

RN CASE REPORT [SAMPLE]

Case Type: Surgical negligence — hip replacement

Patient: Han Solo

Surgeon: Dr. Arthur Vader

Facility: *Bespin Medical Center, Cloud City*

Surgery Date: May 2, 2024

Residence: *Cloud City Residential Sector, Bespin 37185*

Injury: Leg length discrepancy, implant shifting, spinal fracture, permanent disability.

- **Note:** Statute of limitations extended to August 2025

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Surgical Negligence Case - Han Solo

Injury Overview

Injuries: Leg length discrepancy post surgery, shifting implant, lumbar (L3) fracture, permanent disability.

Key Highlights

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Strong Liability Evidence
- ✓

Clear Causation Linking Leg Issue to Spinal Injury
- ✓

Significant Damages: \$900K - \$2.3M
- ✓

High Profit Potential: \$218K - \$886K

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Extended Statute of Limitations to 2025

Liability and Damages

Liability

- 1

Surgical Deviation Verified
- 2

Physical Therapy Refused Treatment for Safety
- 3

Clear Pre-Op & Post-Op Damage
- 4

Surgeon Failed to Address Complaints

Causation

- 1

Altered Gait Linked to Fracture
- 2

Supported by Medical Research
- 3

Imaging & Expert Testimony Confirm

Damages

- Economic

\$450,000 - \$800,000
- Non-Economic

\$500,000 - \$1,500,000
- Total

\$900,000 - \$2,300,000

Attorney Profit Potential

Net Profit

\$218,000 - \$886,000

Case Status

- ▼ Key Details
- Prior attorney acceptance (withdrawn for strategic reasons, not merit)

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FULL CASE REPORT

Executive Summary — Why This Case Stands Out

This package presents a pre-vetted, high-value litigation opportunity.

Liability, causation, and damages are fully supported by available records, witness testimony, and expert opinion.
Profitability analysis confirms strong economic viability.

Note: The Higgins Firm accepted this case after initial review. They later withdrew not due to lack of merit but due to strategic preparation difficulties. The statute of limitations has been extended to August 2025.

Jurisdiction: Imperial Sector Court, Anoaat Sector Jurisdiction.

Potential Recovery

Low Estimate: \$900,000

High Estimate: \$2,300,000

Attorney Fee Potential (33%–40%)

\$297,000 – \$920,000

Estimated Case Costs

\$34,500 – \$78,000

Projected Net Profit

\$218,000 – \$886,000

Key Profitability Factors:

- ✓ Liability and causation confirmed
- ✓ High damages (economic & non-economic)
- ✓ Prior attorney vetted case
- ✓ Records and witnesses organized
- ✓ Minimal intake time & reduced litigation cost

Deliverables Summary



Case Summary



Liability Highlights



Damages Summary



Witness & Expert Support List



Victim Impact Statement



Cost & Profitability Analysis (detailed)



