

Server Name	Record Locator	Date Claim Filed	Fiscal Year Filed	Date of Incident	Severity	Amount Claimed	Amount Paid	Amount R/Paid	Last Tort Status Date	Last Tort Status	Client Facility	State	Specialties	Negligence Description	Alleged Negligence
Region 16 - Denver	175278	1/30/01	2001	5/9/91	Minor	\$900,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/13/05	Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Surgery	Allegation - Not Otherwise Classified, Specify	Veteran contacted Hepatitis C, as a result of contaminated blood products used during surgery.
Region 16 - Denver	175279	2/26/01	2001	9/5/00	Death	\$2,500,000.00	NULL	\$135,000.00	6/28/04	Suit Settled	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Emergency Medicine; Cardio	Allegation - Not Otherwise Classified, Specify; Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is Incorrect)	FAILURE TO TIMELY DIAGNOSE AND PROPERLY TREAT MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION RESULTING IN VETERANS DEATH.
Region 16 - Denver	175281	3/21/01	2001	3/20/00	Major	\$2,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	5/24/02	Claim Denied by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Preventive Medicine; Geriatr	Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	FAILURE TO DIAGNOSE VITAMINS B12 DEFICIENCY RESULTED IN THE CLAIMANT BEING HOME BOUND. [D
Region 16 - Denver	175282	3/7/01	2001	6/1/99	Major	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	\$45,000.00	6/30/03	Suit Settled	Grand Junction CO VAMC	CO	Radiology; Pulmonary Medici	Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	FAILURE TO DIAGNOSE LUNG CANCER RESULTED IN DELAY OF TREATMENT AND CONTRIBUTED TO CLAIMANT'S SUBSTANTIAL PAIN, SUFFERING AND DISABILITIES.
Region 16 - Denver	175283	3/27/01	2001	6/1/00	Minor	\$150,000.00	NULL	NULL	6/24/03	Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Emergency Medicine	Breach Of Patient Confidentiality; Improperly Performed C-Section	CLAIMANT'S MEDICAL RECORDS WERE RELEASED WITHOUT HIS PERMISSION RESULTING IN DAMAGES.
Region 16 - Denver	175284	4/17/01	2001	2/26/00	Death	\$10,000,000.00	\$150,000.00	NULL	8/29/02	Claim Settled by General Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Internal Medicine	Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	During a routine, after-hours outpatient visit, the patient was not examined or assessed for cardiac problems - even though he was suffering a myocardial infarction at the time.
Region 16 - Denver	175285	5/2/01	2001	9/28/99	Major	\$150,000.00	\$25,000.00	NULL	9/10/02	Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Ophthalmology; General Sur	Improper Performance	FOLLOWING EYE SURGERY FOR A "DROOPY LID" PATIENT HAS EXPERIENCED INABILITY TO CLOSE EYELIDS, PERMANENT CORNEAL SCARRING, AND CONSTANT DRYNESS OF EYES REQUIRING APPLICATION OF LUBRICATION UP TO 6 TIMES PER DAY.
Region 16 - Denver	175286	4/4/01	2001	6/26/00	Minor	\$50,000.00	NULL	NULL	6/9/04	Judgment for Government	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Nursing	Improper Conduct	Clinician assumed an inappropriate personal relationship with claimant
Region 16 - Denver	175287	4/24/01	2001	8/1/99	Major	\$2,750,000.00	NULL	NULL	6/4/02	Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Radiology	Patient History, Exam or Workup Problem	Failure to diagnose; failure to treat.
Region 16 - Denver	175288	5/7/01	2001	5/5/98	Major	\$200,000.00	NULL	NULL	6/9/03	Suit Dismissed Prior to Trial	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	General Surgery	Unnecessary Procedure; Improper Performance	DORSAL COLLUM STIMULATOR IMPROPERLY IMPLANTED AND REQUIRED REMOVAL. FAILURE TO PERFORM DIAGNOSTIC STUDIES WHICH WOULD HAVE VERIFIED MR. BANNING WAS NOT AN APPROPRIATE CANDIDATE FOR IMPLANT.
Region 16 - Denver	175289	4/19/01	2001	4/12/01	No Injury	\$6,140,000.00	NULL	NULL	2/9/04	Claim Denied by General Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Other (Specify)	Failure To Treat	Claimant regards execution of an Agreement to abide by hospital behavioral rules as a denial of access to care.
Region 16 - Denver	175290	5/25/01	2001	12/20/00	No Injury	\$5,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	5/16/03	Claim Denied by General Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Psychiatry	Improper Management Of Psychiatric Patient	Patient was requested to execute an agreement to abide by hospital rules, keep appointments and refrain from unruly behavior, etc., causing the patient mental distress.
Region 16 - Denver	175291	5/30/01	2001	5/30/01	Major	\$750,000.00	\$102,305.00	NULL	3/9/04	Claim Settled by General Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Urology	Improper Performance; Failure to Use Appropriate Technique	WHILE UNDERGOING SURGERY FOR PYLORIC DYSPLASIA AND DORSAL CHORDOEA, URETHRA WAS CUT, RESULTING IN INFECTION, FISTULA AND 16 HOURS OF MISDIAGNOSIS OF STOMACH CONDITION AT THE DENVER VAMC RESULTING IN DELAY OF SURGERY AND SEPSIS.
Region 16 - Denver	175292	6/4/01	2001	6/1/00	Major	\$150,000.00	NULL	NULL	12/13/01	Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Emergency Medicine	Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is Incorrect)	VASCETOMY NEGLECTIVELY PERFORMED DURING COLGASTOMY TAKE DOWN SURGERY.
Region 16 - Denver	175293	6/4/01	2001	7/1/00	Major	\$500,000.00	NULL	NULL	6/4/01	Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Colorectal Surgery	Wrong Body Part; Improper Performance	VETERAN'S LEG BECAME INFECTED BECAUSE IV IN FEMORAL ARTERY WAS LEFT IN TOO LONG.
Region 16 - Denver	175294	6/21/01	2001	6/25/99	Major	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	7/22/04	Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Family Practice; Emergency	Allegation - Not Otherwise Classified, Specify; Administration of Blood or Fluids Problem	PATIENT COMPLAINED OF PAIN IN RIGHT SIDE FOR MANY YEARS. PATIENT DIED OF COLON CANCER. NO VA TESTING, DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT UNTIL 2-3 MONTHS BEFORE DEATH. BY THEN IT WAS TOO LATE.
Region 16 - Denver	175295	3/8/01	2001	2/11/01	Death	\$125,000.00	NULL	NULL	10/15/10	Suit Dismissed Prior to Trial	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Hematology; General Internal	Delay In Treatment; Delay In Diagnosis; Failure To Treat; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	
Region 16 - Denver	175296	6/28/01	2001	7/6/99	Major	\$1,250,000.00	NULL	\$265,000.00	3/14/05	Suit Settled	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Family Practice; Cardiology	Delay In Performance; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	The patient presented with cardiac symptoms. An EKG was performed and misread. The patient returned home and was admitted to acivilian hospital with an acute myocardial infarction. He was then transferred to VAH at Denver, where there was delay in performing a CABG.
Region 16 - Denver	175297	7/17/01	2001	11/6/97	Minor	\$10,000.00	NULL	NULL	2/1/02	Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Cheyenne WY VAMC	WY	Pulmonary Medicine; General	Failure To Treat	PATIENT CLAIMS THE CHIEF CARDIOPULMONARY TECHNICIAN DENIED HIM OXYGEN IN SPITE OF A DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION FOR THE SAME. HECONTENDS THIS DENIAL HAS RESULTED, AND CONTINUES TO RESULT, IN INCREASED BREATHING DIFFICULTIES.
Region 16 - Denver	175298	6/30/01	2001	7/8/99	Major	\$2,500,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/10/02	Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Cardiology	Delay In Performance	FAILURE TO TIMELY PREFORM CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS GRAFTING SURGERY.
Region 16 - Denver	175299	8/3/01	2001	7/14/96	Major	\$125,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/25/03	Suit Dismissed Prior to Trial	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Psychiatry	Failure To Protect a Third Party (e.d., Failure to Warn or Protect from Vic; Failure to Conform with Regulation, Statute or Rule; Improperly Performed C-Section	VETERAN WAS FALSELY IMPRISONED AND NOT PROTECTED FROM ABUSE BY OTHER PATIENTS WHILE ON MENTAL WARD.
Region 16 - Denver	175300	8/14/01	2001	1/20/98	Major	\$5,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	1/27/03	Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Cardiothoracic Surgery	Improper Performance	REPAIR OF AORTIC ANEURYSM NEGLECTIVELY PERFORMED RESULTING IN PAIN, SUFFERING, EMOTIONAL DISTRESS AND DISABILITY.
Region 16 - Denver	175301	8/10/01	2001	4/1/98	Major	\$300,000.00	NULL	NULL	2/9/04	Claim Denied by General Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	General Surgery	Improper Performance; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	MISDIAGNOSIS OF GANGLIONOUS GALL BLADDER IN APRIL OF 1998. LIVER WAS CUT DURING GALLBLADDER SURGERY PERFORMED 6/21/98, REQUIRING ASCENDON SURGERY 6 DAYS LATER TO CORRECT BILE LEAKAGE. PATIENT STILL RECOVERING/DISABLED.
Region 16 - Denver	175302	9/27/01	2001	9/27/01	Minor	\$10,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	1/7/03	Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Orthopedic Surgery	Improper Technique	It is alleged the orthopedist failed to drain the knee prior to injection of medication and failed to properly monitor and treat adverse reaction to the medication.
Region 16 - Denver	175303	9/19/01	2001	5/22/98	Death	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/29/03	Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Radiology; Pulmonary Medici	Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	FAILURE TO TIMELY DIAGNOSE LUNG CANCER RESULTED IN CLAIMANT'S DEATH.
Region 16 - Denver	175306	10/12/01	2002	2/17/00	Death	\$2,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	1/14/05	Claim Denied by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Infectious Disease	Improper Management	NEGLECTFUL TREATMENT OF INFECTION WEAKENED VETERAN'S HEART RESULTING IN HIS DEATH.
Region 16 - Denver	175307	10/2/01	2002	10/21/99	Death	\$2,000,000.00	NULL	\$307,500.00	3/2/05	Suit Settled	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Cardiology	Improper Performance; Improper Management	NEGLECTFUL SURGERY & FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED FOLLOWING ANGIOPLASTY & STENT PLACEMENT LED TO HEART ATTACK & BLOOD CLOT BLOCKAGE TO BOWEL, EVENTUALLY CAUSING GANGRENE OF THE BOWEL & DEATH.
Region 16 - Denver	175308	10/18/01	2002	2/14/00	Death	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	\$5,000.00	11/2/04	Suit Settled	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Other (Specify); Hematology;	Delay In Treatment; Failure To Treat; Lack Of Communication between Providers	FAILURE TO DIAGNOSE AND TREAT NON-SMALL-CELL CARCINOMA OF THE LUNG.
Region 16 - Denver	175309	10/18/01	2002	7/11/00	Major	\$30,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/15/02	Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Cheyenne WY VAMC	WY	Podiatry; General Internal M	Failure To Respond To Patient; Wrong Procedure or Treatment; Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is Incorrect); Medication Administered via Wrong Route	PATIENT PRESENTED AT CBC FOR TREATMENT OF A SWOLLEN FOOT. DR SUSPECTED BLOOD CLOT AND REFERRED PATIENT FOR ULTRASOUND TREATMENT. ULTRASOUND WAS NEGATIVE FOR CLOTS SO DR DIAGNOSED WITH GOUT. CLAIMANT REPORTED MEDICINE WAS MAKING HIM SICK AND NOT HELPING CONDITION. PATIENT WAS REFERRED TO PODIATRY CLINIC IN DENVER AND WAS DIAGNOSED WITH A BONE FRACTURE AFTER X-RAYS WERE TAKEN.
Region 16 - Denver	175310	11/13/01	2002	10/11/01	Minor	\$500,000.00	NULL	NULL	3/14/02	Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Cheyenne WY VAMC	WY	General Internal Medicine	Improper Conduct; Improper Management; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	CLAIMANT ALLEGES DR INTIMIDATED HIM BY YELLING AT HIM AND NOT LISTENING TO HIS CONCERNS THIS NOT MAKING A DIAGNOSIS OF DIABETES AT THE TIME OF THE APPOINTMENT
Region 16 - Denver	175311	12/3/01	2002	4/5/99	Major	\$1,000,000.00	\$195,000.00	NULL	10/4/04	Claim Settled by General Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Internal Medicine	Lack Of Communication Between Providers; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	PSA was 3.8 on April 1, 1998. PSA was 5.9 on April 5, 1999. PSA was 72.8 on April 11, 2000. On April 20, 2000, a biopsy confirmed prostate carcinoma. Failure to diagnose.
Region 16 - Denver	175312	12/12/01	2002	NULL	NULL	\$250,000.00	NULL	NULL	10/22/02	Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO			
Region 16 - Denver	175313	12/13/01	2002	12/16/00	Minor	\$200,000.00	NULL	NULL	2/26/04	Claim Denied by General Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Psychiatry	Improper Conduct; Failure To Respond To Patient	MISTREATED AND ABUSED BY NURSING STAFF DURING OVERNIGHT STAY AT VAMC FOR AMU SLEEP STUDY.
Region 16 - Denver	175314	12/21/01	2002	9/13/00	Major	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	\$25,000.00	6/20/05	Suit Settled	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Emergency Medicine	Failure To Treat; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	NERVE DAMAGE ALLEGED IN FAILURE TO RELATE BACK PAIN TO PREVIOUSLY DIAGNOSED AORTIC ANEURYSM.
Region 16 - Denver	175315	1/4/02	2002	1/7/00	Major	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	9/27/02	Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Orthopedic Surgery	Failure To Obtain Consent or /Lack Of Informed Consent; Improper Performance; Improper Management	Without a proper informed consent, an ulnar nerve decompression without relocation was performed. The procedure was not one used by most surgeons in like circumstance. Postoperative care was improperly managed.
Region 16 - Denver	175316	1/8/02	2002	10/18/99	Major	\$50,000.00	NULL	NULL	9/10/04	Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Podiatry	Improper Performance	IMPROPERLY PERFORMED BUNIONECTOMY RESULTED IN PAIN, SUFFERING, AND DISABILITY.
Region 16 - Denver	175317	2/1/02	2002	2/20/00	Death	\$100,000.00	\$30,000.00	NULL	8/26/02	Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	General Surgery	Surgical or Other Foreign Body Retained	FAILURE TO REMOVE SPONGE DURING SURGERY RESULTED IN CLAIMANT'S DEATH.
Region 16 - Denver	175318	2/11/02	2002	8/1/99	Major	\$560,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/14/05	Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Ophthalmology	Improper Performance	POOR AND "UNBALANCED" VISION CAUSED BY LASER EYE SURGERY FOR DETACHED RETINA AND BUCKLE OF RIGHT EYE.
Region 16 - Denver	175319	2/6/02	2002	2/4/02	No Injury	\$40.00	NULL	NULL	3/28/02	Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Psychiatry; Nursing	Failure To Protect a Third Party (e.d., Failure to Warn or Protect from Vic; Improper Management Of Psychiatric Patient	CLAIMANT'S COAT TAKEN FROM HER ROOM BY ANOTHER PATIENT. WHEN COAT RETURNED, CLAIMANT'S BILLFOLD MISSING \$40.00 AND CREDIT CARD.
Region 16 - Denver	175320	2/21/02	2002	7/1/99	Major	\$3,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	10/28/02	Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Sheridan WY VAMC	WY	Radiology; Neurology; Gener	Failure To Respond To Patient; Delay In Diagnosis; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	PATIENT ALLEGES THAT AS EARLY AS 1997, AND LATER IN 1999, PERSONNEL AT THE SHERIDAN VAMC FAILED TO TIMELY DIAGNOSE A RECURRENTLY ENLARGING BRAIN TUMOR (ASTROCYTOMA). FAILURE TO DO AN MRI INSTEAD OF A CT. SHE ALLUDES TO HAVING COMPLAINED IN 1999 OF LEFT-SIDED WEAKNESS AND HER HISTORY OF THE BRAIN TUMOR AND RADIATION TREATMENTS DATING BACK TO 1993. SHE SAYS PERSONNEL AT THE SHERIDAN VAMC FAILED TO PROPERLY TREAT NEUROLOGIC SIGNS POINTING TO A GROWTH IN HER TUMOR.
Region 16 - Denver	175321	2/27/02	2002	2/27/00	Death	\$200,000.00	NULL	\$107,500.00	8/24/06	Claim Settled by General Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Vascular Surgery; Nursing	Improper Management; Failure To Monitor	FOLLOWING AORTIC ANEURYSM SURGERY PATIENT WAS DIAGNOSED WITH ALCOHOL WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS. PLACE D ON WAS PROTOCOL FOR DETOX AND TREATED WITH ATYVAN & HALDOL. BECAME OVERSATED NOTED IN NURSING RECORDS BUT DID NOT RECEIVE INCREASED MONITORING. HIS BLOOD OXYGEN SATURATION FELL AND HE DEVELOPED A MUCOUS PLUG IN HIS THROAT HE WAS TOO WEAK TO CLEAR. HE SUFFERED ANOXIC BRAIN INJURY AND DIED AS A RESULT.

Region 16 - Denver	175322	3/15/02	2002	11/17/00	Minor	\$1,713,272.00	\$150,000.00	NULL	5/13/03 Claim Settled by General Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Surgery	Failure To Obtain Consent or /Lack Of Informed Consent	Failure to provide antibiotic following surgery. Failure to provide pain medication during followup care, and failure to obtain informed consent for surgical removal of right leg nippie.
Region 16 - Denver	175323	3/6/02	2002	NULL	NULL	\$10,000.00	NULL	NULL	9/19/02 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Cheyenne WY VAMC	WY			
Region 16 - Denver	175324	3/1/02	2002	3/27/01	Major	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	\$87,500.00	10/21/04 Suit Settled	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Orthopedic Surgery	Improper Performance	NEGLECT KNEE REPLACEMENT SURGERIES RESULTED IN RIGHT LEG BEING LONGER THAN RIGHT LEG AND RIGHT LEG OUT OF ALIGNMENT.
Region 16 - Denver	175325	4/9/02	2002	4/27/00	Death	\$500,000.00	NULL	NULL	2/5/03 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Pulmonary Medicine; Otorhinolaryngology; General Internal Medicine	Failure To Respond To Patient; Failure To Report On Patient Condition; Failure To Monitor	FAILURE TO REPLACE THROAT PROSTHESIS RESULTED IN ASPIRATION OF FOOD AND LIQUIDS INTO LUNGS ULTIMATELY CAUSING DEATH.
Region 16 - Denver	175326	4/24/02	2002	3/27/02	Major	\$250,000.00	NULL	\$75,000.00	4/21/05 Suit Settled	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Internal Medicine	Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condition)	Patient was in routine primary care status for 4 years. With a change in primary care provider, diabetes was immediately diagnosed.
Region 16 - Denver	175327	5/8/02	2002	5/18/00	Death	\$400,000.00	NULL	NULL	3/26/03 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Internal Medicine	Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is Incorrect)	Patient was admitted with several diagnosis, among them congestive heart failure. During his five-day admission, he was not treated for this condition, and two days after discharge he died from it.
Region 16 - Denver	175329	5/31/02	2002	8/7/01	Major	\$200,000.00	NULL	NULL	8/6/04 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Urology	Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is Incorrect); Improper Performance	NERVES CUT DURING KIDNEY CANCER SURGERY, CAUSING A LARGE PROTRUSION ON RIGHT SIDE, AS WELL AS PROBLEMS WITH BOWELS. VA DR SINRALLYTAL MIDDIAGNOSED PROTRUSION AS HERNIA RATHER THAN SEVERED NERVES.
