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Sebastian Lattuga

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Date of NYS Licensure: 09-27-1991
National Provider ID: 1073508933

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Rockville Centre, NY

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Malpractice

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There is important information below to help you understand medical malpractice. This physician may have provided important additional information in the physician statement section of this profile.

Judgments and Arbitration Awards

Number of awards: None reported

Payment Details

Date of Judgment or Award	Zip Code or County of Event	Significance of Payment
None reported	None reported	None reported

Settlements

Settlement payments will appear in this profile only if the total number of settlements made within the past ten years is equal to three or more. Settlement of a claim may occur for a variety of reasons, which does not necessarily reflect negatively on the professional competence or conduct of the physician. A payment in settlement of a medical malpractice action or claim does not necessarily mean that a medical malpractice has occurred. When a settlement payment is made, the patient agrees to accept some money and stop the legal action--without going to court.

If only one or two settlements appear, it means that the Department of Health determined that the settlement(s) are relevant to patient decision making.

We encourage you to talk with the doctor about the information in this report.

High/Low Agreements

Increasingly more and more popular in civil litigation, plaintiffs and defendants, prior to going to trial, will enter into "high-low agreements."

The agreement sets a maximum amount (the "**high**" amount) that a defendant will pay to the plaintiff, if the judgment is **against the defendant**. In return for

agreeing to this cap on the damages award, the agreement provides for a minimum amount (the "**low**" amount) that the defendant will pay to the plaintiff, if the judgment is **against the plaintiff**.

The jury is not told of the agreement and only issues the verdict, which is the sole judgment of the court. The award is made pursuant to the terms of the high-low agreement and, is therefore, considered to be a settlement agreement.

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Number of payments: 8

Payment Details

Date	Zip Code or County of Event	Significance of Payment	High/Low Agreement High | Low
01-27-2016	11042	Above Average	
09-23-2015	11042	Below Average	
09-09-2013	Nassau County, NY	Above Average	
03-10-2011	11880	Below Average	
10-04-2010	Nassau County, NY	Average	
09-21-2007	11042	Below Average	
09-13-2007	Nassau County, NY	Below Average	
10-16-2006	Nassau County, NY	Below Average	

The doctor's malpractice history

Above is information about the doctor's malpractice history during the last ten (10) years. Malpractice means a professional mistake that is a direct cause of injury or harm to the patient. A malpractice history has information about payments made within the last 10 years when a patient thought the doctor did a medical job poorly.

What's in the Malpractice History

1. Information about payments the doctor has made after a legal action has started. It is important to know that in some medical specialties, doctors have more legal actions brought against them than in others, and make more payments as a result.
2. The dates on which payments were made, and the region where the action occurred.

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On the chart above, we compare the doctor's payments with those of other New York doctors who practice the same medical specialty (doctors who are in the same field), and who practice in the same geographical area. We give the doctor a comparison rating of below average, average or above average.

- Below average means the doctor has made a payment that is less (in amount) than New York doctors in his or her field and in the same geographical area.

- Average means the doctor has made a payment that is about the same amount as most New York doctors in his or her field and in the same geographical area.
- Above average means the doctor has made a payment that is higher (in amount) than other New York doctors in his or her field and in the same geographical area.

Why Some Doctors Pay More

As you read the doctor's malpractice history, remember the following:

- Some doctors work with high-risk patients. These doctors may have malpractice histories with many payments because they specialize in cases or patients who are at very high risk for problems.
- A doctor may choose to pay a patient even though he or she did not make a mistake. When a doctor pays a patient it does not mean that the doctor is guilty of malpractice.

The malpractice information on this site is for the last ten years. If a doctor has been working fewer than ten years, this malpractice history covers all of that time.

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Note: Malpractice information continues to be collected and reviewed. You should check periodically to see if information has been added or updated.

NY Licensee Actions

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The Department of Health Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) is responsible for taking action on a doctor's medical license if the doctor is found to be guilty of Professional Misconduct. If you would like to see if there have been any license actions taken against this doctor over the past 10 years, you may click here: OPMC. This will take you to the OPMC Web site. If there have not been any license actions against this doctor in New York over the past ten years, the OPMC screen will tell you that. When you want to return to this Physician Profile you must click on the X in the upper right corner of the OPMC window.

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None reported

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Hospital Privilege Restrictions

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None reported

Hospital Failure to Renew Privileges

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None reported

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None reported

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