Medical Timeline



Causation Breakdown



Path to Victory Strategy Map



Evidence Inventory

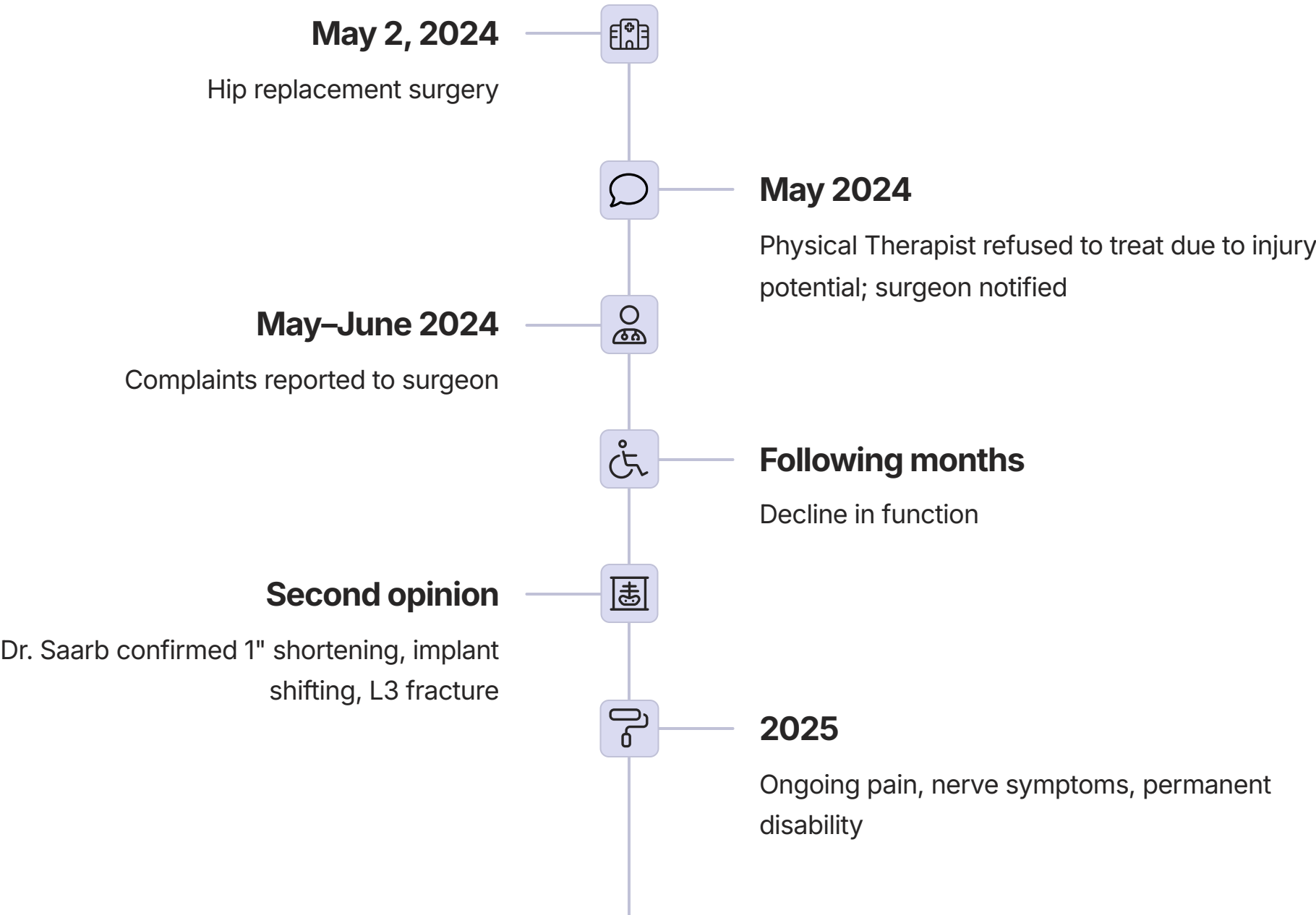


Attorney Action Plan





Attorney FAQs & Objections Answered


Medical Timeline and Liability





Liability Highlights


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Pre-surgery promise of equal leg lengths
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Post-op discrepancy exceeded disabling threshold (>2.5 cm)
(Maloney et al., JBJS 2004)
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PT refusal confirms observable severity
Rare and compelling liability fact
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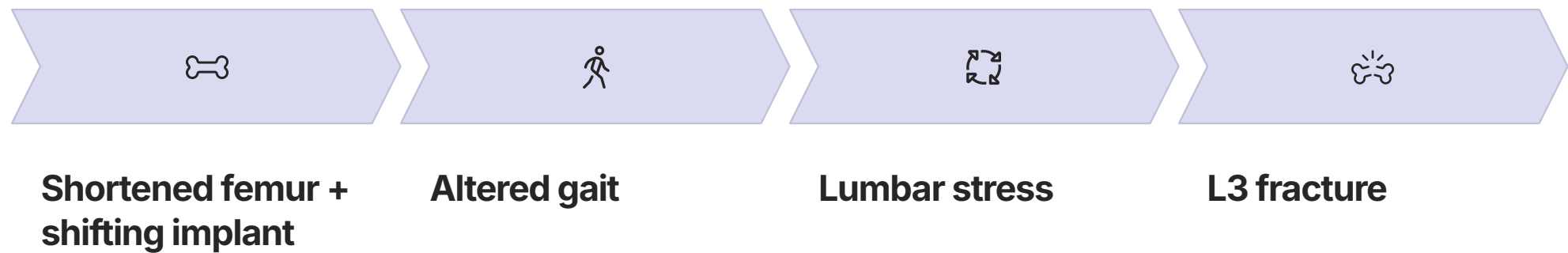
Second surgeon confirmed shortening, implant shifting, and causation
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Pre-op imaging clear; post-op shows injury
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Surgeon failed to address complaints — breach of care