Region 16 - Denver	175330	5/29/02	2002	10/16/01	Death	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	10/17/03 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	General Surgery; Emergency Management	Improper Performance; Improper Management	NEGLECT PERFORMANCE OF PARACENTESIS CAUSED SLOW HEMORRHAGE IN PERITONEUM RESULTING IN HYPOTENSIVE SHOCK AND DEATH.
Region 16 - Denver	175331	6/20/02	2002	5/19/00	Major	\$10,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	2/14/03 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Otorhinolaryngology; General Internal Medicine	Improper Performance	SURGERY PROCEDURE TO OPEN CLAIMANT'S LEFT EAR CANAL. NEGLECTFULLY CUT FACIAL NERVE, RESULTING IN FACIAL PARALYSIS, DISFIGUREMENT, AND INABILITY TO CLOSE LEFT EYE.
Region 16 - Denver	175332	7/5/02	2002	10/30/01	Major	\$500,000.00	NULL	NULL	7/2/03 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Ophthalmology	Improper Performance; Improper Management	NEGLECT CATARACT SURGERY LEFT CLAIMANT WITH POOR VISION IN HIS LEFT EYE AND A DROOPY EYELID.
Region 16 - Denver	175333	7/30/02	2002	8/1/98	Major	\$150,000.00	NULL	NULL	8/22/03 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Podiatry	Surgical or Other Foreign Body Retained	NEGLECT FOOT SURGERY LEFT TWO INCH LONG SUTURE IN CLAIMANT'S FOOT RESULTING IN PAIN AND DISABILITY.
Region 16 - Denver	175334	8/7/02	2002	1/3/02	Death	\$200,000.00	NULL	NULL	10/20/05 Claim Transferred to Other Agency	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Rheumatology; Hematology	Allegation - Not Otherwise Classified, Specify: Failure To Order Appropriate Medication	NEGLECT PRESCRIPTIONS OF COUMADIN AND INDOCIN TOGETHER RESULTED IN PATIENT'S DEATH.
Region 16 - Denver	175335	8/14/02	2002	3/29/02	Major	\$7,500.00	NULL	NULL	2/38/03 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Cardiothoracic Surgery; Cardiology	Improper Performance	SUBSEQUENT TO SURGERY AND DISCHARGE ABDOMINAL WOUND DISRUPTED WITHOUT EXERTION
Region 16 - Denver	175336	7/25/02	2002	5/8/02	Major	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	3/17/05 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Urology	Allegation - Not Otherwise Classified, Specify: Improper Management	REQUIRING COMPLETE DEHISCENCE, EMERGENCY SURGERY, AND SURGICAL REPAIR OF ABDOMINAL HERNIA.
Region 16 - Denver	175336	7/25/02	2002	5/8/02	Major	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	3/17/05 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Urology	Allegation - Not Otherwise Classified, Specify: Improper Management	SUBSEQUENT TO SURGERY AND DISCHARGE ABDOMINAL WOUND DISRUPTED WITHOUT EXERTION REQUIRING COMPLETE DEHISCENCE, EMERGENCY SURGERY, AND SURGICAL REPAIR OF ABDOMINAL HERNIA.
Region 16 - Denver	175337	8/28/02	2002	9/26/00	Major	\$2,500,000.00	NULL	NULL	3/10/05 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Preventive Medicine	Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condition)	Failure by clinician to inform patient of abnormal lipid test results.
Region 16 - Denver	175347	10/8/02	2003	7/20/02	Major	\$100,000.00	NULL	NULL	8/22/03 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Gastroenterology	Improper Management	Overmedication resulted in sickness, disability and cardiac emergency
Region 16 - Denver	175711	9/12/02	2002	1/13/02	Major	\$600,000.00	NULL	NULL	9/16/04 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Gastroenterology; Emergency Management	Delay In Treatment; Failure To Treat	Failure of ER to diagnose and treat colon cancer.
Region 16 - Denver	175711	9/12/02	2002	1/13/02	Major	\$600,000.00	NULL	NULL	9/16/04 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Gastroenterology; Emergency Management	Delay In Treatment; Failure To Treat	Failure of ER to diagnose and treat colon cancer.
Region 16 - Denver	175884	10/21/02	2003	12/3/01	Death	\$5,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	2/25/05 Suit Dismissed Prior to Trial	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Gastroenterology; Emergency Management	Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is Incorrect); Failure To Treat; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condition)	Patient treated at government facilities, primarily military, and was diagnosed and treated for antral duodenitis. Effective February 2002 diagnosis was adenocarcinoma of the stomach and intestines. Government failure to properly diagnose and treat cancer resulted in death.
Region 16 - Denver	176181	11/15/02	2003	11/6/02	Major	\$2,000,000.00	\$10,000.00	NULL	2/7/05 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Emergency Medicine	Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condition)	Patient presented to Urgent Care, was noted to have bloody urine; however, was not seen in a timely manner, requiring patient to report to non-VA emergency room, followed by surgery.
Region 16 - Denver	176456	11/5/02	2003	12/26/00	Major	\$50,000.00	\$5,000.00	NULL	8/28/03 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Orthopedic Surgery	Improper Management	Claimant's right foot negligently amputated.
Region 16 - Denver	176562	12/19/02	2003	2/1/02	Major	\$200,000.00	NULL	NULL	1/26/04 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Other (Specify)	Allegation - Not Otherwise Classified, Specify	Prescribed medication that caused neuropathy in his feet and was not warned of possible side effects.
Region 16 - Denver	176566	12/1/02	2003	12/3/00	Death	\$100,000.00	NULL	NULL	1/23/04 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Cardiology	Delay In Treatment	Delay in treating heart condition resulted in Veteran's death.
Region 16 - Denver	176574	12/12/02	2003	5/1/01	Major	\$5,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	3/25/09 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Internal Medicine	Delay In Diagnosis	Patient alleges multiple sclerosis was not diagnosed timely, thereby depriving her of appropriate therapy
Region 16 - Denver	176665	12/17/02	2003	12/18/00	Death	\$20,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	12/29/04 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Psychology	Improper Management; Failure To Order Appropriate Medication	Patient [redacted] with his vehicle and pled guilty to automobile homicide. Patient was DUI [redacted] surviving child [redacted] filed a wrongful death action against the patient. Patient's mother stated patient was overmedicated by VA doctors [redacted] led wrongful death claim against VA.
Region 16 - Denver	176688	12/7/02	2003	12/27/00	Death	\$1,400,000.00	NULL	\$470,000.00	12/16/04 Suit Settled	Cheyenne WY VAMC	WY	Infectious Disease; General Internal Medicine	Failure to Instruct or Communicate with Patient or Family; Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is Incorrect); Improper Management	Decedent, AACOS, seen at VAMC ER for congestion, pain on breathing and swallowing, and chills. On-call physician diagnosed URI and strep, noting chest sounded clear. CBC came back essentially normal; although, there was an indication of a left shift. UA normal. Among medications prescribed were one dose of Rocephin and a 2 pack. Chest x-rays later ordered by different physician showed signs of bilateral pneumonia. Decedent was not hospitalized, but orally told to return if symptoms did not resolve or get worse. Two days later, he was found dead in his home, having succumbed to anaerobic sepsis due to peptostreptococcus asaccharolyticus.
Region 16 - Denver	177001	1/8/03	2003	1/22/01	Death	\$1,198,315.00	\$100,000.00	NULL	5/17/04 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT		Patient Monitoring Problem	Failure to timely monitor, test, and respond to patient's reported condition including his neurological condition between 1/16/2001-1/18/2001
Region 16 - Denver	177004	1/6/03	2003	NULL	Major	\$70,000.00	NULL	NULL	8/9/05 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Ophthalmology	Allegation - Not Otherwise Classified, Specify	Wrong size lens placed after cataract surgery. Error reported to patient by surgeon
Region 16 - Denver	177007	11/29/02	2003	2/9/01	Death	\$6,000,000.00	NULL	\$362,500.00	8/23/06 Suit Settled	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Anesthesiology	Agent Use or Selection Error	Death due to an anoxic brain injury resulting from the administration of carbon dioxide instead of oxygen
Region 16 - Denver	177076	1/29/02	2002	1/29/01	Major	\$300,000.00	NULL	NULL	7/7/06 Suit Dismissed Prior to Trial	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Neurosurgery	Improper Performance	Decompressive cervical laminectomy at C3, C4, C5 and C6 with fusion from C3-C6 using instrumentation and lateral mass screws resulting in a left hemiparesis.
Region 16 - Denver	177107	1/30/03	2003	7/15/02	Death	\$1,500,000.00	\$100,000.00	NULL	2/11/05 Claim Settled by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Anesthesiology	Improper Technique; Equipment Utilization Problem	Morphine negligently injected into wrong port of patient's morphine pump resulting in patient's death.
Region 16 - Denver	177116	1/1/03	2003	11/2/01	Death	\$4,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	9/22/03 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Family Practice; Colorectal Surgery	Improper Management; Failure To Treat Specifically	Physician failed to recommend a screening flexible sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy for veteran who was over the age of 50. Veteran had numerous complaints of abdominal distension and pain which were dismissed resulting in a delay in diagnosing colon cancer which metastasized to his lymph nodes and perforated his cecum culminating in his death.
Region 16 - Denver	177119	2/5/03	2003	7/14/02	Death	\$253,000.00	\$100,000.00	NULL	8/26/03 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Emergency Medicine	Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condition)	After being sent home from VA Emergency Room, veteran called 911 and was taken to trauma center where he underwent surgery for an ischemic bowel. Veteran died two weeks later.
Region 16 - Denver	177184	2/7/03	2003	2/1/01	Major	\$250,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/29/05 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Radiology; Gastroenterology	Improperly Performed Test	Surgeon punctured adjacent structure while performing colonoscopy for diverticulitis.
Region 16 - Denver	177310	2/6/03	2003	12/10/00	Death	\$3,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	5/8/03 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Other (Specify); Hematology	Delay In Treatment; Delay In Diagnosis; Lack Of Communication Between Providers	failure to timely diagnose and treat non-small cell carcinoma of the lung.
Region 16 - Denver	177338	2/13/03	2003	10/25/01	Major	\$1,000,000.00	\$50,000.00	NULL	2/2/06 Suit Settled	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Dentistry (General)	Improper Performance	Nerves damaged during surgical teeth extraction causing disfigurement, loss of sensation of tongue and loss of taste.
Region 16 - Denver	177338	2/13/03	2003	10/25/01	Major	\$1,000,000.00	\$50,000.00	NULL	2/2/06 Suit Settled	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Dentistry (General)	Improper Performance	Nerves damaged during surgical teeth extraction causing disfigurement, loss of sensation of tongue and loss of taste.
Region 16 - Denver	177691	3/31/03	2003	10/11/00	Major	\$150,000.00	NULL	NULL	8/31/05 Claim Denied by General Counsel	OCLA	DC	General Internal Medicine	Allegation - Not Otherwise Classified, Specify	Pulmonary impairment from side effects of Amiodarone.
Region 16 - Denver	177691	3/31/03	2003	10/11/00	Major	\$150,000.00	NULL	NULL	8/31/05 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Internal Medicine	Allegation - Not Otherwise Classified, Specify	Pulmonary impairment from side effects of Amiodarone.
Region 16 - Denver	177750	4/4/03	2003	10/16/02	Minor	\$25,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/14/06 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Cardiology	Improper Management	On October 16, 2003, veteran went to Veterans Administration for shortness of breath, poor sleeping and increased lower extremity edema. Diagnosed congestive heart failure exacerbation. Veteran was inadvertently treated with 3 mg. epinephrine instead of 40 mg. Lexicor. Developed respiratory/cardiac arrest. He was transferred to MICU and recovered after receiving fluids.
Region 16 - Denver	177925	4/20/03	2003	6/1/98	Major	\$100,000.00	NULL	NULL	2/28/05 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Dentistry (General)	Improper Performance; Improper Management	During removal of an impacted wisdom tooth, the dentist cut open the back part of veteran's mouth and sewed it shut. Veteran has never been able to open her mouth fully since surgery. Veteran has alleged nerve damage on right side of mouth with pain in her jaw.
Region 16 - Denver	177959	4/20/03	2003	3/9/00	Major	\$300,000.00	NULL	NULL	12/29/04 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Cardiothoracic Surgery; Cardiology	Improper Performance	Neglect mitral valve surgery resulted in chronic anemia and fatigue and delay in treatment of hepatitis "C".
Region 16 - Denver	178084	4/25/03	2003	4/28/01	Death	\$200,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/25/05 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Sheridan WY VAMC	WY	Psychiatry	Improper Management; Failure To Monitor; Improper Management Of Psychiatric Patient	Decedent, a 45-y/o male with a history of alcohol and drug abuse, was found dead in his residence. Family contends treating psychiatrist improperly used tricyclic antidepressants such as Doxepin in the face of a history of alcohol abuse and suicidal ideations. Though the family focus is on claimed adverse interactions between multiple drugs and related hepatotoxicity, the real issue seems to be whether the use of the class of drugs to which Doxepin belongs rather than SSRIs was within the standard of care. Toxicology report showed no alcohol but elevated level of Doxepin. Cause of death listed as accidental overdose.
Region 16 - Denver	178150	4/24/03	2003	4/3/92	Death	\$5,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	5/17/04 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Urology	Delay In Performance; Delay In Diagnosis	Delay in diagnosis and surgery for metastatic carcinoma resulted in veteran's death.
Region 16 - Denver	178334	5/30/03	2003	1/29/02	Minor	\$250,000.00	NULL	NULL	2/26/04 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Family Practice	Improper Conduct	Genital examination was unexplained, embarrassing, and left claimant with emotional scars and other damages.
Region 16 - Denver	178424	6/11/03	2003	6/15/01	Major	\$2,000,000.00	NULL	\$50,000.00	1/6/09 Suit Settled	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Family Practice	Wrong Medication Ordered	Claimant was prescribed a medication contra-indicated for a diabetic patient, leading to kidney failure and dialysis.

Region 16 - Denver	178544	6/16/03	2003	6/25/01 Major	\$230,000.00	\$122,000.00	NULL	1/11/07 Claim Settled by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Emergency Medicine	Improper Technique; Failure To Treat	VA employee injured in car accident on way to work. Employee received negligent emergency room treatment at the Denver VAMC, and has suffered disability as a result.
Region 16 - Denver	178709	7/23/03	2003	11/29/01 Major	\$2,450,000.00	\$68,000.00	NULL	3/5/08 Suit Settled	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Cardiothoracic Surgery; Cardiolmproper Performance	Coronary artery bypass graft improperly performed resulting in permanently blocked artery and unhealed sternum.	
Region 16 - Denver	178825	8/6/03	2003	7/19/02 Major	\$500,000.00	\$25,000.00	NULL	4/27/06 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	General Surgery; GastroenterFailure To Obtain Consent or Lack of Informed Consent; Improper Performance; Improper Management	Veteran consented to laparoscopic appendectomy but a full right hemi-colectomy was performed resulting in injury to spleen, infection and other complications.	
Region 16 - Denver	178827	8/8/03	2003	1/21/03 No Injury	\$100,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	8/25/08 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Other (Specify); General InterFailure To Treat	When veteran's medical records were mixed in with another veteran's records he was denied treatment at the VA's Colorado Springs CBOC.	
Region 16 - Denver	179067	9/16/03	2003	9/19/01 Death	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/30/09 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Internal Medicine	Wrong Procedure or Treatment	During Air Ambulance transfer to tertiary care hospital, patient was treated for acute MI, which he apparently did not suffer. The treatment for the non-existent MI contributed to his death.
Region 16 - Denver	179480	10/9/03	2004	9/23/02 Major	\$15,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/21/04 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Orthopedic Surgery	Improper Performance	Improper neck surgery failed to fuse cervical vertebra resulting in continued severe pain and disability.
Region 16 - Denver	179525	10/22/03	2004	9/1/00 Death	\$4,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	8/19/04 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Hematology	Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Veteran's survivors allege the Department of VA failed to timely diagnose and properly treat non-Hodgkins lymphoma.
Region 16 - Denver	179541	10/17/03	2004	1/15/01 Major	\$60,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	1/25/08 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Urology; Pulmonary MedicineImproper Performance	Claimant's lung injured during kidney stone surgery resulting in distress of breath and chronic pain.	
Region 16 - Denver	179682	11/3/03	2004	8/28/02 Minor	\$25,000.00	NULL	NULL	3/31/04 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Sheridan WY VAMC	WY	General Internal Medicine; G	Failure To Respond To Patient; Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is Incorrect)	Claimant alleges physicians misdiagnosed a stomach abscess as a hernia after he claimed numerous times he believed it was an abscess. With no response from physicians, claimant attempted to debride abscess himself by self-inflicting a puncture into the abscess with a pocket knife.
Region 16 - Denver	179700	10/22/03	2004	1/21/03 Major	\$150,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/17/09 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO		Breach Of Patient Confidentiality; Failure To Treat	Improper information placed in veteran's medical records resulted in refusal to treat veteran's medical conditions.
Region 16 - Denver	179875	12/4/03	2004	12/2/01 Death	\$350,000.00	NULL	NULL	6/3/05 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Hematology	Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Failure to timely diagnose cancer.
Region 16 - Denver	180121	12/23/03	2004	1/13/02 Death	\$1,000,000.00	\$125,000.00	NULL	12/16/04 Claim Settled by General Counsel	Sheridan WY VAMC	WY	Psychiatry	Failure To Respond To Patient; Improper Management; Improper Management Of Psychiatric Patient	Patient was transferred from Ft. Harrison HCS to the Sheridan VAMC on 12/14/03 for treatment of depression. He was admitted to the psychiatric unit at 'Level 1'. Claimant phoned VAMC on 12/28/03 and advised physicians that she had spoken to her father and he stated he didn't want to go home and he would commit suicide. Despite warnings, on 01/02/02 patient was upgraded to 'Level 2'. On 01/03/02, claimant again communicated to psychiatrist father's threats. On 01/07/02 patient was upgraded to 'Level 3' which meant patient could come and go as he pleased from VA. On 01/12/02, patient left VA grounds. On 01/12/02, patient was found hanged to death. It was ruled a suicide.
Region 16 - Denver	180121	12/23/03	2004	1/13/02 Death	\$1,000,000.00	\$125,000.00	NULL	12/16/04 Claim Settled by General Counsel	Sheridan WY VAMC	WY	Psychiatry	Failure To Respond To Patient; Improper Management; Improper Management Of Psychiatric Patient	Patient was transferred from Ft. Harrison HCS to the Sheridan VAMC on 12/14/03 for treatment of depression. He was admitted to the psychiatric unit at 'Level 1'. Claimant phoned VAMC on 12/28/03 and advised physicians that she had spoken to her father and he stated he didn't want to go home and he would commit suicide. Despite warnings, on 01/02/02 patient was upgraded to 'Level 2'. On 01/03/02, claimant again communicated to psychiatrist father's threats. On 01/07/02 patient was upgraded to 'Level 3' which meant patient could come and go as he pleased from VA. On 01/12/02, patient left VA grounds. On 01/12/02, patient was found hanged to death. It was ruled a suicide.
Region 16 - Denver	180540	1/23/04	2004	11/1/03 Minor	\$20,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	9/8/10 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Pharmacy; General Internal	Failure To Treat; Failure To Order Appropriate Medication	In November of 2003 veteran alleged that VA providers attempted to give medications that were harmful and also deprived veteran of his diabetic medicines which caused the veteran chest pain and severe distress. His claim further alleges that his provider inappropriately refused him an MRI and mixed and forced medicines on him causing overdosing, hot flashes, urinary tract infection, and damage to his immune system.
