Dr. Arthur Vaught when he stitched Mrs. Martinez's left ureter during the cesarean section procedure he performed on September 15, 2014.

COUNT I (MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE – ARTHUR VAUGHT, M.D.)

21. All allegations contained in paragraphs 1-20 above are incorporated by reference herein.

- 22. It is further alleged that Dr. Vaught had a duty to use that degree of care and skill in his treatment of his patient, Mrs. Martinez, which a reasonably competent physician, engaged in a similar practice and acting in similar circumstances, would use.
- 23. Dr. Vaught breached that duty by failing to render appropriate medical care to Mrs. Martinez, including, but not limited to, failing to take precautions to avoid injury to his patient, by failing to recognize and identify the location of Mrs. Martinez's ureter on the left side prior to placing several sutures in close proximity to the known location, or the location he should have known of the left ureter, by placing a suture and thus obstructing the left ureter, failing to discover and diagnose the obstructed ureter during the procedure he was performing, and any other breaches that may be identified in discovery.
- 24. As a direct and proximate result of Dr. Vaught's negligence, Mrs. Martinez suffered severe complications and internal injuries which required multiple surgeries and extensive medical treatment, extreme pain, suffering, loss of quality of life, permanent injury and pecuniary loss.

WHEREFORE, Claimant Margarita Martinez, prays for judgment against Health Care Provider Arthur Vaught, M.D., individually and in his capacity as an employee, agent, servant, and/or ostensible employee, agent or servant of JHU Department of GYN/OB and Johns Hopkins Hospital, jointly and severally, for damages in excess of the limit of the concurrent jurisdiction of the District Court, plus all costs and post-judgment interest at the legal rate of ten percent (10%) per annum from the date of the judgment.

COUNT II (VICARIOUS LIABILITY – ARTHUR VAUGHT, M.D. / JHU DEPARTMENT OF GYN/OB)

- 25. All allegations contained in paragraphs 1-22 above are incorporated by reference herein.
- 26. It is further alleged that at all times relevant hereto, that the agents, employees, servants and/or ostensible agents of JHU Department of GYN/OB, including Arthur Vaught, M.D., were all acting within the scope of their employment while they advised, treated and provided medical care to Mrs. Martinez.
- 27. At all times relevant hereto, that the agents, employees, servants and/or ostensible agents of JHU Department of GYN/OB, including Arthur Vaught, M.D., had a duty to provide that degree of care and skill exercised by reasonable and prudent Health Care Providers in the same or similar circumstances.
- 28. That that the agents, employees, servants and/or ostensible agents of JHU

 Department of GYN/OB, including Arthur Vaught, M.D., breached those duties by failing to render appropriate medical care to Mrs. Martinez, including, but not limited to, failing to take precautions to avoid injury to his patient, by failing to recognize and identify the location of Mrs. Martinez's ureter on the left side prior to placing several sutures in close proximity to the known location, or the location he should have known of the left ureter, by placing a suture and thus obstructing the left ureter, by failing to discover and diagnose the obstructed ureter during the procedure he was performing, and any other breaches that may be identified in discovery.
- 29. As the master, employer and/or principal responsible for the acts of its agents, employees, servant and/or ostensible agents, including JHU Department of GYN/OB and Arthur

Vaught, M.D., is vicariously liable for the negligence of the individuals who provided health care to Mrs. Martinez.

30. As a direct and proximate result of agents, employees, servant and/or ostensible agents, including JHU Department of GYN/OB and Arthur Vaught, M.D.'s negligence, Mrs. Martinez suffered severe complications and internal injuries which required multiple surgeries and extensive medical treatment, extreme pain, suffering, loss of quality of life, permanent injury and pecuniary loss.

WHEREFORE, Claimant Margarita Martinez, prays for judgment against Health Care Provider Arthur Vaught, M.D., individually and in his capacity as an employee, agent, servant, and/or ostensible employee, agent or servant of JHU Department of GYN/OB and Johns Hopkins Hospital, jointly and severally, for damages in excess of the limit of the concurrent jurisdiction of the District Court, plus all costs and post-judgment interest at the legal rate of ten percent (10%) per annum from the date of the judgment.

<u>COUNT III</u> (MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE – JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL)

- 31. All allegations contained in paragraphs 1-28 above are incorporated by reference herein.
- 32. At all times relevant hereto, Johns Hopkins Hospital, was acting through its agents, employees, servants and/or ostensible agents, including Arthur Vaught, M.D. and JHU Department of GYN/OB, whom were acting within the scope of their agency or employment, while they advised, treated and provided medical care to Mrs. Martinez.

- 33. At all times relevant hereto, Johns Hopkins Hospital, acting through its agents, employees, servants and/or ostensible agents had a duty to provide that degree of care and skill exercised by reasonable and prudent health care providers in the same or similar circumstances.
- 34. At all times relevant hereto, Johns Hopkins Hospital, acting through its agents, employees, servants and/or ostensible agents breached those duties by failing to render appropriate medical care to Mrs. Martinez, including, but not limited to, failing to take precautions to avoid injury to his patient, by failing to recognize and identify the location of Mrs. Martinez's ureter on the left side prior to placing several sutures in close proximity to the known location, or the location he should have known of the left ureter, by placing a suture and thus obstructing the left ureter, by failing to discover and diagnose the obstructed ureter during the procedure he was performing, and any other breaches that may be identified in discovery.
- 35. As a direct and proximate result of Johns Hopkins Hospital, acting through its agents, employees, servants and/or ostensible agents' negligence, Mrs. Martinez suffered severe complications and internal injuries which required multiple surgeries and extensive medical treatment, extreme pain, suffering, loss of quality of life, permanent injury and pecuniary loss.

