



Settling for nothing less

A Smithtown attorney has helped a client win a \$7.9 million jury award for negligent treatment at a Brookdale hospital.

The jury found that a patient at the Shapiro Outpatient Psychiatric Clinic for Obsessive Compulsive Disorder had been receiving Haldol, a medication usually reserved for patients who are having audio and/or visual hallucinations. The FDA has not approved Haldol for use in patients with OCD.

As a result, after 10 months of use, the patient began experiencing abnormal movements of the eyes and face, a side effect of Haldol. The patient remained on the medication for another 18 months and was later diagnosed with Tardive Dyskenesia – permanent, involuntary facial movements – as a result of the drug.

The jury awarded \$1 million for past pain and suffering, \$300,000 for past lost earnings, \$5 million for future pain and suffering, and \$1.6 million for future loss of earnings.

The case was tried by Smithtown attorney Sandra M. Radna of Radna & Androsiglio and Louisiana attorney Daniel McGlynn of McGlynn, Glisson in Baton Rouge. The award was one of the largest for medical malpractice involving the injury of Tardive Dyskenesia.