Region 16 - Denver	180680	1/29/04	2004	10/7/03 Death	\$1,000,000.00	\$100,000.00	NULL	6/7/05 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Emergency Medicine; Alchoho	Allegation - Not Otherwise Classified, Specifically, Delay In Diagnosis; Improper Management Of Psychiatric Patient	Psychiatric patient fell causing subdural hematoma. Delay in diagnosing subdural hematoma resulted in patient's death.
Region 16 - Denver	180751	1/21/04	2004	11/5/03 No Injury	\$15,000.00	NULL	NULL	10/1/04 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	General Internal Medicine	Patient History, Exam or Workup Problem	Failure of physician to correctly diagnose claimant's weight restrictions in a timely manner resulted in claimant not being able to work for five weeks.
Region 16 - Denver	180883	2/4/04	2004	1/14/04 NULL	\$1,069.63	\$1,069.63	NULL	2/20/04 Claim Settled by VAMC	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT			
Region 16 - Denver	181034	2/18/04	2004	11/24/03 Death	\$350,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/14/05 Claim Settled by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Emergency Medicine	Failure To Treat; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Failure to admit veteran to VAMC when he presented to the Emergency Room with low blood pressure and fluid retention resulted in his death the following day.
Region 16 - Denver	181116	3/1/04	2004	11/15/99 Major	\$30,000,000.00	\$200,000.00	NULL	5/17/07 Claim Settled by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Radiology; Pulmonary Medicine	Delay In Diagnosis	Failure to follow up on suspicious chest x-ray, delayed diagnosis of lung cancer.
Region 16 - Denver	181261	3/18/04	2004	9/15/03 Death	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	10/27/08 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	General Internal Medicine	Improper Management	Negligent use of chemotherapy and radiation at University Hospital resulted in patient's stroke. Negligent follow-up care at the Denver VA Medical Center resulted in his death.
Region 16 - Denver	181347	3/23/04	2004	10/24/00 Major	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	5/30/06 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Podiatry	Failure To Treat; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Starting 10/2000, veteran underwent treatment for infection in both lower extremities. He was hospitalized eight weeks at the SDCVAMC. The right leg improved but the left leg had an ulceration in the lower portion. Veteran was placed on outpatient status with weekly visits to the Podiatry Clinic to change the dressings. The veteran felt that there was no improvement and went to St. Mark's Hospital where it was determined that the veteran had a staphylococcus infection. Surgical intervention was successful and veteran's leg healed completely.
Region 16 - Denver	181364	3/2/04	2004	3/7/02 Major	\$250,000.00	NULL	NULL	1/20/05 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Orthopedic Surgery	Improper Performance	Failure to repair torn right shoulder rotator cuff, failure to remove bone spurs, and damage to a nerve incision site.
Region 16 - Denver	181491	2/26/04	2004	NULL	\$3,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	1/21/09 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Other (Specify); Oral Surgery;	Breach Of Patient Confidentiality; Failure To Monitor	VA confused patient's name and SSN with those of other veterans. Information of other veterans has been placed in claimant's medical records. Incorrect information regarding claimant's knee surgery. Record shows surgery was done on right knee when it was actually done on claimant's left knee. Record shows claimant had neck surgery. No surgery was performed on his neck. Dental records contain information of other veterans. VA Dentist left a stick in claimant's tooth for six months. VA Dentist left a stick in another of claimant's teeth for 12 months.
Region 16 - Denver	181546	3/15/04	2004	8/13/97 Major	\$100,000.00	NULL	NULL	7/25/06 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Cardiothoracic Surgery	Allegation - Not Otherwise Classified, Specifically, Improper Performance	Veteran underwent cardiac surgery to re-explore his chest for bleeding. Laryngeal nerve was damaged causing left vocal cord paralysis. Has undergone two surgeries to medialize the vocal cord but no attempt has been made to repair the damage to the nerve. The damage to the nerve was thought to be in the chest making repair difficult.
Region 16 - Denver	181626	4/15/04	2004	7/7/03 Death	\$5,000,000.00	\$150,000.00	NULL	2/23/06 Claim Settled by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Nursing	Improper Conduct; Improper Management	Nurse turned off oxygen saturation alarm resulting in patient's death.
Region 16 - Denver	181653	4/5/04	2004	5/6/03 Minor	\$250,000.00	NULL	NULL	12/1/04 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Surgery	Improper Performance	Colon surgery was improperly performed, resulting in a hernia requiring corrective surgery.
Region 16 - Denver	181731	4/3/04	2004	3/30/04 Major	\$15,000,000.00	NULL	\$600,000.00	2/6/06 Suit Settled	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Otorhinolaryngology; Anesth	Allegation - Not Otherwise Classified, Specifically	Veteran went to the VA Hospital for a biopsy of post pharyngeal lesion at the level of the base of tongue. Veteran woke up with signs of spinal cord injury and is a quadriplegic on a ventilator.
Region 16 - Denver	181731	4/3/04	2004	3/30/04 Major	\$15,000,000.00	NULL	\$600,000.00	2/6/06 Suit Settled	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Otorhinolaryngology; Anesth	Allegation - Not Otherwise Classified, Specifically	Veteran woke up with signs of spinal cord injury and is a quadriplegic on a ventilator.
Region 16 - Denver	181732	5/3/04	2004	10/23/03 Major	\$50,000.00	NULL	NULL	10/14/09 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Podiatry	Improper Performance	Veteran had bunion deformity of the left foot and a rigid contracture with a hammer toe deformity of the left toes two through four. Procedure failed resulting in a crippled left foot, numbness in toes and foot along with other problems that contribute to lower back, leg and foot problems.
Region 16 - Denver	181761	3/17/04	2004	1/8/04 Minor	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	3/10/05 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Nursing	Inadequate Supervision Of Resident	In recovery from a left BKA, patient fell in shower landing on his stump and side.
Region 16 - Denver	181853	5/3/04	2004	9/18/03 Major	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	3/2/06 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Surgery	Improper Performance; Improper Management	Improper performance of right Lichtenstein herniorrhaphy (hernia repair) and improper aftercare.
Region 16 - Denver	182049	5/27/04	2004	6/12/03 Death	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	8/24/05 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Family Practice	Improper Management	While on Amiodarone therapy, patient was inadequately monitored for adverse effects, resulting in his death from Amiodarone toxicity.
Region 16 - Denver	182065	10/21/02	2003	12/3/01 NULL	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	2/25/05 Suit Dismissed Prior to Trial	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT			
Region 16 - Denver	182332	6/18/04	2004	11/2/01 Major	\$50,000.00	NULL	NULL	5/15/06 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Dentistry (General)	Abandonment	Veteran had extraction of two teeth and a prosthodontic (upper partial) was constructed. Veteran claims that he was promised dental implants. The metal in the partial causes drooling from his mouth
Region 16 - Denver	182383	5/20/04	2004	5/13/04 No Injury	\$97.00	NULL	NULL	1/12/05 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Radiology	Allegation - Not Otherwise Classified, Specifically	Claimant's blue jeans, belt, shirt, socks, and shoes were damaged when they were soaked by blood when a catheter line broke during a CT scan.
Region 16 - Denver	182386	7/12/04	2004	6/26/02 Death	\$3,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	5/4/06 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Cardiology	Failure to Instruct or Communicate with Patient or Family; Improper Management	Patient suffered first myocardial infarction on 6/26/02. A placement of a pica/aten was done. At discharge, physician failed to instruct patient of medication changes and follow-up care. Patient had second myocardial infarction on 7/2/02 and underwent a second cardiac catheterization. Since his initial treatment at the VA and alleged lack of follow-up and medication instruction, a gradual, but steady decline in his health and mental status occurred until patient's death.
Region 16 - Denver	182485	6/8/04	2004	6/8/04 No Injury	\$2,500,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	8/26/08 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Other (Specify)	Failure To Treat	Failure by Colorado Springs VA clinic to transport claimant's leg brace to Denver VAMC for repair.
Region 16 - Denver	182532	7/15/04	2004	7/15/02 Death	\$1,097,915.64	NULL	NULL	3/6/08 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Cardiothoracic Surgery	Improper Management	Veteran underwent a coronary artery bypass graft which was performed without complication. Veteran developed Staph Aureus in his blood, urine and sputum. He also developed a sternal wound infection and mediastinitis. Veteran died on 7/15/02 with his cause of death listed as relating to his post-operative infections.
Region 16 - Denver	182538	7/22/04	2004	1/6/04 Major	\$10,000,000.00	NULL	\$500,000.00	1/12/07 Suit Settled	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Family Practice	Delay In Diagnosis	Ambulatory Care practitioner failed to timely diagnose an urgent and emergent neuro-surgical condition, thereby delaying surgery.
Region 16 - Denver	182565	7/22/04	2004	7/26/02 Death	\$240,000.00	NULL	NULL	10/27/08 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	General Internal Medicine	Wrong Procedure or Treatment; Improper Management	The veteran died from urepsis due to an urinary tract infection which received inadequate treatment during his hospitalization. The VA physicians and nurses failed to timely diagnose and treat the veterans recurring urepsis.

Region 16 - Denver	182566	7/28/04	2004	7/31/02 Major	\$2,500,000.00	NULL	NULL	3/29/07 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Orthopedic Surgery	Improper Performance; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Veteran alleges negligent performance of knee surgery by implanting an incorrectly sized patellar component in the wrong position followed by failure to diagnose the cause of veteran's post operative pain and disability
Region 16 - Denver	182652	8/5/04	2004	8/23/02 Major	\$2,500,000.00	NULL	NULL	9/21/06 Suit Dismissed Prior to Trial	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Radiology	Allegation - Not Otherwise Classified, Specify	Radiologist failed to note a pancreatic mass on CT, later identified as cancer.
Region 16 - Denver	182711	8/4/04	2004	2/10/04 Major	\$200,000.00	NULL	NULL	10/19/06 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Pulmonary Medicine; Emergency Medicine	Wrong Procedure or Treatment; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Emergency room physician failed to follow standing order for X-ray and throat culture if patient presents with respiratory problems. As a result, patient was not treated promptly and his hospital stay was extended.
Region 16 - Denver	182907	8/30/04	2004	7/22/04 Major	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	\$150,000.00	6/5/07 Suit Settled	Grand Junction CO VAMC	CO	Pathology/Laboratory	Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is incorrect); Improperly Performed Test	Claimant's prostate removed because his biopsy was confused with another patient who had prostate cancer. Claimant's biopsy was negative.
Region 16 - Denver	183150	9/24/04	2004	10/1/02 Death	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	\$200,000.00	8/1/06 Suit Settled	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Emergency Medicine; Cardio	Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Failure to admit veteran when he went to Emergency Room with chest pains resulting in veteran's death from heart attack.
Region 16 - Denver	183157	9/22/04	2004	11/11/03 Death	\$375,000.00	NULL	NULL	10/29/08 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	General Internal Medicine	Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is incorrect); Improper Management; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Inappropriate reduction of patient's methadone resulted in his death.
Region 16 - Denver	183406	10/12/04	2005	NULL	Major	\$300,000.00	NULL	7/30/07 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Psychiatry; Otorhinolaryngology	Unnecessary Test; Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is incorrect)	Veteran had sore in his mouth which was biopsied. Ongoing pain developed in lower lip. Diagnosis was lip pain but was psychological
Region 16 - Denver	183410	10/15/04	2005	9/10/03 Major	\$10,000,000.00	NULL	\$10,394,360.30	5/20/09 Judgment Appealed	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Anesthesiology	Intubation Problem	Intubation of claimant prior to surgery was improperly performed resulting in lack of oxygen and permanent brain injury.
Region 16 - Denver	183437	10/15/04	2005	2/13/04 Death	\$500,000.00	NULL	NULL	8/14/07 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Nursing	Failure To Report On Patient Condition; Delay In Treatment	Nursing home employees failed to report patient's fall and head injury. Subdural hematoma went undiagnosed and resulted in death.
Region 16 - Denver	183542	11/23/04	2005	6/28/04 NULL	\$1,844.49	NULL	NULL	9/19/07 Claim Denied by VAMC	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Podiatry; General Internal Medicine	Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Foot infection resulted in cervical epidural abscess and quadriplegic condition.
Region 16 - Denver	183683	11/8/04	2005	11/6/03 Death	\$500,000.00	NULL	NULL	9/17/08 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	General Internal Medicine	Failure To Treat; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Failure to diagnose and treat malignant neoplasm on pancreas by November of 2003 shortening veteran's life expectancy.
Region 16 - Denver	183786	10/25/04	2005	9/19/03 Major	\$300,000.00	\$7,000.00	NULL	3/6/07 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Radiology; Nursing	Failure To Supervise	Failure to properly supervise patient in Radiology Department resulted in claimant falling and injuring his face and neck.
Region 16 - Denver	183790	11/19/04	2005	5/30/03 Major	\$8,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	9/28/06 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Otorhinolaryngology; Dermat	Unnecessary Procedure; Improper Performance	Improper surgical removal of cyst from neck, cut muscles and nerves resulting in shoulder drop and loss of balance. Tonsils removed without consent.
Region 16 - Denver	184046	12/20/04	2005	2/1/04 Major	\$10,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	1/19/06 Claim Settled by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Podiatry; General Internal Medicine	Delay In Diagnosis	Delay in diagnosis of left foot infection resulted in cervical epidural abscess and quadriplegic condition.
Region 16 - Denver	184048	12/20/04	2005	12/29/99 Major	\$5,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	10/3/06 Suit Dismissed Prior to Trial	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Plastic Surgery; Infectious Disease	Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is incorrect); Improper Management	Failure to follow up post surgical patient and render necessary and proper care resulting in loss of breasts, great physical and emotional injuries
Region 16 - Denver	184109	1/5/05	2005	1/17/03 Major	\$65,000.00	NULL	NULL	11/18/08 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	General Surgery	Allegation - Not Otherwise Classified, Specify; Improper Performance	Veteran was advised to undergo a colonoscopy on January 17, 2003. He suffered multiple tears in his bowels during this procedure. Consequently, he underwent emergency surgery for a right hemicolectomy and ileocolic anastomosis.
Region 16 - Denver	184175	1/8/05	2005	NULL	Major	\$1,500,000.00	NULL	3/15/05 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Psychiatry	Wrong Medication Ordered	Misconduct of VA Legal Counsel. Claimant was disabled by medication prescribed by VA over a period of several years.
Region 16 - Denver	184176	1/5/05	2005	2/15/97 Major	\$1,500,000.00	NULL	NULL	9/16/05 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Psychiatry	Unnecessary Treatment; Wrong Medication Ordered	Claimant was wrongfully restrained by VA medical personnel. Claimant was disabled by medication prescribed by VA over a period of several years.
Region 16 - Denver	184178	1/7/05	2005	12/15/96 Major	\$1,500,000.00	NULL	NULL	1/20/06 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Sheridan WY VAMC	WY	Other (Specify); Psychiatry	Allegation - Not Otherwise Classified, Specify; Wrong Medication Ordered	Claimant was attacked and assaulted by two VA employees. Claimant was disabled by medication prescribed over a period of several years.
Region 16 - Denver	184283	1/27/05	2005	1/14/04 No Injury	\$10,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	5/24/06 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Psychiatry	Wrong Medication Ordered	Short term side effects from Nortriptyline and patient concern re: venlafaxine, prescribed but not taken
Region 16 - Denver	184296	12/14/04	2005	10/27/04 Minor	\$2,200.00	NULL	NULL	10/27/04 Administrative Tort Claim Pending in VA	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Other (Specify)	Failure To Medicate	Veteran was in VAMC when he had a Grand Mal seizure. He bit down and broke his partial plate. Veteran's family believes he was not given his seizure medication
Region 16 - Denver	184299	1/24/05	2005	11/12/04 Death	\$500,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/21/09 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Cardiology	Improper Performance	Veteran developed pneumonia and during further testing identified mass in lungs and blockage in arteries. Performed a stent procedure which perforated artery leading to his death
Region 16 - Denver	184457	2/14/05	2005	9/24/04 Major	\$10,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	6/4/08 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Otorhinolaryngology	Unnecessary Procedure; Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is incorrect)	Veteran claims that ENT unnecessarily performed radical neck dissection as biopsies were negative.
Region 16 - Denver	184462	2/11/05	2005	1/26/05 No Injury	\$50,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	1/26/09 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Pharmacy	Allegation - Not Otherwise Classified, Specify; Failure to Instruct or Communicate with Patient or Family	Medication mislabeled.
Region 16 - Denver	184864	3/30/05	2005	1/12/04 Major	\$1,100,000.00	NULL	\$250,000.00	10/9/07 Suit Settled	Grand Junction CO VAMC	CO	Pharmacy; Cardiology	Failure to Instruct or Communicate with Patient or Family; Improper Management	Two cholesterol drugs prescribed at the same time without proper instructions or monitoring resulting in renal failure and muscle loss.
Region 16 - Denver	184910	4/7/05	2005	2/26/05 Death	\$1,000,000.00	\$120,000.00	NULL	12/30/08 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Hematology	Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is incorrect); Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Failure to diagnose multiple myeloma caused a delay in his treatment and resulted in his death.
Region 16 - Denver	185010	4/25/05	2005	5/1/03 Major	\$1,700,000.00	NULL	NULL	12/14/09 Suit Dismissed Prior to Trial	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Pulmonary Medicine; Otorhinolaryngology	Wrong Procedure or Treatment; Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is incorrect); Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Failure to diagnose salivary gland infection with stones resulted in unnecessary surgery and prolonged illness.
Region 16 - Denver	185020	4/21/05	2005	10/4/04 Death	\$10,000,000.00	NULL	\$950,000.00	9/19/08 Suit Settled	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Emergency Medicine	Delay In Treatment; Failure To Medicate; Lack Of Communication Between Providers	Leukemia patient was discharged following his third round of chemotherapy on 10/1/04. Patient reported to the Emergency Care Unit on 10/1/04 at approximately 14:24 complaining of abdominal pain, diarrhea and nausea. Patient was admitted to medicine floor at approximately 20:30. Admitting residents ordered antibiotics while patient was still in ECU but the antibiotics were never hung. Patient went into shock shortly after arriving on the medicine floor and was transferred to NICU. Patient finally received antibiotics in MICU at approximately 23:30. Patient died the next morning of sepsis.
Region 16 - Denver	185206	5/24/05	2005	7/1/03 Major	\$100,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/1/11 Suit Dismissed Prior to Trial	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Urology	Improper Performance; Improper Management	VAMC negligently recommended that the veteran be included and subject himself to an experimental TURP procedure, and failed to provide appropriate supervision of the physicians and other health care providers in the performance of this procedure. VAMC failed to provide adequate post-op care and discharged veteran in an unstable medical condition which required admission to a non VA facility.
Region 16 - Denver	185209	5/25/05	2005	8/18/04 Major	\$1,200,000.00	NULL	NULL	2/26/09 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Ophthalmology	Allegation - Not Otherwise Classified, Specify	Surgery for pterygium excision on the right eye was performed 8/18/2004 at the Salt Lake City VAMC. Veteran now has double vision and in order to focus he must cover his right eye which affects his depth perception and peripheral vision.