WHEREFORE, Claimant Margarita Martinez, prays for judgment against Health Care Provider Johns Hopkins Hospital, Arthur Vaught, M.D., individually and in his capacity as an employee, agent, servant, and/or ostensible employee, agent or servant of JHU Department of GYN/OB and Johns Hopkins Hospital, jointly and severally, for damages in excess of the limit of the concurrent jurisdiction of the District Court, plus all costs and post-judgment interest at the legal rate of ten percent (10%) per annum from the date of the judgment.

COUNT IV (VICARIOUS LIABILITY – JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL)

- 36. All allegations contained in paragraphs 1-33 above are incorporated by reference herein.
- 37. It is further alleged that at all times relevant hereto, that Johns Hopkins Hospital's agents, employees, servants and/or ostensible agents, including Arthur Vaught, M.D. and JHU Department of GYN/OB, were all acting within the scope of their employment while they advised, treated and provided medical care to Mrs. Martinez.
- 38. At all times relevant hereto, Johns Hopkins Hospital's agents, employees, servants and/or ostensible agents had a duty to provide that degree of care and skill exercised by reasonable and prudent Health Care Providers in the same or similar circumstances.
- 39. That Johns Hopkins Hospital, through its agents, employees, servants and/or ostensible agents breached those duties by failing to render appropriate medical care to Mrs. Martinez, including, but not limited to, failing to take precautions to avoid injury to his patient, by failing to recognize and identify the location of Mrs. Martinez's ureter on the left side prior to placing several sutures in close proximity to the known location, or the location he should have known of the left ureter, by placing a suture and thus obstructing the left ureter, by failing to discover and diagnose the obstructed ureter during the procedure he was performing, and any other breaches that may be identified in discovery.
- 40. That Johns Hopkins Hospital, as the master, employer and/or principal responsible for the acts of its agents, employees, servant and/or ostensible agents, is vicariously liable for the negligence of the individuals who provided health care to Mrs. Martinez.

41. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence of the agents, employees, servant and/or ostensible agents of Johns Hopkins Hospital, Mrs. Martinez suffered severe complications and internal injuries which required multiple surgeries and extensive medical treatment, extreme pain, suffering, loss of quality of life, permanent injury and pecuniary loss.

WHEREFORE, Claimant Margarita Martinez, prays for judgment against Health Care Provider Johns Hopkins Hospital and Arthur Vaught, M.D., individually and in his capacity as an employee, agent, servant, and/or ostensible employee, agent or servant of JHU Department of GYN/OB and Johns Hopkins Hospital, jointly and severally, for damages in excess of the limit of the concurrent jurisdiction of the District Court, plus all costs and post-judgment interest at the legal rate of ten percent (10%) per annum from the date of the judgment.

Respectfully Submitted,

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JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff demands trial by jury on all issues raised herein.

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MARGARITA MARTINEZ

* BEFORE THE

* HEALTH CARE

* ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE

* RESOLUTION OFFICE

* Defendants

* HCA No.: 2017-412

ORDER OF TRANSFER

ORDERED, that this case shall be and is hereby, transferred to the United States

District Court, or to the Circuit Court of the appropriate venue.

HARRY LEHASE, DIRECTOR

Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of the above ORDER OF TRANSFER have been

mailed, postage prepaid, to all counsel.

HARRY LACHASE, DIRECTOR

STATE OF MARYLAND EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

LARRY HOGAN

GOVERNOR

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March 20, 2018

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RE:

Margarita A. Martinez v. Arthur Vaught, M.D., et al.

HCA No. 2017-412

Dear Counsel:

Attached hereto is an Order of Transfer as requested by one of the parties involved in this matter.

When filing your case with the Circuit Court or United States District Court, please bear in mind that Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, 3-2A-06B, Annotated Code of Maryland, provides for referral of your case to the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office for review by a Neutral Case Evaluator within six months of filing your case.

The Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office has secured a list of veteran medical malpractice attorneys to serve as Neutral Case Evaluators. Most of the attorneys serving for this office have attended a Neutral Case Evaluator Seminar to better prepare them for this position.

We believe that the review of a matter by a Neutral Case Evaluator may help the parties to reach a settlement, therefore, lessening the over-burdened circuit court docket. If a settlement agreement is not reached during this process, counsel will be provided with a greater sense of the merits of their case, and should find that this process is helpful in preparing for trial.



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During the neutral case evaluation period, the Circuit Court or United States District Court shall continue to have jurisdiction over the case, ruling on all motions and matters of discovery. The Neutral Case Evaluator will notify the appropriate court and the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office of the outcome of the evaluation. The Neutral Case Evaluator will not provide any information regarding the matter other than whether a settlement was reached or not. None of the information provided to the Neutral Case Evaluator will be disclosed to either the Court or the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office.

Please notify this office if both parties mutually agree to a neutral case evaluation and we will expedite your request.

Harry P. Chase

Director

Enclosures

cc: Lucas W.B. Chrencik, Esquire

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