Causation and Damages

Causation Breakdown



Supported by:

Beaudoin et al., Spine Journal 1999

Murrell et al., 2008

- ✓ No prior spinal pathology
- ✓ Causation confirmed by clinicians and imaging

Damages Summary

Physical

- Chronic pain
- Nerve impairment
- Mobility loss

Financial

- Lost income
- \$950/month disability income
- Future medical costs

Emotional

- Depression
- Fear of worsening injury

Economic Damages:

- Revision surgery & rehab: \$150,000 – \$300,000
- Lost wages: \$250,000 – \$400,000
- Non-economic damages: \$500,000 – \$1,500,000 (based on Tennessee verdict trends)

Path to Victory — Strategy Map

Strengths

- Liability verified by surgeon promise, PT refusal, expert opinion
- Causation supported by imaging and testimony
- Major damages documented
- Key witnesses available
- Prior attorney acceptance

Challenges

- Prior firm's withdrawal (strategic, not merit-based)
- Approaching SOL deadline

Witnesses & Expert Support

- Physical Therapist (therapy refusal + surgeon notification)
- Dr. Saarb (second opinion)
- Family physician
- Patient & family observers

Evidence Inventory

Medical Records

- Pre-op and post-op imaging
- PT records/testimony
- Second opinion records
- Family doctor documentation

Financial Records

- Disability income statements

To Be Obtained

- Operative report

Victim Impact Statement

"Before surgery, Dr. Vader promised my legs would be the same length and that I'd be running around. Now, I live in daily pain. I've lost my career, my independence, and my ability to provide for myself. I rely on my brother and disability income that barely covers rent. I fear every day my leg or back will give out and that I'll be hurt even worse. I just want accountability and a chance at a better life."

Attorney Action Plan — Strategic Roadmap

Objective: Maximize settlement leverage and prepare for trial readiness with minimal ramp-up cost and time.

Step 1: Records Consolidation

- Review case summary and timeline
- Obtain full operative report
- Confirm PT documentation/deposition availability
- Confirm second opinion records and expert opinion
- Pre/post-op imaging review

Step 4: Liability Narrative & Settlement Strategy

- Leverage pre-surgery promise
- Emphasize PT refusal and third-party validation
- Stress prior attorney acceptance
- Prepare early mediation demand
- Position for policy limit settlement

Step 2: Expert Witness Coordination

- Orthopedic expert to confirm standard of care deviation
- PT affidavit or deposition
- Optional: Biomechanical expert for gait analysis
- Vocational expert for earning capacity/loss
- Pain management specialist for chronicity and future care needs

Step 5: Filing & Court Readiness

- File in Imperial Sector Court,
- Pre-filing demand letter
- Discovery focused on surgeon records, PT communications, and comparative data
- Prepare trial readiness plan

Step 3: Damages Maximization

- Document economic damages with CPA or forensic economist
- Validate non-economic damages narrative
- Plaintiff narrative preparation for mediation or jury

Step 6: Public Policy & Jury Appeal

- Patient trust violation narrative
- Economic injustice (loss of independence, hardship)
- PT refusal and expert confirmations minimize liability debate

Cost & Profitability Analysis and FAQs

Cost & Profitability Analysis — Detailed

\$900K-\$2.3M

Total Potential Value

Combined economic and non-economic damages

\$297K-\$920K

Attorney Fee Potential

Based on 33%-40% contingency

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Estimated Case Costs

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Projected Net Profit

Attorney FAQs & Objections Answered

Question	Answer
Why did the previous firm drop the case?	Strategic preparation difficulty, not merit.
Are damages sufficient?	Yes. Economic and non-economic damages are significant and well-supported.
Is causation speculative?	No. Supported by imaging, expert testimony, and peer-reviewed medical literature.
Is liability defensible?	No. Documented deviation, PT refusal, and broken pre-surgical promise create strong liability exposure.

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