Region 16 - Denver	185253	5/25/05	2005	9/11/01 Major	\$2,500,000.00	NULL	NULL	6/7/07 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	General Surgery	Failure To Respond To Patient	In October 2000, pt was diagnosed with Hodgkins disease, service connected. A central line was installed to administer chemotherapy. In May 2001, after chemotherapy was complete and the cancer was in remission, pt wanted central line removed but the VA doctor refused. September 11, 2001, pt had a heart attack and a stroke. Pt was taken to local hospital where it was determined the line was infected causing the stroke and endocarditis around his heart which caused the top left valve to stretch out of shape and leak. After this incident, pt has a heart murmur and sometimes flutter. After this, he has had seizures and is presently on medication for the seizure presentation. He wasn't bothered with seizures, needed to take any medication before this. At this time, he has to take seizure medication plus heart rate medication, jus blood thinner medication all caused by the infected central line that the VA doctor would not remove.
Region 16 - Denver	185256	2/3/05	2005	3/11/04 No Injury	\$4,575.00	NULL	NULL	5/6/09 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Cardiology	Failure To Perform Procedure	Failure to insert coronary stents
Region 16 - Denver	185309	6/3/05	2005	8/1/04 Death	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	\$145,000.00	8/4/08 Suit Settled	Denver CO VAMC	CO	General Surgery; Gastroenterology	Improperly Performed Test; Improper Performance	Negligent performance of stomach biopsies caused sepsis which resulted in veteran's death.
Region 16 - Denver	185311	6/6/05	2005	3/28/05 Major	\$52,356.05	\$10,000.00	NULL	8/12/09 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Pharmacy	Wrong Medication Administered	Veteran was given another patient's medication resulting in hospitalization and continued disability.
Region 16 - Denver	185342	6/3/05	2005	8/25/03 Death	\$2,000,000.00	NULL	\$150,000.00	1/14/08 Suit Settled	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Internal Medicine	Failure to Instruct or Communicate with Patient or Family; Improper Management	Failure to properly instruct patient on administration of methadone and failure to properly manage medication in concert with other pain medications, resulting in drug overdose and death
Region 16 - Denver	185353	6/9/05	2005	9/1/04 Major	\$5,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	1/23/09 Judgment for Government	Denver CO VAMC	CO	General Internal Medicine	Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Failure to diagnose colon cancer has reduced claimant's chances for full cure.
Region 16 - Denver	185358	4/22/03	2003	4/23/01 Major	\$20,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	11/4/05 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Dallas TX VAMC	TX	Neurosurgery	Allegation - Not Otherwise Classified, Specify	Claimant alleges that as a result of back surgery performed at Dallas VAMC in April of 2001, he now suffers from severe and permanent neurological impairment and is permanently disabled requiring extensive attendant care.
Region 16 - Denver	185359	6/27/03	2003	12/28/00 Major	\$500,000.00	NULL	NULL	3/10/06 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Oklahoma City OK VAMC	OK	General Internal Medicine	Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Claimant alleges he received improper care at OK City VAMC resulting in stroke, skin problems, mental problems, etc.

Region 16 - Denver	185490	6/29/05	2005	4/17/04 Major	\$1,000,000.00	\$200,000.00	NULL	9/26/06 Claim Settled by General Counsel	Sheridan WY VAMC	WY	Nursing	Improper Technique	Patient was hospitalized in the VA Hospital in Sheridan. While being treated, he was forced from his bed, and fell to the floor. Because he could not stand back up he required assistance. The medical staff used a lifting device incorrectly and broke both of his femurs in the process. He required extended medical care as a result of this injury, and is permanently disabled.
Region 16 - Denver	185606	7/11/05	2005	5/24/02 Major	\$100,000.00	NULL	NULL	1/23/09 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	General Surgery; Gastroenterology	Improper Performance	Mutilation of stomach by general surgery at Denver VAMC
Region 16 - Denver	185608	7/18/05	2005	3/30/05 Major	\$500,000.00	NULL	NULL	8/22/07 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Grand Junction CO VAMC	CO	Colorectal Surgery	Improper Performance	Negligent colon surgery resulted in laceration of spleen and improper repair of colon.
Region 16 - Denver	185645	7/20/05	2005	7/18/03 Death	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	10/27/08 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	General Surgery	Improper Performance; Improper Management	Negligent diagnosis of hernia. Two days post-op developed acute abdominal distention. Second surgery performed with diagnoses of perforated transverse colon diverticulum. Was returned to operating room four days later with an acute abdomen. Veteran died forty-eight hours after this surgery.
Region 16 - Denver	185662	7/22/05	2005	6/28/03 Major	\$500,000.00	\$50,000.00	NULL	10/23/07 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Orthopedic Surgery	Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is Incorrect)	Failure to x-ray, diagnose and treat leg fracture.
Region 16 - Denver	185768	8/15/05	2005	8/18/03 Death	\$800,000.00	\$100,000.00	NULL	8/1/06 Claim Settled by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Neurology; Hematology; Gen	Wrong Medication Ordered; Wrong Medication Administered; Patient History, Exam or Workup Problem; Failure to Recognize a Complication	It was admitted to the Veteran's Hospital in Denver, Colorado for treatment of his left toes. As a result of the negligent medical treatment administered at the hospital, in particular, the use of the drug heparin, [REDACTED] suffered a stroke and died several months later. In fact, in its rating decision dated [REDACTED] the VA examiner found that "it is well-established that veteran's right frontal cerebral infarction was caused by the administration of heparin at the Denver VA Medical Center on [REDACTED]".
Region 16 - Denver	185802	8/1/05	2005	11/17/04 No Injury	\$375.00	NULL	NULL	5/15/06 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Family Practice	Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is Incorrect)	Negligently reported veteran to the Colorado Department of Motor Vehicles indicating he was not capable of driving because of his arthritis and loss of hearing. Veteran lost license and had to pay \$350 to get second opinion and to have his driver's license reinstated.
Region 16 - Denver	186137	9/2/05	2005	6/15/05 Death	\$500,000.00	\$68,250.00	NULL	5/11/07 Claim Settled by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Otorhinolaryngology; Hematology	Delay In Diagnosis; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condition)	Failure to diagnose Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the mouth resulting in veteran's death.
Region 16 - Denver	186188	9/13/05	2005	8/1/05 Major	\$10,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	9/26/07 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Psychiatry	Improper Management	Negligent management of Lithium therapy resulting in Lithium toxicity and disability. (Ongoing treatment)
Region 16 - Denver	186189	9/15/05	2005	6/20/03 Major	\$6,950,000.00	NULL	NULL	5/12/09 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Gynecology	Improper Conduct; Improper Technique; Improperly Performed Test	Unconsented to examination for fibroid tumor. Assault by VA physician.
Region 16 - Denver	186353	10/4/05	2006	2/24/05 Major	\$20,000.00	NULL	NULL	5/8/06 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Cheyenne WY VAMC	WY	Ophthalmology	Improper Performance	At claimant's post op examination the day after cataract surgery, he complained of double vision in his left eye in which he was told would eventually correct itself. The double vision continued even after surgery of his right eye a couple weeks later. He began having problems with night distortion and blurred vision and was prescribed prism glasses to help correct the problem. The problem persisted in the left eye only. After a referral outside the VA, claimant had another surgery of the left eye, which cured the double vision, but the blurred vision and night distortion persist to this day.
Region 16 - Denver	186749	10/17/05	2006	1/22/05 NULL	\$8,030.85	NULL	NULL	7/25/06 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Grand Junction CO VAMC	CO	Emergency Medicine	Improper Conduct; Failure to Conform with Regulation, Statute or Rule	Veteran slipped on his icy driveway and injured his back. When he went to the VA emergency room, he was told to leave and no one would see him. He is claim the cost of treatment outside of the VA.
Region 16 - Denver	186897	10/31/05	2006	9/5/02 Major	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	\$100,000.00	4/23/08 Suit Settled	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Family Practice	Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condition)	Failure to timely diagnose cancerous thyroid nodule.
Region 16 - Denver	186902	10/17/05	2006	NULL	\$350,000.00	NULL	NULL	7/12/06 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Otorhinolaryngology	Failure To Supervise; Improper Management	Failure to follow up on thyroid treatment started at Portland, Oregon VAMC resulted in veteran's loss of thyroid gland.
Region 16 - Denver	187097	11/29/05	2006	9/28/05 Major	\$50,000.00	NULL	NULL	10/5/06 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Emergency Medicine	Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is Incorrect); Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condition)	Swelling and pain in right knee which was drained by ECU physician. Developed swelling and returned to the ECU where diagnosis was bursitis. Veteran went to St. Mark's hospital where infection was diagnosed and surgery was performed to drain infection
Region 16 - Denver	187149	11/18/05	2006	8/3/04 Major	\$150,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/3/07 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO			Veteran has lost the use of his right hand following triple bypass heart surgery at the Denver VAMC.
Region 16 - Denver	187206	12/2/05	2006	11/25/05 Minor	\$80.00	NULL	NULL	7/26/06 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Psychiatry	Failure to Ensure Patient Safety (e.g., from Assault, Falls, Burns, Elopement; Improper Management Of Psychiatric Patient)	VAMC staff dropped patient while placing him in seclusion room, injuring his back, hip and right arm.
Region 16 - Denver	187208	12/21/05	2006	12/2/04 Minor	\$10,000.00	NULL	NULL	1/4/07 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Internal Medicine	Patient History, Exam or Workup Problem; Failure to Use Aseptic Technique	Staph infection from aspiration of fluid in right knee.
Region 16 - Denver	187240	12/2/05	2006	7/23/03 Major	\$400,000.00	NULL	NULL	1/22/08 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Orthopedic Surgery	Improper Performance	Negligent performance of routine back surgery resulted in need for further corrective surgery, staph infection, pain, suffering and total disability.
Region 16 - Denver	187302	12/21/05	2006	5/26/05 Minor	\$19,214.67	NULL	NULL	1/7/08 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Grand Junction CO VAMC	CO	Gastroenterology; Emergency Medicine	Improper Conduct; Failure To Treat	Veteran treated rudely in emergency room. He was treated for diverticulosis at St. Mary's Hospital and wants VA to reimburse his private medical bills.
Region 16 - Denver	187311	11/25/05	2006	3/18/04 Major	\$215,000.00	NULL	NULL	5/13/09 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Urology; Orthopedic Surgery	Improper Performance	Dural tear during back surgery resulted in bowel and bladder incontinence.
Region 16 - Denver	187324	12/16/05	2006	10/17/05 Minor	\$10,000.00	NULL	NULL	7/21/06 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Anesthesiology	Intubation Problem	Veteran's teeth broken off during intubation.
Region 16 - Denver	187387	1/19/06	2006	2/20/03 Major	\$1,128,996.48	NULL	\$75,000.00	1/7/08 Suit Settled	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Neurosurgery	Failure to Instruct or Communicate with Patient or Family; Delay In Diagnosis; Failure To Treat; Failure To Perform Procedure	Veteran presented with neck and back pain. Initially diagnosed with cervical strain. Began having numbness in his arms. Consulted with neurosurgery which recommended a three-level neck fusion surgical procedure. Veteran's symptoms were progressively worsening over an 18 month period during which time the neck fusion procedure was not performed. Veteran sought second opinion through a neurosurgeon at the University of Utah Medical Center who, after evaluation, performed a three level cervical fusion without delay.
Region 16 - Denver	187430	2/3/06	2006	5/25/05 Major	\$120,000.00	NULL	NULL	2/7/08 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Oral Surgery; General Internal Medicine	Failure To Obtain Consent or /Lack Of Informed Consent; Failure/Delay in Referral or Consultation; Failure/Delay in Admission to Hospital or Institution; Improper Performance	Claimant, who was injured as a result of a fall in her residence, questions the quality of care she received at DVAMC for a broken jaw. She alleges surgeons disregarded her complaints about exposed nerves in some teeth and failed to adequately follow up after surgery. As a result of this alleged substandard care claimant says she has been told her jaw will need to be broken and reset. She claims all of this has adversely impacted her ability to practice law effectively.
Region 16 - Denver	187491	1/23/06	2006	5/21/04 Death	\$200,000.00	\$68,250.00	NULL	1/31/07 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Pulmonary Medicine; Otorhinolaryngology	Delay In Diagnosis	Delay in diagnosis of lung cancer resulted in veteran's death.
Region 16 - Denver	187628	2/21/06	2006	7/28/05 Minor	\$10,000.00	NULL	NULL	2/2/09 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Internal Medicine	Wrong Doseage Ordered Of Correct Medication	Higher dosage of paroxetine prescribed (twice) than recommended by manufacturer. Allegedly caused negative behavioral reaction.
Region 16 - Denver	187656	2/21/06	2006	12/10/04 Major	\$1,200,000.00	NULL	\$626,324.42	4/29/08 Suit Settled	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	General Surgery	Improper Performance	Laparoscopic repair of hiatal hernia injured the spleen. A splenectomy was performed resulting in complications including perforations of the stomach, sepsis and tracheostomy.
Region 16 - Denver	187772	3/6/06	2006	1/31/05 Minor	\$40,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	8/6/09 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Dentistry (General)	Unnecessary Procedure; Improper Performance	Negligent dental surgery resulted in mutilated gums and lips causing dentures not to fit properly and a persistent numb and fat lip.
Region 16 - Denver	187912	4/4/06	2006	2/14/06 Major	\$100,000.00	NULL	NULL	10/28/08 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	General Internal Medicine		Veteran overdosed on potassium. He was weak and could barely walk. He was not able to go on trip to Maui, Hawaii with family.
Region 16 - Denver	187978	3/31/06	2006	2/21/02 Minor	\$300,000.00	NULL	NULL	12/19/06 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Oral Surgery; Dentistry	Failure To Treat; Failure to Recognize a Complication	Patient had oral surgery done on 02/21/02 to remove 4 wisdom teeth. Patient alleges a nerve was left exposed and he was not properly treated for it. To this day, he still is in pain and has numbness on the right side of his jaw.
Region 16 - Denver	187979	3/17/06	2006	12/15/99 Major	\$40,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	12/1/08 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Otorhinolaryngology	Improper Performance	Implanting tubes in veteran's ears left him deaf in right ear and caused hearing loss in left ear.
Region 16 - Denver	188168	7/17/06	2006	7/23/04 Death	\$15,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	3/6/12 Judgment for Government	Sheridan WY VAMC	WY	General Internal Medicine	Failure/Delay in Referral or Consultation; Failure To Respond To Patient; Failure to Instruct or Communicate with Patient or Family; Wrong Dosage Dispensed	A Sheridan VA doctor prescribed Paxil to treat patient's anxiety allegedly without ordering a psychiatric consult or informing patient and his family of adverse effects, including suicidal behavior. Subsequently, patient committed suicide.
Region 16 - Denver	188310	5/26/06	2006	6/4/04 Major	\$15,000,000.00	NULL	\$300,000.00	11/4/08 Suit Settled	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	General Internal Medicine	Failure/Delay in Referral or Consultation; Wrong Procedure or Treatment; Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is Incorrect); Delay In Diagnosis; Failure To Order Appropriate Medication	Physician at the Pocatello CBOC failed to request a timely CT scan to rule out a subdural hematoma and inappropriately prescribed Plavix to the patient based upon his differential diagnosis of ischemic stroke prior to confirming or ruling out a subdural hematoma. Patient sustained long term neurological damage.
Region 16 - Denver	188401	5/30/06	2006	12/17/98 Major	\$400,000.00	NULL	NULL	12/19/06 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Neurosurgery; Neurology	Failure To Obtain Consent or /Lack Of Informed Consent; Improper Performance	Claimant alleges his phrenic nerve was severed during a neck surgery performed in December 1998. He alleges chronic, consistent pain, decreased lung function, exacerbation of asthma, COPD, susceptibility to pneumonia, breathing problems, flu, and other medical conditions. Also alleges this outcome was not shared when he signed his consent.
Region 16 - Denver	188482	6/19/07	2006	5/31/05 Major	\$1,000,000.00	\$100,000.00	NULL	4/10/07 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Ophthalmology; Family Pract	Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is Incorrect); Delay In Treatment	Failure to timely diagnose and treat retinal detachment resulted in loss of vision in right eye.
Region 16 - Denver	188553	7/5/06	2006	4/24/06 Major	\$400,000.00	NULL	NULL	10/30/08 Suit Dismissed Prior to Trial	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Cardiology; Anesthesiology	Improper Performance	Veteran was scheduled for a cardiac ablation. Before proceeding with the cardiac ablation a transesophageal echocardiogram was performed. During the cardiac ablation procedure [REDACTED] began bleeding from his mouth and the procedure was cancelled. An endoscopy was performed to determine the cause of the bleeding which showed localized trauma and blood in the upper esophagus either from the TEE or the intubation.

Region 16 - Denver	188634	6/27/06	2006	NULL	Major	\$600,000.00	NULL	NULL	3/27/07 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Cheyenne WY VAMC	WY	General Internal Medicine	Delay In Diagnosis; Failure To Treat; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Patient alleges he received substandard care at the Cheyenne VAMC when medical providers failed to properly diagnose and treat a tumor found in his neck.
Region 16 - Denver	188666	7/6/06	2006	1/10/04	Major	\$40,000.00	\$10,000.00	NULL	6/20/08 Claim Settled by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Dentistry (General)	Improper Performance	Dental implants negligently put in gum rather than bone causing extreme pain and inability to eat solid food.
Region 16 - Denver	188713	7/27/06	2006	7/29/04	Major	\$20,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	2/10/09 Suit Dismissed Prior to Trial	Cheyenne WY VAMC	WY	General Surgery	Improper Performance	On July 25, 2004, claimant underwent surgery, a laproscopic cholecystectomy, at the Cheyenne VAMC. Claimant alleges the surgeon employed a "needlescopic" rather than a strictly "laparoscopic" approach resulting in the cystic duct being severed with a surgical clip and then injuring, lacerating, damaging, obstructing and/or severing the common bile duct.
Region 16 - Denver	189048	9/20/06	2006	8/11/06	Death	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	\$400,000.00	10/24/08 Suit Settled	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Cardiology	Wrong Dosage Ordered Of Correct Medication	Veteran had a cardiac defibrillator replaced and his physicians prescribed Amiodarone to work with defibrillator to regulate patient's heartbeat. The prescription was to be reduced from 600 mg. per day down to 200 mg. per day. Medication was issued with no reduction in dosage noted. In June 2006 he was hospitalized at St. Marks Hospital for pulmonary problems and was advised of the improper levels of Amiodarone and was released. He had a relapse of the pulmonary fibrosis and was admitted to the VAMC where medical records indicate that pulmonary fibrosis is a known complication of Amiodarone. Veteran passed away on [REDACTED]. His death certificate states cause of death as respiratory failure, pulmonary fibrosis and Amiodarone toxicity.
Region 16 - Denver	189053	9/20/06	2006	1/25/05	Major	\$300,000.00	NULL	NULL	8/23/11 Judgment for Government	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Ophthalmology	Improper Performance	Veteran had a vitrectomy and membrane peel on his left eye January 25, 2005. Attending surgeon allowed resident to perform surgery resulting in a detached retina. A repair of the retina was performed February 8, 2005 which veteran claims his retina was improperly reattached resulting in permanent, partial loss of visual acuity and disability.
Region 16 - Denver	189065	9/13/06	2006	4/9/04	Major	\$750,000.00	NULL	\$150,000.00	10/8/08 Suit Settled	Grand Junction CO VAMC	CO	General Internal Medicine; G	Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is Incorrect)	Misdiagnosis of benign lesion as terminal colon and liver cancer resulted in claimants opiate addiction and loss of life style.
Region 16 - Denver	189194	9/20/06	2006	3/1/06	Major	\$1,050,000.00	NULL	NULL	8/22/07 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Urology; Preventive Medicine	Delay In Diagnosis	Failure to inform veteran of elevated PSA in 2004 prevented early detection and treatment of prostate cancer.
Region 16 - Denver	189206	10/10/06	2007	7/19/06	Minor	\$150,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/29/09 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Nursing; General Internal Medicine	Problem with Appliance, Prostheses, Orthotic, Restorative, Splint, Device, ; Failure To Monitor	Sleeping medication which patient was given at Denver VAMC made patient dizzy and weak causing her to fall injuring her head and hip.
Region 16 - Denver	189439	11/21/06	2007	7/26/06	Death	\$85,000.00	NULL	NULL	10/23/08 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	General Internal Medicine; E	Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is Incorrect)	Veteran died the day following discharge from SLCVAMCS. Veteran was being treated for pancreatitis and liver. Autopsy listed cause of death as a combination of coronary artery disease, pneumonia and an enlarged heart.
Region 16 - Denver	189471	11/21/06	2007	4/14/06	Major	\$750,000.00	NULL	\$150,000.00	12/20/10 Suit Settled	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Pharmacy; General Internal Medicine; Improper Performance; Failure to Recognize a Complication	Wrong Dosage Ordered Of Correct Medication; Improper Performance; Failure to Recognize a Complication	Improper surgical technique during repair of inguinal hernia resulting in trauma to blood vessels supplying colon, causing necrotic bowel; Failure to recognize potentiation of Warfarin by dosing of Simvastatin
Region 16 - Denver	189526	11/27/06	2007	12/20/05	Major	\$50,000.00	NULL	NULL	7/24/07 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Urology; Family Practice	Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Failure to diagnose prostate cancer resulted in delay in treatment and worsening of condition.
Region 16 - Denver	189830	12/8/06	2007	12/10/04	Minor	\$150,000.00	NULL	NULL	5/17/07 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	General Surgery	Improper Performance	Because of the VA's negligence and resulting injuries to her husband [REDACTED], she has suffered a loss of consortium, including care, comfort, society, advice, services, contributions and monetary support that she would have received from her husband
Region 16 - Denver	189853	12/8/06	2007	11/29/05	Major	\$3,000,000.00	\$400,000.00	NULL	11/5/07 Claim Settled by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Vascular Surgery	Delay In Treatment; Failure To Treat	Failure to provide revascularization surgeries resulted in loss of both legs.
Region 16 - Denver	190006	1/24/07	2007	9/1/04	Major	\$1,600,000.00	NULL	NULL	8/13/07 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Shenandoah WY VAMC	WY	General Internal Medicine	Unnecessary Treatment; Wrong Procedure or Treatment	Claimant alleges CDOC doctor prescribed ineffective pain medications at different intervals in time thus causing claimant to become addicted. Claimant then had to resort to treatment for substance abuse.
Region 16 - Denver	190028	1/11/07	2007	1/31/00	Major	\$3,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	10/8/08 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Nursing	Failure To Monitor	VA nurse allowed claimant's oxygen levels to become dangerously low while in intensive care unit resulting in brain injury
Region 16 - Denver	190050	1/16/07	2007	1/18/05	Major	\$250,000.00	\$5,000.00	NULL	10/13/09 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Other (Specify)	Failure to Ensure Patient Safety (e.g., from Assault, Falls, Burns, Elopmen	Upon entering exam room in Podiatry Clinic, veteran fell over stool resulting in subsequent injuries to knees, right shoulder and mental health.
Region 16 - Denver	190214	2/1/07	2007	5/25/04	Major	\$5,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	12/2/08 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Cheyenne WY VAMC	WY	General Internal Medicine; D	Failure to Instruct or Communicate with Patient or Family; Failure To Treat; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Claimant alleges nurse practitioner failed to obtain clear margins upon removal of lesion - squamous cell carcinoma. As a result, claimant suffered damage to soft tissue and nerves resulting in loss of use of the right hand.
Region 16 - Denver	190238	2/6/07	2007	2/23/05	Major	\$2,000,000.00	NULL	\$30,000.00	2/18/10 Suit Settled	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Radiology; General Internal Medicine; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Failure to diagnose and treat compartment syndrome	
Region 16 - Denver	190309	2/15/07	2007	8/2/05	Major	\$12,000,000.00	NULL	\$210,000.00	11/12/10 Suit Settled	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Surgery	Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Failure to diagnose colon/cecal cancer
Region 16 - Denver	190400	3/1/07	2007	2/3/06	Major	\$50,000.00	NULL	NULL	1/27/09 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Dentistry (General)	Failure to Recognize a Complication	Veteran claims a nerve on the right side of his lower jaw was crushed during a root canal procedure causing permanent numbness in his lip and chin.
Region 16 - Denver	190480	3/8/07	2007	3/11/05	Major	\$300,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/23/09 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Psychiatry	False Imprisonment; Improper Management Of Psychiatric Patient	Patient negligently placed on hold and treat order, resulting in false imprisonment
Region 16 - Denver	190627	4/5/07	2007	1/1/07	Major	\$3,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	1/22/08 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Dentistry (General); Cardiology	Wrong Procedure or Treatment; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Failure to diagnose heart attack. Poor dental care. Patient is not given respect by staff.
Region 16 - Denver	190811	5/1/07	2007	1/20/06	Major	\$100,000.00	NULL	NULL	9/20/07 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Cheyenne WY VAMC	WY	General Internal Medicine	Failure/Delay in Referral or Consultation; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Claimant alleges VA personnel caused her mental anguish when they called her with the wrong results of her breast biopsy.
Region 16 - Denver	190815	5/7/07	2007	5/2/05	Death	\$5,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	12/6/07 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Sheridan WY VAMC	WY	Pharmacy		Patient was using expired insulin, which wife alleges contributed to cause of death. She also claims Ft. Meade VAMC refused treatment until his records were received from Sheridan VAMC.
Region 16 - Denver	190844	5/1/07	2007	11/21/06	Major	\$20,000,000.00	\$37,500.00	NULL	2/11/09 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Family Practice	Failure To Order Appropriate Medication	Negligent prescription of Fosinopril causing swelling of [REDACTED] tongue; impaired breathing requiring placement of an emergency tracheotomy and hospitalization.
Region 16 - Denver	190852	5/14/07	2007	9/20/06	Major	\$2,000,000.00	\$100,000.00	NULL	9/29/08 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Cheyenne WY VAMC	WY	General Internal Medicine	Failure To Report On Patient Condition; Delay In Diagnosis; Failure To Order Appropriate Medication	Claimant alleges failure to notify the patient of a positive streptococcus oralis blood test, and that failure to timely inform him led to severe endocarditis necessitating subsequent aortic and mitral valve replacement surgery at a private facility for severe aortic insufficiency with severe mitral regurgitation.
Region 16 - Denver	190930	5/24/07	2007	12/3/97	Major	\$425,000.00	NULL	\$30,000.00	6/2/10 Suit Settled	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Urology	Equipment Utilization Problem	Failure to properly sterilize device used to perform prostate biopsy may have exposed patient to Hepatitis C virus.
Region 16 - Denver	190994	6/7/07	2007	2/21/03	Major	\$7,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	11/17/09 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	General Surgery	Improper Performance	On February 21, 2003 veteran was admitted to the SLCVAMC for a right hemiorrhaphy. Veteran states that after the surgery he was in constant pain on his right side with no resolution from the physicians at the VAMC. He contacted an outside general surgeon who performed an exploration of the right side inguinal hernia. The surgeon found the cord underneath the mesh originally used to repair the hernia and dissected it free.
Region 16 - Denver	191186	7/6/07	2007	7/14/05	Major	\$2,500,000.00	NULL	NULL	11/13/08 Suit Dismissed Prior to Trial	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Gastroenterology	Failure to Instruct or Communicate with Patient or Family	Negligently given instructions to discontinue taking aspirin prior to flexible sigmoidoscopy which caused his stroke and resulting disability.
Region 16 - Denver	191226	7/19/07	2007	11/6/06	Major	\$500,000.00	\$50,000.00	NULL	3/4/09 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Cardiothoracic Surgery	Surgical or Other Foreign Body Retained	On or about November 6, 2006, [REDACTED] underwent a CT scan at the Fort Harrison VAHCS where it was discovered that the guide wire was still in place from a cystoscopy/stomach performed in 2006. This wire was removed on January 9, 2007.
Region 16 - Denver	191236	5/31/07	2007	6/6/05	Major	\$20,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	3/4/09 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Cheyenne WY VAMC	WY	Urology	Problem with Appliance, Prostheses, Orthotic, Restorative, Splint, Device, ;	Claimant alleges CVAMC personnel administered "Colyte-type bowel preparation materials" which resulted in perforating the sigmoid diverticulum. He claims he has sustained significant adverse effects and has had to undergo multiple surgeries, including a colostomy, colectomy, and ileostomy as well as a ventral hernia now requiring repair.
Region 16 - Denver	191285	7/23/07	2007	1/1/06	Major	\$2,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	8/4/08 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	General Internal Medicine	Failure to Order Appropriate Test; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Claimant alleges primary care provider failed to order diagnostic testing for abdominal pain when he presented at the VAMC CBOC in early January 2006. Claimant underwent a left radical nephrectomy with hilar lymphadenectomy on April 2, 2007, for a grade IV large clear cell carcinoma of the left kidney. Claimant alleges he now has an extremely poor prognosis to recover from the cancer due to a very late diagnosis of the disease.
Region 16 - Denver	191406	8/1/07	2007	2/1/06	Major	\$12,964.68	NULL	NULL	6/30/08 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Dentistry (General)	Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Failure to diagnose and treat dental condition.
Region 16 - Denver	191433	8/14/07	2007	10/5/06	Major	\$11,000,000.00	NULL	\$400,000.00	7/6/09 Suit Settled	Cheyenne WY VAMC	WY	Orthopedic Surgery; General	Problem with Appliance, Prostheses, Orthotic, Restorative, Splint, Device, ; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Alleged negligent diagnosis and treatment at Cheyenne VAMC, Denver VAMC, and SLC VAMC of claimant's 11-06-03 left hip replacement resulting in permanent injury and damage to claimant's hip, and extensive tissue damage. Wife alleges she provided nursing services and seeks compensation for her suffering a loss of consortium, fear, stress, anxiety, depression, and lost income.
Region 16 - Denver	191578	9/18/07	2007	9/21/05	Death	\$4,500,000.00	NULL	NULL	2/24/10 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Internal Medicine	Failure to Supervise; Failure to Instruct or Communicate with Patient or Family	Failure to supervise prescriptions of narcotics and apparent lack of instruction/communication with patient.
Region 16 - Denver	191605	8/29/07	2007	8/30/05	Major	\$15,000,000.00	NULL	\$131,416.93	1/21/11 Judgment for Plaintiff	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Cardiothoracic Surgery; Cardio	Surgical or Other Foreign Body Retained	Surgical clamp left in claimant's chest following triple bypass surgery.
Region 16 - Denver	191619	9/7/08	2007	9/1/06	Major	\$300,000.00	\$75,000.00	NULL	7/31/08 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Grand Junction CO VAMC	CO	Physical Therapy	Failure to Ensure Patient Safety (e.g., from Assault, Falls, Burns, Elopmen	Veteran fell from physical therapy table breaking his neck

Region 16 - Denver	191700	9/19/07	2007	6/17/02 No Injury	\$600,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/16/09 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Oncology; Gynecology	Unnecessary Procedure	Claimant was consented for an abdominal exploration surgery as well as a total hysterectomy. The basis for both consents was that if during the exploration, it was found that there was cancer present, then she had consented to a total hysterectomy while she was under anesthesia. She claims the total hysterectomy was wrongful and unnecessary as she was misdiagnosed with cancer.
Region 16 - Denver	191753	10/9/07	2008	1/11/07 Major	\$75,000.00	NULL	NULL	12/2/09 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO		Wrong Procedure or Treatment; Inadequate Supervision Of Resident	Veteran's knee was injured during a physical examination
Region 16 - Denver	192039	10/30/07	2008	10/31/05 Major	\$4,488,639.00	\$100,000.00	NULL	6/9/09 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO		Improper Performance	Negligent Carotid Endarterectomy resulted in excessive bleeding and stroke, severely disabling claimant.
Region 16 - Denver	192052	11/27/07	2008	4/1/07 Minor	\$100,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/23/09 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT		Failure To Order Appropriate Medication	Withdrawal of Coumadin contributed to blood clot in leg
Region 16 - Denver	192383	1/14/08	2008	9/1/02 Major	\$250,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/22/09 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Sheridan WY VAMC	WY		Delay In Treatment; Delay In Diagnosis	On or about 7/2003 claimant was told her labs at that time showed stage 4 cancer. She was allegedly informed on or about January 1, 2008, by her NP that the same NP had informed her PCP on or about 9/2002 of erratic and abnormal labs. Claimant alleges if the PCP had followed up with the 9/2002 labs, the cancer would have been diagnosed at a lower stage at that time.
Region 16 - Denver	192414	1/9/08	2008	3/1/06 Minor	\$40,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	8/28/09 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO		Improper Performance	It alleges a nerve was injured during shoulder surgery in March 2006 resulting in permanent numbness of his right arm, which has not gone away in over a year.
Region 16 - Denver	192423	1/22/08	2008	6/7/07 Death	\$3,500,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/30/09 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Sheridan WY VAMC	WY		Failure To Treat	Mother alleges she called the Sheridan VAMC to report that pt was suicidal and to keep him for observation. The VAMC released the patient and three weeks later he committed suicide by overdose.
Region 16 - Denver	192427	1/22/08	2008	8/24/07 Death	\$5,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	6/24/11 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT		Failure to Ensure Patient Safety (e.g., from Assault, Falls, Burns, Elopmen; Delay In Treatment	The SLCVAMC failed to provide [REDACTED] with a safe and monitored inpatient environment in the days prior to his commitment hearing despite [REDACTED] being presumed to be a danger to others and recommended inpatient care. The direct result was a successful suicide by [REDACTED]
Region 16 - Denver	192487	1/29/08	2008	10/20/03 Major	\$50,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/13/09 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Urology		[REDACTED] alleges failure to diagnose prostate cancer despite complaints of urinary tract infections and testicular pain. Veteran also alleges a failure to diagnose and treat lung metastasis.
Region 16 - Denver	192573	2/13/08	2008	7/14/04 Minor	\$2,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	9/3/09 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Cheyenne WY VAMC	WY	Ophthalmology; Emergency	Failure To Monitor	Pt came to the VA ER in which he was treated and sent home for an eye injury. Patient alleges the VA failed to follow up resulting in damage to his "only good eye"
Region 16 - Denver	192620	2/13/08	2008	11/1/04 Major	\$500,000.00	NULL	NULL	3/3/10 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Oncology; Otorhinolaryngology	Unnecessary Procedure; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Veteran has incurable cancer in both lungs. He was misdiagnosed with with throat cancer and surgery was performed unnecessarily.
Region 16 - Denver	192639	10/15/07	2008	10/17/05 Major	\$1,000,000.00	\$60,000.00	NULL	10/14/09 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Pathology/Laboratory	Laboratory Error	Blood draw needle damaged nerve in left arm, resulting in pain, numbness of left hand and shingles
Region 16 - Denver	192762	3/17/08	2008	3/21/06 Major	\$1,500,000.00	NULL	NULL	2/12/13 Suit Dismissed Prior to Trial	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Urology	Failure To Obtain Consent or /Lack Of Informed Consent; Failure to Instruct or Communicate with Patient or Family	Lack of informed consent. Veteran claims he was not advised that his prostate surgery would render him sterile. Had he been advised that that surgery would render him sterile, he would have saved some sperm to plan for his future family. Veteran has been depressed since learning of his sterility
Region 16 - Denver	192789	3/18/08	2008	3/18/06 Death	\$500,000.00	NULL	NULL	5/27/09 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Grand Junction CO VAMC	CO	Psychiatry	Failure To Order Appropriate Medication; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Failure to stop veteran from taking Clozaril resulted in veteran's death
Region 16 - Denver	192825	3/27/08	2008	7/28/05 Major	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	10/20/08 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Vascular Surgery	Improper Performance	During a femoral-popliteal bypass, the nerve in his left leg was cut resulting in loss of feeling in his leg and foot except in the heel area. The bottom of his foot is painful and veteran has loss of balance.
Region 16 - Denver	192905	4/3/08	2008	7/22/02 Major	\$2,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	5/26/09 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Radiology; Family Practice	Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Failure to Diagnose degenerative disk disease resulting in patients worsening back problems and unemployment.
Region 16 - Denver	192945	4/10/08	2008	4/18/06 Major	\$3,250,000.00	NULL	\$1,500,000.00	7/8/10 Suit Settled	Cheyenne WY VAMC	WY	General Internal Medicine	Delay In Diagnosis; Failure To Treat; Failure to Order Appropriate Test	Claimant alleges that VA docs failed to properly document her care and treatment, failed to order urgent labs, imaging, and other tests, and failed to timely consult ENT or ophthalmology when she presented to the VA ER resulting in permanent damage to her right optic nerve and permanent and total right eye blindness, which in turn has affected her left eye, caused dysfunction/memory and concentration impairment, aggravation of migraine headaches, onset of major depression, right TMD, past and future permanent physical impairment and disability, and disfigurement.
Region 16 - Denver	192948	4/14/08	2008	4/11/06 Major	\$1,500,000.00	NULL	NULL	10/30/09 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	General Internal Medicine	Wrong Dosage Administered	Loss of vision in right eye after increasing the dosage of the blood pressure medication Lisinopril upon instructions from physician.
Region 16 - Denver	192951	4/16/08	2008	7/26/07 Major	\$720,000.00	NULL	\$150,000.00	5/4/11 Suit Settled	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	General Surgery	Failure To Obtain Consent or /Lack Of Informed Consent; Improper Performance	Veteran underwent a colectomy where it was determined that he had a sigmoid colon cancerous mass. Surgery was performed to remove this mass. The wrong part of the colon was removed. Subsequently the correct part of the colon containing the mass was removed.
Region 16 - Denver	192986	4/14/08	2008	NULL	\$2,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	3/9/09 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	General Internal Medicine	Failure To Order Appropriate Medication	Claim alleges VA personnel prescribed vancomycin for claimant that resulted in an adverse reaction.
Region 16 - Denver	193032	4/22/08	2008	10/22/07 No Injury	\$9,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/22/08 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Sheridan WY VAMC	WY	General Internal Medicine	Allegation - Not Otherwise Classified, Specifically; Failure To Report On Patient Condition	Claimant alleges medical provider failed to certify his alleged disability resulting in his insurance/disability benefits being suspended.
Region 16 - Denver	193033	4/23/08	2008	7/1/07 Major	\$4,736.59	NULL	NULL	8/10/11 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Emergency Medicine	Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is Incorrect); Failure To Treat	Injured shoulder while playing tennis. Emergency room physician diagnosed a bruised bursa and [REDACTED] was sent home. [REDACTED] sought a second opinion and was diagnosed with a rotator cuff tear with a bicep tendon injury. Surgery was performed with follow-up physical therapy. [REDACTED] insurance policy was utilized leaving him with out of pocket expenses totaling \$2,736.59. He is also claiming pain and suffering for \$2,000.
Region 16 - Denver	193094	4/24/08	2008	8/11/00 Major	\$1,500,000.00	NULL	NULL	3/16/10 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Urology	Equipment Utilization Problem	Failure to properly sterilize device used to perform prostate biopsy may have exposed patient to hepatitis B virus
Region 16 - Denver	193239	5/14/08	2008	8/22/07 Death	\$8,000,000.00	\$150,000.00	NULL	12/2/11 Claim Settled by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Radiology; General Internal	Delay In Treatment; Failure To Monitor; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Failure to followup on mass detected in claimants chest.
Region 16 - Denver	193537	6/19/08	2008	12/10/06 Death	\$1,500,000.00	\$20,000.00	NULL	7/20/10 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Urology; General Surgery; Em	Delay In Treatment; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Veteran was treated in 2005-2006 for complaints of rectal pain and bleeding. VA failed to timely diagnose cancer and/or refer for surgical intervention. Veteran had surgery in March 2006. Tumor was removed but had already metastasized. Subsequently multiple tumors were discovered in veteran's lymphatic system resulting in veteran's demise on [REDACTED]
Region 16 - Denver	193633	7/7/08	2008	7/21/06 Major	\$1,500,000.00	\$100,000.00	NULL	11/2/09 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Internal Medicine;	Improper Performance; Delay In Treatment; Delay In	Pain and nausea subsequent to an EGD; delayed diagnosis of hiatal hernia; gastric perforation secondary to twisted hiatal hernia and negligent placement of nasogastric tube. Negligent nursing care when a cap came off a hot water bottle and boiling water poured onto left breast.
Region 16 - Denver	193683	7/2/08	2008	1/1/83 Major	\$11,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	11/4/09 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Psychology; Psychiatry	Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is Incorrect)	Veteran was diagnosed with Bi-Polar disorder in 1983. He was put on anti-psychotic medications which he believes destroyed his physical and mental health. Recently VA physicians diagnosed him with untreated chronic pain in his shoulder and neck which he claims was the actual problem instead of a Bi-Polar diagnoses
Region 16 - Denver	193961	8/12/08	2008	6/12/08 Major	\$100,000.00	\$25,000.00	NULL	2/5/10 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Other (Specify)	Failure to Ensure Patient Safety (e.g., from Assault, Falls, Burns, Elopmen	Claimant had left great toe amputated; he returned to his hospital room; he stood up to use a plastic container to urinate and burnt his next left two toes on a heater hot water pipe. Subsequently, he had to have one of these toes amputated.
Region 16 - Denver	194111	8/26/08	2008	11/26/07 Death	\$4,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/28/09 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Internal Medicine	Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Failure to diagnose acute bronchopneumonia
Region 16 - Denver	194230	9/5/08	2008	11/5/07 Death	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	12/22/09 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Nursing	Improper Supervision; Failure To Treat; Failure To Monitor	Veteran's death allegedly resulted from substandard nursing home care and negligence at the VA Pueblo Nursing Home.
Region 16 - Denver	194258	9/8/08	2008	4/3/07 Major	\$2,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	9/27/10 Suit Dismissed Prior to Trial	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Vascular Surgery; Nursing	Improper Performance; Equipment Utilization Problem	Veteran underwent a laparoscopic cholecystectomy. Two days later [REDACTED] developed chest pain and myocardial ischemia and a coronary artery bypass graft surgery was performed. After the surgery [REDACTED] became aware of severe pain in his left leg and foot. The condition in his leg and foot continued to deteriorate including blistering and necrosis on the back of his leg. A consult was obtained which concluded that these injuries were the result of inadequate grounding of the electrocautery device used in surgery.
Region 16 - Denver	194311	9/24/08	2008	5/2/07 Major	\$460,000.00	\$30,000.00	NULL	6/29/10 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Cardiothoracic Surgery	Surgical or Other Foreign Body Retained	An Internal Cardiac Defibrillator (ICD) was implanted on May 2, 2007. The veteran developed an infection at the incision site and surrounding tissues and the ICD was removed on June 12, 2007. Despite removal of the implant the infection persisted and an abscess was incised and drained. Wound care was established for the veteran at home. During one of the visits to clean and redress the wound the nurse discovered a foreign object in the wound. The veteran went to Cache Valley Specialty Hospital where a plastic tube was removed. The tube was identified as a guide for the insertion of wires for the ICD.
Region 16 - Denver	194325	9/25/08	2008	1/10/07 Major	\$749,260.00	NULL	NULL	2/15/12 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Orthopedic Surgery	Improper Performance	[REDACTED] underwent a total knee arthroplasty on January 10, 2007. During her surgery the popliteal artery was lacerated. She ultimately underwent an emergent fem-pop bypass with saphenous vein graft. Her right leg continues to be painful and numb
Region 16 - Denver	194330	9/26/08	2008	5/7/07 Major	\$300,000.00	\$100,000.00	NULL	3/29/10 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Surgery	Surgical or Other Foreign Body Retained; Improper Performance	Puncture of colon during colonoscopy, requiring sigmoid colectomy with colectomy. During surgical takedown of colectomy, a sponge was left inside patient requiring additional surgery to remove foreign object.
Region 16 - Denver	194676	10/7/08	2009	5/17/07 Major	\$20,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	6/26/12 Judgment for Government	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Vascular Surgery	Improper Performance	Veteran had Neuro Aortic Iliac System (NAIS) surgery. During the surgery his femoral nerve on both sides was injured in the groin area leaving him permanently unable to walk.

Region 16 - Denver	194704	10/17/08	2009	10/18/06 Death	\$671,376.76	NULL	NULL	10/16/09 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Cheyenne WY VAMC	WY	General Internal Medicine	Failure To Respond To Patient; Delay In Treatment; Delay In Diagnosis	Widow claims patient was admitted to the CVAMC for edema in the lower extremities in preparation for cataract surgery later that month. She claims that during his stay, the patient was dropped twice, the second time dislocating his shoulder. She then claims patient's complaints of shoulder pain were ignored by staff until three weeks later when she approached a social worker. He was taken to x-ray where it was discovered his shoulder was dislocated. He was transferred to a local hospital for surgery one week later. The surgery was apparently difficult and he required 5 blood transfusions. The patient later became septic and passed away six months following the surgery. The widow claims the negligence of the VA by dropping the patient and then delaying his treatment ultimately caused his death.
Region 16 - Denver	194761	10/23/08	2009	6/1/08 Major	\$15,000.00	NULL	NULL	11/28/09 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Physical Therapy	Unnecessary Treatment; Wrong Procedure or Treatment	Veteran diagnosed with a rotator cuff tear and arthritis. Physical therapy was ordered. Veteran feels that Physical Therapy was not helpful and in fact injured him further.
Region 16 - Denver	194996	10/31/08	2009	11/2/06 Major	\$100,000.00	NULL	NULL	3/16/10 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Radiology	Wrong Medication Administered	The veteran underwent an MRI of the brain with an MRA of the brain and neck with gadolinium. The veteran developed a skin reaction which he claims is gadolinium induced nephrogenic systemic fibrosis (NSF), a progressive and sometimes fatal condition that has recently been identified in patients with severe renal failure who received gadolinium based contrast agents during MRI scans.
Region 16 - Denver	195089	11/25/08	2009	9/1/00 Major	\$350,000.00	NULL	NULL	11/18/10 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Orthopedic Surgery; General Failure To Treat		Claimant had surgery for an ankle fusion in Sept of 2000. He allegedly contracted a staph infection with sepsis. He claims he was treated for 7 years, but things got progressively worse. In March of 2007 he had his right leg amputated below the knee and then in Dec of 2007 the left leg was amputated above the knee. He claims this was all due to the infection stemming from the surgery back in Sept of 2000.
Region 16 - Denver	195091	11/21/08	2009	10/1/08 Major	\$200,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	8/3/11 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Oncology; Pathology/Laboratory	Failure To Obtain Consent or Lack Of Informed Consent; Failure/Delay In Referral or Consultation; Failure to Supervise; Unnecessary Treatment; Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is Incorrect); Failure to Order Appropriate Test; Failure To Monitor	Claimant alleges providers at the VAMCs in Denver, CO, Cheyenne, WY, and Livermore, CA, were negligent in diagnosing metastatic cancer, stage 4, beginning in March of 2006. He claims as a result of this misdiagnosis, he underwent extensive chemotherapy and radiation, which has caused irreversible damage to his body/life. Claimant's wife has filed an additional loss of consortium claim from the significant emotional, physical, and psychological distress the alleged negligence has caused.
Region 16 - Denver	195243	12/10/08	2009	10/6/07 Major	\$350,000.00	NULL	NULL	12/3/09 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Orthopedic Surgery	Failure To Use Aseptic Technique	Veteran had a left hip replacement on September 26, 2007 and was discharged October 4, 2007. Two days later he was diagnosed with MRSA resulting in a ten day stay at the VA. He was cleared of infection by February 25, 2008.
Region 16 - Denver	195451	1/5/09	2009	1/6/07 Death	\$6,000,000.00	\$50,000.00	NULL	6/14/10 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Cardiothoracic Surgery	Improper Performance	Negligent second bypass surgery incised veteran's right ventricle resulting in ventricular death.
Region 16 - Denver	195561	1/13/09	2009	8/27/07 Minor	\$250,000.00	NULL	NULL	5/29/09 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	General Surgery	Improper Performance	Because of the VA's negligence and resulting injuries to her husband, [REDACTED] has suffered a loss of consortium, including care, comfort, society, advice, services, contributions and monetary support that she would have received from her husband.
Region 16 - Denver	195721	1/22/09	2009	9/13/08 Death	\$4,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	6/22/09 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Surgery	Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condition)	Failure to diagnose colon/cecal cancer and liver cancer that resulted in the death of veteran patient.
Region 16 - Denver	195800	2/2/09	2009	6/21/06 Minor	\$100,000.00	NULL	NULL	7/30/10 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Pulmonary Medicine; Hematology/Immunology		Veteran was seen in the Emergency Care Unit for a breathing treatment which did not produce the desired results. An ABG was ordered. A respiratory therapist came to draw the blood. Multiple attempts were made at multiple places by the first respiratory therapist. Several sticks were extremely painful like contact with a nerve had been made. Another respiratory therapist withdrew blood on the first try with little patient awareness or pain. Veteran claims injury to left arm nerves from these attempts.
Region 16 - Denver	195816	2/2/09	2009	4/27/08 Death	\$8,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	2/23/11 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Otorhinolaryngology; General/Immunology	Improper Conduct; Improper Performance; Delay In Diagnosis	Failure to diagnose and treat cancer of the spine.
Region 16 - Denver	195864	2/9/09	2009	10/15/08 Minor	\$10,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	12/21/09 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Radiology; General Internal Medicine	Failure To Respond To Patient; Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is Incorrect); Radiology or Imaging Error; Failure To Order Appropriate Medication	Claimant alleges VA providers failed to recognize and diagnose hypothyroidism, further claiming she was exposed to radiation through dental x-rays and had adverse side effects from medications the VA provided, thus increasing her risk of damage to her thyroid.
Region 16 - Denver	195872	2/6/09	2009	7/30/08 Major	\$100,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/7/10 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Infectious Disease; General Internal Medicine	Failure To Treat	Failure to treat sinus infection resulting in hospitalization.
Region 16 - Denver	195927	2/3/09	2009	NULL	\$15,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/16/10 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Cheyenne WY VAMC	WY	Ophthalmology	Improper Technique; Improper Performance; Failure to Perform Preoperative Evaluation	Claimant alleges complications during his cataract surgery on his left eye back in January of 2004 caused his bad/blurry vision in his eye to this day.
Region 16 - Denver	196227	3/2/09	2009	5/1/08 Major	\$5,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	8/11/11 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Vascular Surgery	Wrong Dosage Ordered Or Correct Medication	Veteran underwent surgery for placement of an A-V fistula in his right arm. While under the care of VA physician [REDACTED] was overdosed with a blood thinning drug called Lovexom. As a result of this overdose [REDACTED] suffered extensive internal bleeding which accelerated his disease resulting in dialysis treatment three times a week and home health care five days a week.
Region 16 - Denver	196441	2/27/09	2009	8/23/07 Major	\$3,580.00	NULL	NULL	10/6/09 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Anesthesiology	Intubation Problem	Claimant alleges dental bridge was displaced and lost, and tooth broken.
Region 16 - Denver	196334	3/20/09	2009	3/3/09 Major	\$250,000.00	\$150,000.00	NULL	6/14/10 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Ophthalmology	Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is Incorrect); Delay In Diagnosis	Incorrect diagnosis limited to cataracts, failure to diagnose and treat glaucoma; irreversible loss of vision in left eye. VA notified patient of sub-standard care in 03/03/2009 letter.
Region 16 - Denver	196456	3/25/09	2009	4/10/07 Death	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	5/25/10 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Infectious Disease	Failure/Delay In Referral or Consultation; Delay In Diagnosis; Failure To Monitor	The veteran sustained an abdominal injury when he fell carrying a flag for the color guard. He presented to the Cheyenne VAMC and was transferred to the Univ of CO for surgery to stop internal bleeding. He was subsequently transferred to the Denver VAMC where he allegedly developed a post-surgery infection and sepsis. He passed away at the DVAMC. Claimant's allege providers failed to diagnose and treat the post-surgery infection in a timely manner, nor did they consult an infectious diseases specialist, which led to the veterans demise.
Region 16 - Denver	196527	4/9/09	2009	4/6/07 Death	\$2,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	3/1/10 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Nursing	Improper Conduct; Assault and Battery	Patient abuse at VA nursing home resulted in veteran's death.
Region 16 - Denver	196806	5/6/09	2009	3/1/09 Minor	\$5,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	1/19/11 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Sheridan WY VAMC	WY	Other (Specify)	Failure To Ensure Patient Safety (e.g., from Assault, Falls, Burns, Elopement; Premature Discharge from Institution)	Veteran claims the VA in Sheridan kicked him out of the homeless program for complaining about bed bugs. He alleges he suffered from the effects of subzero temperatures when he was forced to sleep out in the cold, which resulted in him freezing his feet and right side of his body. He alleges this caused him to develop degenerative arthritis in both feet, right knee and hip.
Region 16 - Denver	196818	5/7/09	2009	9/14/07 Major	\$60,000.00	NULL	NULL	3/2/10 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Nursing	Contradicted Procedure; Wrong Procedure or Treatment	Veteran was originally admitted to ICU for pneumonia. He was transferred to the floor two weeks later. The floor nurse attempted to take blood from his right arm with no success and attempted to take blood from his left arm and both legs without success. All four extremities started to swell but his left arm was the worst and required emergency surgery to release the swelling and later repaired with a skin graft.
Region 16 - Denver	196974	5/28/09	2009	7/8/08 Major	\$240,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/6/10 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Cardiology	Failure To Treat	Veteran had a near drowning experience in California. He checked into the VA ER complaining of shortness of breath and chest pain. Veteran was admitted for approximately three days and released. Veteran believes VA physicians ignored his symptoms related to the near drowning experience and did not seek a consult with pulmonary specialists thereby failing to diagnose any damage to his lungs and exacerbation of his pre-existing conditions.
Region 16 - Denver	197023	6/3/09	2009	5/15/08 Major	\$5,500,000.00	NULL	\$750,000.00	8/22/12 Suit Settled	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Surgery	Unnecessary Procedure; Improper Performance	Failure to obtain informed consent for EGD with dilation; performance of unnecessary dilation; negligent performance of dilation, resulting in esophageal tear.
Region 16 - Denver	197068	6/9/09	2009	6/8/07 Major	\$5,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/1/10 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Urology; Nephrology; Hematology	Wrong Procedure or Treatment	Failure to provide bone marrow transplant following diagnosis of multiple myeloma and renal failure and the use of Thalidomide to treat these conditions.
Region 16 - Denver	197075	6/17/09	2009	4/22/08 Major	\$4,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	5/10/11 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	General Surgery	Improper Performance	Veteran had surgery performed at the SLCVAMC for a cancerous growth on his kidney. During the surgery veteran claims his diaphragm was cut and air collected in his right lung which required the placement of a chest tube. A second surgery was performed at the University of Utah Medical Center to repair the hole in the right lung. The veteran developed a hernia on his right side due to the incision which required two surgeries to successfully repair.
Region 16 - Denver	197081	6/17/09	2009	1/8/09 Major	\$750,000.00	NULL	NULL	6/17/10 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Other (Specify); Nursing	Improper Conduct; Assault and Battery	Claimant's lower back was injured when he was bodily removed from his bed.
Region 16 - Denver	197117	6/22/09	2009	3/29/08 Major	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	NULL	12/21/09 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Grand Junction CO VAMC	CO	Physical Therapy	Equipment Utilization Problem	Claimant sustained injuries to his lower back when he fell due to the assisting apparatus missing a stabilizing bar.
Region 16 - Denver	197158	6/22/09	2009	7/16/07 No Injury	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	NULL	12/23/10 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Internal Medicine	Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condition)	Failure to diagnose coronary artery disease. Claimant had coronary artery bypass grafts performed in the private sector.
Region 16 - Denver	197283	6/26/09	2009	10/30/08 Minor	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	5/17/11 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Sheridan WY VAMC	WY	General Internal Medicine	Wrong Procedure or Treatment	Patient alleges doc. who performed manipulation on his back had an injury, thus, caused further injury to patient's back resulting in numbness in lower right extremity and constant pain.
Region 16 - Denver	197284	6/26/09	2009	11/7/08 Minor	\$3,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	5/17/11 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Sheridan WY VAMC	WY	General Internal Medicine	Sexual Misconduct; Assault and Battery	Patient claims doc. was forceful and rough when performing rectal exam. Says doc took frustration out on him. Claims this is sexual assault and has severely worsened his PTSD.
Region 16 - Denver	197367	6/30/09	2009	2/5/09 Minor	\$1,250.15	\$1,250.15	NULL	12/22/09 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Emergency Medicine	Failure To Order Appropriate Medication	Incorrect antibiotic prescribed for nail gun injury to hand resulting in infection and hospital stay.
Region 16 - Denver	197404	7/23/09	2009	9/13/08 Death	\$7,000.00	NULL	NULL	5/5/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Infectious Disease	Failure To Ensure Patient Safety (e.g., from Assault, Falls, Burns, Elopement)	Veteran admitted to the Denver VAMC where aspergillus fungus is present knowing veteran had impaired resistance to such infection.
Region 16 - Denver	197538	9/10/09	2009	8/14/08 Death	\$3,000,000.00	\$100,000.00	NULL	3/23/12 Claim Settled by General Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Oncology; Hematology	Improper Performance	A bone marrow biopsy of the right iliac crest was performed on [REDACTED]. Veteran subsequently had abdominal bleeding requiring surgical intervention in which a puncture injury to the right common iliac vein was found as well as significant bleeding from a ligation of the right internal iliac artery. The bleeding could not be controlled and the veteran died in the SICU.

Region 16 - Denver	197564	8/6/09	2009	6/25/03 Major	\$1,000,000.00	\$300,000.00	NULL	3/8/11 Claim Settled by General Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Pathology/Laboratory	Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condition)	At the time of pap smears in 2003 & 2005 were viewed by Lab, they were determined to be normal. Pap smear done in February, 2006, and examined by Lab in March, 2006, indicated abnormal cells. Routine look back of two earlier paps revealed presence of severe dysplasia.
Region 16 - Denver	197600	8/17/09	2009	5/16/07 Major	\$20,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/14/10 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Orthopedic Surgery	Unnecessary Procedure; Improper Performance	Veteran had L3-5 laminectomy with bone graft and pedicle screw fixation. Veteran claims that he was not informed that the pedicle screw was implanted. Since the surgery, veteran has been in constant pain and unable to get around and do the activities he would like to do.
Region 16 - Denver	197604	8/17/09	2009	3/23/09 Major	\$1,250,000.00	\$300,000.00	NULL	7/15/10 Claim Settled by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Hematology	Wrong Dosage Administered; Improper Management	Patient given twice the planned dose of oral chemotherapy resulting in bone marrow damage and other disability.
Region 16 - Denver	197653	8/21/09	2009	3/6/09 Major	\$1,000,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	3/1/11 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Family Practice	Delay In Diagnosis	Delay in diagnosis of stomach and bowel condition resulted in surgery and loss of portion of claimant's colon.
Region 16 - Denver	197654	4/1/09	2009	11/30/07 Major	\$16,150,000.00	NULL	\$1,639.00	12/23/10 Suit Settled	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Psychiatry	Failure To Order Appropriate Medication; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condition)	Failure to properly diagnose mental condition and prescription of inappropriate anti-psychiatric medication resulting in severe side effects. Amended claim of intentionally re-entering diagnosis of manic-depressive NOS into medical records at the Denver VAMC.
Region 16 - Denver	197813	9/11/09	2009	7/22/08 Major	\$500,000.00	NULL	NULL	2/28/12 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Podiatry	Improper Performance	Negligent performance of bunion surgery resulting in nonunion of bone fusion causing disability and pain in right foot.
Region 16 - Denver	197837	9/2/09	2009	8/1/09 Major	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	NULL	6/14/10 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Grand Junction CO VAMC	CO	Orthopedic Surgery; General Management	Wrong Dosage Administered; Improper Management	Negligent prescription of Prednisone for too long a period of time resulted in damage to his hips and knees necessitating surgery.
Region 16 - Denver	197997	10/1/09	2010	5/20/09 Major	\$12,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	3/9/12 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	General Surgery	Improper Performance	During right facial superficial parotidectomy and left ear lobe mass excision, claimant's right facial nerve was cut resulting in right side facial paralysis and difficulty speaking.
Region 16 - Denver	198053	11/30/09	2010	4/14/09 Major	\$10,750,000.00	NULL	NULL	6/7/13 Judgment for Government	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Ophthalmology	Improper Performance; Failure to Perform Preoperative Evaluation	Veteran had detached retina in his right eye which necessitated surgery. Veteran was on Coumadin and the dosage was not reduced prior to surgery. Veteran is blind in his right eye.
Region 16 - Denver	198504	12/1/09	2010	6/10/09 No Injury	\$15,162.50	NULL	NULL	12/6/10 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Surgery	Delay In Performance	Failure to surgically treat bowel obstruction at the VA required said surgery in the private sector.
Region 16 - Denver	198833	12/2/09	2010	12/3/07 Major	\$2,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	9/10/12 Suit Dismissed Prior to Trial	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Orthopedic Surgery	Improper Performance	Alleged complications from back surgery.
Region 16 - Denver	198862	12/8/09	2010	1/1/04 Major	\$2,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	10/14/10 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	General Internal Medicine	Failure To Order Appropriate Medication	Alleged over medication caused long term colon damage
Region 16 - Denver	198843	12/15/09	2010	9/1/08 Major	\$26,035.56	NULL	NULL	5/26/10 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Optometry	Failure to Supervise; Lack Of Communication Between Providers	Veteran was seen September, 2008 in the optometry clinic by a student who prescribed corrective lenses after an eye exam. The glasses received did not correct his vision and caused headaches, neck and eye strain.
Region 16 - Denver	199538	4/15/10	2010	2/4/10 Death	\$2,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	7/19/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Surgery	Improper Performance	Improper performance of carotid endarterectomy
Region 16 - Denver	199573	3/16/10	2010	12/10/09 No Injury	\$1,573.00	NULL	NULL	3/4/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Urology; Emergency Medicine	Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is Incorrect)	Failure to diagnose and treat infection in right testicle
Region 16 - Denver	199580	3/25/10	2010	11/12/09 Minor	\$3,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	2/17/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Internal Medicine	Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condition)	Failure to diagnose cholelithiasis/cholecystitis
Region 16 - Denver	199631	2/24/10	2010	7/25/09 Major	\$10,000.00	NULL	NULL	12/22/10 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Grand Junction CO VAMC	CO	Orthopedic Surgery	Failure To Treat	Failure to treat neck and back injury
Region 16 - Denver	199672	2/26/10	2010	12/2/08 Major	\$2,600.00	NULL	NULL	3/23/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Grand Junction CO VAMC	CO	Rheumatology	Wrong Medication Administered; Wrong Dosage Administered	Negligent prescription of Methadone for five years has caused veteran's teeth to break and decay.
Region 16 - Denver	199675	3/16/10	2010	1/1/10 No Injury	\$2,000.00	NULL	NULL	3/4/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Nephrology	Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is Incorrect)	Improper diagnosis and treatment for kidney failure
Region 16 - Denver	199696	4/20/10	2010	2/2/10 Minor	\$2,605.00	NULL	NULL	12/15/11 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Surgery	Intubation Problem	During performance of an EGD, a portion of a fused partial denture was broken
Region 16 - Denver	199796	3/12/10	2010	9/8/09 Major	\$34,739.19	NULL	NULL	8/24/10 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Emergency Medicine	Delay In Treatment; Failure To Treat	Veteran went to the Emergency Department with complaints of shortness of breath and severe abdominal pain. Labs and x-rays were ordered. Veteran was given a breathing treatment and rectal exam. Labs came back with a high white blood count. Veteran was told to return in two days for a recheck of lab values. Veteran left the ED and went to Davis Hospital where she was admitted and had a cholecystectomy performed within twelve hours.
Region 16 - Denver	199895	4/6/10	2010	2/6/09 Major	\$200,000.00	NULL	NULL	9/16/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Radiology or Imaging Error	Radiology or Imaging Error	Claimant acquired staph infection from needle biopsy performed by VA radiologist.
Region 16 - Denver	199919	3/24/10	2010	3/31/08 Major	\$2,000,000.00	\$100,000.00	NULL	2/1/11 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Other (Specify)	Failure to Ensure Patient Safety (e.g., from Assault, Falls, Burns, Elongmen; Equipment Utilization Problem)	During acupuncture treatment a heat lamp was placed over female patient's abdomen which caused a severe burn. Patient went immediately to the emergency care unit for treatment. Eventually a skin graft was performed to repair the damaged skin. Patient has severe scarring in the area of the now healed burn and skin graft.
Region 16 - Denver	199922	3/24/10	2010	3/25/08 Major	\$500,000.00	NULL	NULL	2/28/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	General Internal Medicine	Failure To Treat	Veteran complained of a right swollen lymph node in his neck starting in 2004. Two other lymph nodes appeared on the right and left side of the veteran's neck. In November 2007 the veteran was referred to ENT and a biopsy was performed December 2007. A second biopsy was performed March 2008 with a diagnosis of squamous cell carcinoma, stage 4.
Region 16 - Denver	199937	3/25/10	2010	11/11/07 NULL	\$10,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	1/11/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Orthopedic Surgery	Improper Performance	Veteran had fractured his hip and a total hip arthroplasty was performed. This became infected and the components were ultimately removed. The veteran is now in a wheelchair or is bed bound.
Region 16 - Denver	199951	3/29/10	2010	6/15/09 Major	\$300,000.00	NULL	NULL	2/1/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	General Internal Medicine	Delay In Treatment; Failure To Treat	Veteran went to a walk-in clinic complaining of chest pains June 2009. He had a history of heart steats. A spot on his chest was identified and biopsied but the chest pain was not addressed in February 2010 during a regularly scheduled primary care appointment, a stress test was ordered to address the prior chest pain complaints. A blockage was identified. This was followed up by a heart catheterization in March 2010 which was unsuccessful in clearing the blockage. Veteran is undergoing physical therapy to strengthen circulation with a possibility of a bypass if unsuccessful.
Region 16 - Denver	199952	3/17/10	2010	5/13/09 Death	\$216,000.00	NULL	NULL	2/16/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Psychiatry	Abandonment; Premature Discharge from Institution; Failure To Treat	Veteran hospitalized at Denver VAMC after attempted suicide. He was discharged after 7 days and hung himself in his garage the next day.
Region 16 - Denver	200000	3/30/10	2010	7/15/09 Major	\$500,000.00	NULL	NULL	10/14/10 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Family Practice	Improper Performance	Veteran claims his ankle was injured during an examination at the Denver VAMC.
Region 16 - Denver	200021	3/31/10	2010	8/6/08 Major	\$4,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	10/17/11 Suit Dismissed Prior to Trial	Grand Junction CO VAMC	CO	Orthopedic Surgery	Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condition)	Claimant alleges substandard care at Grand Junction VAMC resulting in neurologic losses.
Region 16 - Denver	200107	4/7/10	2010	4/17/08 Major	\$20,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	3/27/12 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Cheyenne WY VAMC	WY	Pathology/Laboratory; Nursing	Communication Problem Between Practitioners; Administration of Blood or Fluids Problem; Delay In Treatment	A surgical clip was placed on or about 4/15/08 to control a GI bleed. On or about post-op day 2, the clip became dislodged and claimant had significant bleeding. Claimant alleges VA providers failed to have typed & cross-matched blood on hand in the event of bleeding thus failing to promptly transfuse him. Claimant further alleges the delay in transfusion caused his blood pressure to become dangerously low for a significant amount of time thereby causing irreversible damage to his kidneys. He further claims this caused his relatively mild kidney disease to worsen to a Stage IV condition requiring dialysis and a kidney transplant.
Region 16 - Denver	200119	4/8/10	2010	4/8/10 Major	\$200,000.00	NULL	NULL	7/6/12 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Grand Junction CO VAMC	CO	Family Practice	Failure To Order Appropriate Medication	Alleged negligent prescription of testosterone caused lower back and hip pain.
Region 16 - Denver	200164	4/13/10	2010	2/4/09 No Injury	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	\$62,446.65	11/6/13 Judgment for Plaintiff	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Radiology; General Internal Medicine	Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is Incorrect); Radiology or Imaging Error	Misdiagnosis of brain cancer. Wrong interpretation of CT scan.
Region 16 - Denver	200175	6/7/10	2010	12/16/08 No Injury	\$7,301.49	NULL	NULL	8/19/13 Judgment for Government	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Orthopedic Surgery	Failure To Perform Procedure	Failure to repair torn rotator cuff
Region 16 - Denver	200176	4/12/10	2010	9/5/09 Death	\$2,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	12/16/11 Claim Transferred to General Counsel fo	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Cardiology	Failure To Treat; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condition)	Failure to diagnose and treat severe arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease.
Region 16 - Denver	200381	4/30/10	2010	5/7/08 Major	\$20,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	1/18/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Cheyenne WY VAMC	WY	Nursing; General Surgery	Surgical or Procedural Clearance Contradicted; Problems with Patient Monitoring in Recovery; Intubation Problem	As a result of the failure of VAMC staff to monitor and maintain the patient's blood pressure at appropriate levels, and to recognize and take prompt, appropriate action, claimant alleges he suffered at least one heart attack and significant damage to the muscles, structures, and tissues of the heart; he now suffers from DMF, reduced cardiac capacity, reduced cardiac function, reduced cardiac output, and reduced cardiac efficiency. Claimant further alleges he was deprived of adequate blood flow and oxygen to his brain for a prolonged period of time, causing hypoxic encephalopathy, resulting in adverse cognitive, memory, personality, and social changes. He alleges he has sustained permanent pulmonary and pulmonary function damage, including reduced lung volume, reduced lung capacity, impaired respiratory exchange and diminished oxygenation. He alleges the care necessary to treat the heart attack, hypoxemia, and hypoxic encephalopathy, and the associated mental confusion and disorientation in turn resulted in the failure of the underlying attempted biceps tendon surgery, with the net result that he is now left with a permanently damaged, unattached, and diminished bicep tendon that cannot be properly reattached. Finally, he alleges this has left him with a damaged bicep muscle with reduced strength, sensation, movement, and utility of the arm, hand, and fingers. His life expectancy has been reduced and shortened, resulting in the loss of enjoyment of life.
Region 16 - Denver	200474	8/9/10	2010	4/30/09 Death	\$800,000.00	NULL	NULL	9/18/12 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Internal Medicine	Failure to Ensure Patient Safety (e.g., from Assault, Falls, Burns, Elongmen)	Failure to properly assess fall risk resulted in patient's fall from wheelchair, hematoma and death
Region 16 - Denver	200507	5/11/10	2010	8/12/09 Major	\$7,500,000.00	NULL	NULL	5/23/13 Judgment Appealed	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Pharmacy; Family Practice	Product Liability; Wrong Dosage Administered	Over prescribing metoprolamide, resulting in Tardive Dyskinesia
Region 16 - Denver	200553	5/19/10	2010	7/21/08 Major	\$5,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	7/9/13 Suit Dismissed Prior to Trial	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Family Practice	Wrong Dosage Ordered Of Correct Medication; Delay In Diagnosis	Over prescription of ACE inhibitor, Lisinopril, caused interstitial nephritis
Region 16 - Denver	200588	5/21/10	2010	9/22/09 Major	\$339,675.99	NULL	NULL	1/10/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Grand Junction CO VAMC	CO	Orthopedic Surgery	Failure To Obtain Consent or Lack Of Informed Consent; Failure to Instruct or Communicate with Patient or Family; Improper Performance	Claimant alleges that surgery performed on his left tals was not discussed prior to surgery.
Region 16 - Denver	200663	6/8/10	2010	1/2/09 Death	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	3/21/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Assault and Battery; Wrong Procedure or Treatment	Assault and Battery; Wrong Procedure or Treatment	Veteran suffered beatings and mistreatment at private non-VA nursing home.
Region 16 - Denver	200667	6/24/10	2010	3/12/10 Major	\$30,000.00	\$15,000.00	NULL	3/2/11 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Pharmacy	Wrong Medication Ordered	Wrong medication dispensed by Pharmacy, resulting in prolonged inpatient hospitalization.

Region 16 - Denver	200668	6/7/10	2010	11/2/09 Death	\$508,700.00	NULL	NULL	7/3/12 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	General Internal Medicine	Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Failure to diagnose metastized carcinoma.
Region 16 - Denver	200716	6/11/10	2010	2/8/09 Major	\$150,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/5/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Podiatry	Failure To Treat	Veteran had blood clot removed from left leg February 2009. He was left with black toes and wound on top of his left foot. In May 2009 the wound became infected. A course of oral and IV antibiotics were given. The wound on the foot remained malodorous. The Podiatrists denied infection was still present until August when an MRI was performed that showed bone infection and too late for antibiotic therapy. Veteran had amputation of his left foot in August 2009.
Region 16 - Denver	201024	6/29/10	2010	12/21/05 Major	\$108,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/21/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Orthopedic Surgery	Improper Performance	Total knee replacement was improperly performed. Veteran has suffered further damage caused by date of surgery. He has had a second surgery to knee to correct damage caused by first surgery.
Region 16 - Denver	201042	7/7/10	2010	5/10/10 Major	\$451.06	NULL	NULL	2/23/12 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Internal Medicine	Wrong Dosage Administered	Reduction in dosage of Furosemide allegedly caused respiratory failure.
Region 16 - Denver	201082	7/1/10	2010	7/24/08 Major	\$12,876,111.38	NULL	NULL	11/9/11 Suit Dismissed Prior to Trial	Sheridan WY VAMC	WY	General Internal Medicine	Failure to Recognize a Complication	Patient claims that as a result of the negligent prescribing of and/or administering of Prednisone, or derivatives thereof, he developed avascular necrosis of both the left and right femoral heads. Subsequently, he underwent a left total hip arthroscopy and a right hip core decompression (possible right hip arthroscopy may be required as well).
Region 16 - Denver	201082	7/1/10	2010	7/24/08 Major	\$12,876,111.38	NULL	NULL	11/9/11 Suit Dismissed Prior to Trial	Cheyenne WY VAMC	WY	General Internal Medicine	Failure to Recognize a Complication	Patient claims that as a result of a failure to diagnose and/or administering of Prednisone, or derivatives thereof, he developed avascular necrosis of both the left and right femoral heads. Subsequently, he underwent a left total hip arthroscopy and a right hip core decompression (possible right hip arthroscopy may be required as well).
Region 16 - Denver	201431	8/4/10	2010	4/19/10 Major	\$517,648.00	\$50,000.00	NULL	5/18/11 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Cardiology	Improperly Performed Test	Veteran was in Cath Lab for a routine angiogram. Air was injected into catheter and veteran went into cardiac arrest requiring eight minutes CPR. Veteran sustained broken ribs and has a weakened heart with an irregular beat, numbness in his leg and pain in his groin area.
Region 16 - Denver	201460	7/28/10	2010	9/1/07 Major	\$4,000,000.00	\$300,000.00	NULL	8/28/12 Claim Settled by General Counsel	Cheyenne WY VAMC	WY	Oncology; Urology; General I	Delay In Treatment; Delay In Diagnosis	Claimant alleges that as a result of a failure to diagnose and treat his bladder and prostate cancer from September 2007 through December 2009, he suffers from physical pain, suffering, and discomfort; emotional distress and mental anguish; permanent loss of physical function and health; drastically reduced life expectancy; loss of enjoyment of life; future medical bills; economic losses; and, other damages.
Region 16 - Denver	201622	8/27/10	2010	2/21/10 Death	\$600,000.00	NULL	NULL	5/13/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Other (Specify)	Improper Supervision; Failure to Supervise	Failure to supervise patient while categorized as a fall risk. Patient fell and suffered intracranial hemorrhage which caused his death.
Region 16 - Denver	201752	8/24/10	2010	12/3/08 Death	\$2,500,000.00	NULL	NULL	3/25/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Cheyenne WY VAMC	WY	Pharmacy	Wrong Medication Dispensed	Med by Mail pharmacist prescribed Quinine rather than the quinine resulting in death of beneficiary.
Region 16 - Denver	201855	9/15/10	2010	5/13/10 Major	\$2,000,000.00	NULL	\$10,000.00	5/17/13 Suit Settled	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	General Internal Medicine	Failure To Treat	Failure to advise veteran of his kidney disease and failure to treat his kidney disease in spite of continued progression of the disease believed to be demonstrated in VA medical records.
Region 16 - Denver	202399	12/9/10	2011	8/27/10 No injury	\$3,709.93	NULL	NULL	10/25/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Urology	Failure To Respond To Patient; Failure To Order Appropriate Medication	Claimant alleges he contracted a UTI as a result of a cystoscopy on 8/25/2010. He asserts that antibiotics should have been prescribed and that the VA did not return his phone call on 8/30/2010.
Region 16 - Denver	202595	1/13/11	2011	11/9/10 Major	\$2,558.00	\$2,558.00	NULL	1/24/13 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Ophthalmology	Surgical or Other Foreign Body Retained	During cataract surgery, the epinuclear shell of the first hemilens disappeared through a rent in the nasal posterior capsule. This posterior capsular rent required placement of a suture fixated lens.
Region 16 - Denver	202614	11/5/10	2011	8/10/10 Death	\$150,000.00	NULL	NULL	5/6/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Cheyenne WY VAMC	WY	General Internal Medicine	Failure To Medicate	Family of deceased veteran claims that upon discharge, the patient was not given 9 prescribed medications/vitamins, resulting in his death five days later.
Region 16 - Denver	202647	11/18/10	2011	5/11/09 Major	\$500,000.00	NULL	NULL	5/17/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Neurology	Improper Performance	Alleges an infection developed by improper surgical procedures.
Region 16 - Denver	202860	12/8/10	2011	10/31/10 Major	\$26,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	6/2/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Dermatology	Failure to Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Failure to diagnose and treat Steven Johnson syndrome.
Region 16 - Denver	202882	12/9/10	2011	1/2/10 Major	\$250,000.00	NULL	NULL	5/9/12 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Grand Junction CO VAMC	CO	Gastroenterology	Failure To Order Appropriate Medication	Negligent prescription of glucophage caused veteran to have diarrhea for 9 years.
Region 16 - Denver	203021	12/20/10	2011	7/19/10 Major	\$5,000,000.00	NULL	\$525,000.00	4/10/13 Suit Settled	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Nephrology	Delay In Diagnosis; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Failure to diagnose renal cancer.
Region 16 - Denver	203357	1/13/11	2011	10/27/10 Major	\$1,000,000.00	\$130,000.00	NULL	3/2/11 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO		Surgical or Other Foreign Body Retained; Delay In Treatment	Patient claims that during whipple surgery done for tumor removal, one or more sponges were left in the surgical cavity by providers. As a result, the patient got an infection, which required a second surgery to remedy.
Region 16 - Denver	203719	2/1/11	2011	4/12/10 Major	\$286.46	NULL	NULL	7/29/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Colorectal Surgery	Improper Performance	Claimant alleges that during colonoscopy his colon was perforated leading to emergency resection and ensuing infection.
Region 16 - Denver	203794	2/4/11	2011	7/16/10 Death	\$5,000,000.00	NULL	\$1,999,000.00	1/9/14 Suit Settled	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Orthopedic Surgery	Failure To Perform Procedure; Failure To Order Appropriate Medication; Failure To Monitor	On July 10, 2010 veteran presented to the Salt Lake City VA Emergency Department with a right tibial plateau fracture. He was admitted for monitoring and was put on pain medications and supplemental oxygen. He was discharged the following day July 11, 2010, with prescriptions for pain and instructions on remaining non-weight bearing. He was not discharged with oxygen for use in his home. He was to follow up in the clinic in five days to schedule surgery within the next one to two weeks. The veteran returned to the emergency department on July 13, 2010 after an additional fall. He was admitted for monitoring and pain management and put on supplemental oxygen. He was discharged on July 14, 2010 and told that he would be contacted to schedule surgery. He was discharged with pain medications. No oxygen was ordered for home use. The veteran was found dead at his home on July 15, 2010. The veteran's wife filed the claim alleging inadequate pain management oversight, failure to appropriately take veteran into surgery and failure to monitor the veteran's medications.
Region 16 - Denver	203865	2/14/11	2011	NULL	Major	\$200,000.00	NULL	8/12/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	General Surgery	Improper Performance	Veteran had a hernia procedure which resulted in an infection causing the removal of part of his stomach. His bowels are also infected. Veteran believes the hernia was not repaired.
Region 16 - Denver	204001	2/11/11	2011	3/9/09 Major	\$100,000.00	NULL	NULL	9/25/13 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Cardiothoracic Surgery	Improper Performance	Claimant alleges the cardiothoracic surgeons placed him on the surgical table in the wrong position during his CABG surgery resulting in a traumatic brachial plexus injury to his left hand, arm, and shoulder. He further claims this has caused him to have a permanent disability.
Region 16 - Denver	204003	2/18/11	2011	3/2/09 Major	\$1,266.91	NULL	NULL	9/14/12 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Cheyenne WY VAMC	WY	Ophthalmology	Surgical or Other Foreign Body Retained	Claimant alleges the Cheyenne VAMC ophthalmologist punctured the lens sack during cataract surgery of the his right eye. Approximately a week later, he was still experiencing swelling and blurred vision. The ophthalmologist sent him to a local retina specialist on a fee-basis consult. He was then sent to the Denver VAMC where a vitrectomy was performed. He alleges his eye problems continue to this day.
Region 16 - Denver	204077	2/28/11	2011	7/21/10 Major	\$1,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	10/9/12 Claim Transferred to General Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Neurosurgery	Improper Performance	Veteran suffered an injury to his phrenic nerve after VA neurosurgeons performed a C3 to C7 laminectomy.
Region 16 - Denver	204079	3/1/11	2011	10/24/10 Death	\$75,000.00	NULL	NULL	11/21/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Urology	Failure To Monitor; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Veteran had a radical Cystoprostatectomy September 2007. Veteran was not followed by oncology or urology. He was subsequently followed by urology resulting in his bladder cancer progressing to stage 4. Veteran died.
Region 16 - Denver	204209	3/2/11	2011	2/18/90	NULL	\$2,600,000.00	NULL	10/14/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	General Internal Medicine	Failure To Treat	Veteran died from a sudden cardiac event induced by yellow fever he contracted while in the military. Veteran's daughter claims that a heart test was done in January 2009 showing cardiac distress but no follow-up care was done by the VA.
Region 16 - Denver	204261	3/10/11	2011	NULL	Major	\$2,000,000.00	NULL	6/13/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Cheyenne WY VAMC	WY	Orthopedic Surgery	Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is Incorrect)	Veteran suffered injury to knee
Region 16 - Denver	204437	3/25/11	2011	9/22/10 Major	\$2,305.00	NULL	NULL	9/15/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Anesthesiology	Intubation Problem	Claimant alleges a tooth was broken during intubation.
Region 16 - Denver	204514	3/30/11	2011	12/1/04 Major	\$1,500,000.00	NULL	NULL	7/3/12 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	General Internal Medicine	Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is Incorrect)	Misdiagnosis and treatment of Crohn's disease including the use of prednisone caused premature osteoporosis with a compression fracture of the lumbar spine. Veteran also claims the misdiagnosis led to complications during recovery from surgery.
Region 16 - Denver	204524	3/30/11	2011	4/1/09 Major	\$5,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	3/20/12 Request for Reconsideration Untimely	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Ophthalmology	Unnecessary Procedure; Improper Performance	VA surgeons performed unnecessary cataract surgery on the right eye which was not indicated or planned, resulting in permanent damage and loss of vision. VA surgeons failed to perform cataract surgery on the left eye which was the indicated and planned eye resulting in permanent damage and loss of vision.
Region 16 - Denver	204681	4/12/11	2011	9/29/10 Major	\$1,500,000.00	\$20,000.00	NULL	10/1/12 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Plastic Surgery	Wrong Body Part	Veteran claims that during surgery to remove skin cancer healthy tissue was unnecessarily removed from the wrong side of his forehead which required additional surgical intervention and resulted in additional pain, suffering and disfigurement.
Region 16 - Denver	204753	4/19/11	2011	11/29/10 Major	\$100,000.00	NULL	NULL	10/3/12 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Podiatry; Orthopedic Surgery	Patient Positioning Problem; Improper Performance	Veteran has two issues: 1) negligent removal of toenails which resulted in an infection and subsequent amputation of his right great toe due. 2) Left side hearing loss following right shoulder surgery. Veteran believes the left side of his head hit something during surgery.
Region 16 - Denver	204756	4/20/11	2011	2/22/11 Minor	\$1,200.00	NULL	NULL	8/26/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Anesthesiology	Intubation Problem; Improper Technique	Claimant alleges that following general anesthesia he noticed left front tooth veneer was missing.
Region 16 - Denver	204827	4/25/11	2011	1/15/11 Major	\$4,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	11/6/12 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Urology	Failure To Treat	Veteran had a prostate biopsy in 2009 which showed cancer. Urology clinic did not follow-up with veteran. Veteran was not informed of the cancer until 2011 which limits his options for treatment.
Region 16 - Denver	205048	5/5/11	2011	2/1/09 Major	\$26,652.00	NULL	NULL	1/7/13 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Ophthalmology	Failure To Treat	Claimant alleges VA could not perform the microlaryngoscopic surgery needed and would not refer him to a fee basis or contract provider who could perform the surgery forcing claimant to find his own treatment.
Region 16 - Denver	205175	4/19/11	2011	2/18/11 No Injury	\$10,000.00	NULL	NULL	2/27/13 Claim Denied by General Counsel	Sheridan WY VAMC	WY	Nursing	Assault and Battery; Failure to Order Appropriate Test	Claimant alleges she was kicked, sworn at, and threatened in her room.

Region 16 - Denver	205249	6/3/11	2011	4/4/11 Major	\$100,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	1/10/12 Claim Transferred to General Counsel f Sheridan WY VAMC	WY	Oncology; General Internal M	Delay In Treatment; Delay In Diagnosis	Patient alleges SVAMC providers delayed his diagnosis of a distal esophageal mass with poorly differentiated adenocarcinoma with signet rings present. He alleges it's at least a Stage II with high risk of lymph node and other vital organ involvement. He further alleges providers have delayed his treatment. All of which he claims: (1) he's unable to eat and drink as normal; (2) quality of life compromised; and (3) possibility of life cut short.	
Region 16 - Denver	205458	6/21/11	2011	5/30/08 Major	\$750,000.00	NULL	NULL	5/24/12 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Otorhinolaryngology	Improper Performance	Claimant alleges that a failure to properly perform acoustic neuroma surgery resulted in loss of equilibrium and return of tumor.
Region 16 - Denver	205643	6/30/11	2011	7/20/09 Major	\$2,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	12/7/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Grand Junction CO VAMC	CO	Gastroenterology	Wrong Procedure or Treatment; Improper Technique; Improperly Performed Test	Claimant Alleges median nerve in his right arm injured during colonoscopy procedure at the GI-Endoscopy Center.
Region 16 - Denver	205788	7/21/11	2011	5/11/11 Major	\$30,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/11/12 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Oncology	Delay In Diagnosis	Claimant alleges a failure to timely diagnose cancer.
Region 16 - Denver	205843	9/2/11	2011	1/21/11 Major	\$500,000.00	NULL	NULL	9/2/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Surgery	Improper Performance	Postoperative hemorrhage following colonoscopy and polypectomy. Claimant subsequently experienced hypotension and an orthostatic fainting spell, falling to the floor and suffering a fracture at C-7.
Region 16 - Denver	205951	10/4/11	2012	7/25/11 Minor	\$2,032.00	NULL	NULL	7/13/12 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Nursing	Improperly Performed Test	Improper technique in blood draw
Region 16 - Denver	206023	8/22/11	2011	4/7/11 Major	\$5,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	6/20/12 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Nephrology	Wrong Medication Ordered; Wrong Dosage Administered; Failure to Recognize a Complication; Failure To Order Appropriate Medication	Claimant alleges his renal failure is caused by th VA's over prescription of NSAID medications.
Region 16 - Denver	206050	8/25/11	2011	4/4/07 No Injury	\$200,000.00	NULL	NULL	1/10/12 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Cheyenne WY VAMC	WY	Other (Specify)	Failure to Conform with Regulation, Statute or Rule; Breach Of Patient Confidentiality; Altered, Misplaced or Prematurely Destroyed Records	Veteran is seeking damages for releasing medical records without valid consent.
Region 16 - Denver	206165	9/6/11	2011	8/12/11 Major	\$5,035.00	\$2,500.00	NULL	11/26/12 Claim Settled by VAMC	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Gastroenterology	Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Veteran had an endoscopic procedure performed claiming a failure to anesthetize him correctly, the nurse attempting six IV tries, resulting in a painful and traumatic endoscopic experience. The veteran also claims that the physicians did not adequately respond to his concerns.
Region 16 - Denver	206216	9/12/11	2011	4/27/11 Minor	\$10,000.00	NULL	NULL	3/1/12 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Neurosurgery	Improper Conduct; Assault and Battery; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Patient claims neurosurgeon verbally abused and assaulted him during a consult regarding his neck and shoulder problems. He claims this caused him mental distress, loss of use of his right arm, and further need for medical testing and treatment.
Region 16 - Denver	206371	9/26/11	2011	1/6/11 Major	\$800,000.00	NULL	NULL	8/16/12 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Surgery	Improper Performance	Tear in colon during colonoscopy; improper performance of segmental sigmoid resection
Region 16 - Denver	206413	9/26/11	2011	5/6/11 Death	\$6,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	11/14/11 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Cheyenne WY VAMC	WY	Oncology; Urology; General	Delay In Treatment; Delay In Diagnosis	Claimant alleges that as a result of a failure to diagnose and treat her husband's bladder and prostate cancer from [REDACTED] he died.
Region 16 - Denver	206548	10/26/11	2012	12/16/10 Minor	\$487.00	NULL	NULL	4/26/12 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Ophthalmology	Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is Incorrect)	Diagnosis of macular edema rather than a cataract
Region 16 - Denver	206665	10/21/11	2012	8/20/11 Major	\$2,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	12/17/12 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Emergency Medicine	Wrong Diagnosis Or Misdiagnosis (e.g., Original Diagnosis is Incorrect)	Sparrow claims that on 8/21/11 and 8/29/11 he presented at the VAMC ER complaining of back pain. He was diagnosed with a sprained back and was provided pain medication. On 9/3/11 he presented at a non-VA medical center and they took x-rays which found a fractured back. He alleges that VA providers failed to properly diagnose and treat his fractured back.
Region 16 - Denver	206828	11/8/11	2012	11/24/09 Major	\$1,000,000.00	\$20,000.00	NULL	6/21/12 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Pharmacy	Wrong Medication Administered	By admission of former [REDACTED] in his 5/26/2010 letter to the the claimant, the VA pharmacy erroneously dispensed amitriptyline to him rather than bupropion. Claimant alleges that he suffered side effects from the wrong medication.
Region 16 - Denver	207078	11/22/11	2012	4/12/11 Major	\$150,000.00	NULL	NULL	7/3/12 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Podiatry; General Surgery	Improper Performance; Failure To Treat; Failure To Diagnose (i.e., Concluding That Patient Has No Disease or Condit	Failure to diagnose and treat a staph infection that developed following surgical removal of a tumor or large ganglion cyst on the claimant's right ankle.
Region 16 - Denver	207273	12/2/11	2012	12/3/09 Major	\$1,000,000.00	\$35,000.00	NULL	3/19/13 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	General Surgery	Surgical or Other Foreign Body Retained	[REDACTED] had gallbladder surgery at the SLCVAMC. After surgery, the surgeon admitted that they could not account for a syringe plunger tip and it may have been left inside [REDACTED]. A subsequent CT scan showed an object in the area where the surgery had been performed.
Region 16 - Denver	207387	12/9/11	2012	11/18/09 Death	\$500,000.00	\$40,000.00	NULL	1/31/13 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Nursing	Failure to Ensure Patient Safety (e.g., from Assault, Falls, Burns, Elopmen; Improper Supervision; Failure to Supervise	Claimant alleges that patient fell from wheel chair at Pueblo CLC breaking hip and dying.
Region 16 - Denver	207565	12/30/11	2012	6/16/09 Major	\$1,500,000.00	\$10,000.00	NULL	2/22/13 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Orthopedic Surgery	Improper Performance	Claimant alleges negligent knee surgery resulted in unstable knee cap.
Region 16 - Denver	207622	12/29/11	2012	12/28/09 Major	\$250,000.00	NULL	NULL	2/6/13 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Gastroenterology	Improper Performance	Claimant alleges that post gall bladder surgery he has heart palpitations, fatigue, anxiety, depression, and gastric pain.
Region 16 - Denver	207667	1/10/12	2012	8/29/11 Major	\$1,172.00	NULL	NULL	5/24/12 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Nephrology	Improper Performance	Tube for kidney surgery put through lung.
Region 16 - Denver	207828	1/25/12	2012	2/19/10 Major	\$2,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	2/8/13 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Grand Junction CO VAMC	CO	Gastroenterology	Improper Performance	Claimant alleges colonoscopy with removal of polyp resulted in perforation of colon.
Region 16 - Denver	207835	1/26/12	2012	1/26/02 Major	\$100,000.00	NULL	NULL	1/7/13 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Psychiatry	Failure To Order Appropriate Medication	Veteran claims he has been prescribed ineffectual medications for the last 10 years and is unable to work as a result.
Region 16 - Denver	208041	2/13/12	2012	10/22/10 Death	\$26,956,162.80	NULL	NULL	11/16/12 Court Suit Pending	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Neurosurgery	Improper Supervision; Wrong Medication Ordered	Veteran underwent surgery at the SLCVAMC on on October 19, 2010 for a T9 spinal cord stimulation lead placement with a left [REDACTED] buttock electrical impulse generator. He was discharged on October 20, 2010 with medications for pain. [REDACTED] had sleep apnea and oxygen was requested but not sent with the patient. He was found dead [REDACTED].
Region 16 - Denver	208044	2/13/12	2012	5/18/10 Major	\$3,000,000.00	\$84,283.00	NULL	6/4/13 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	General Surgery	Improper Performance	Veteran seeks \$3,000,000.00 in personal injury damages for prolonged physical and emotional pain and suffering and permanent physical damage due to delay of care by [REDACTED] of the Great Falls, MT VA clinic and Mismanagement of his warfarin, following surgery and use of faulty surgical equipment, at Fort Harrison MT VA hospital.
Region 16 - Denver	208150	2/22/12	2012	3/5/10 Major	\$10,000,000.00	NULL	NULL	10/15/12 Court Suit Pending	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Neurosurgery	Improper Performance	Claimant alleges a nerve was cut and removed during back surgery causing injury and constant pain.
Region 16 - Denver	208318	3/5/12	2012	6/16/11 Major	\$150,000.00	\$75,000.00	NULL	4/2/13 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Ophthalmology	Delay In Treatment; Failure To Treat	Veteran was experiencing eye problems and went to the Ogden CBOC. He was told to follow up with the SLCVAMC ophthalmology department. The ophthalmology department scheduled him approximately ten weeks out [REDACTED] vision was worsening and he and his family made repeated calls to have his right eye evaluated. He was seen the beginning of August and was diagnosed with a macula-off retinal detachment. He underwent vitrectomy surgery with endo-tam and scleral buckle placement. Five months post surgery he has continuous vision problems in his right eye [REDACTED] and an outside the physician state that this states that an early intervention would have spared him the vision issues he now experiences.
Region 16 - Denver	208411	3/15/12	2012	3/16/10 Major	\$240,000.00	NULL	NULL	2/4/13 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Salt Lake City UT VAMC	UT	Gastroenterology	Improper Performance	On March 22, 2010 [REDACTED] underwent a colonoscopy procedure in which the colon was perforated resulting in emergency surgery to repair the perforations with an ileostomy. [REDACTED] spent eight days in the ICU and eight weeks in a skilled nursing facility due to a blocked ileum. [REDACTED] was placed in an assisted living facility and died [REDACTED].
Region 16 - Denver	208921	2/10/12	2012	10/10/11 Minor	\$250,000.00	NULL	NULL	4/15/13 Request for Reconsideration Untimely	Sheridan WY VAMC	WY	Psychiatry	Improper Conduct	Claimant alleges he was laughed at during team rounds, which caused him to suffer a psychotic breakdown and manic episode as well as aggravated his PTSD.
Region 16 - Denver	209138	6/4/12	2012	2/28/11 Major	\$500,000.00	\$15,000.00	NULL	4/7/13 Claim Settled by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Urology	Improper Performance	Claimant alleges that a penile prosthesis was not properly placed during surgery causing him severe pain in his penis and scrotum.
Region 16 - Denver	209242	6/13/12	2012	9/1/11 Death	\$1,148,096.00	\$250,000.00	NULL	8/13/13 Claim Settled by General Counsel	Grand Junction CO VAMC	CO	Nursing; Colorectal Surgery	Improper Supervision; Patient History, Exam or Workup Problem; Improper Performance; Delay In Diagnosis	Negligent colorectal surgery and failure to monitor following surgery resulted in patient's death.
Region 16 - Denver	209303	6/25/12	2012	2/18/07 Death	\$5,400,000.00	NULL	NULL	12/3/12 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Denver CO VAMC	CO	Otorhinolaryngology; Endocr	Failure To Respond To Patient; Failure to Recognize a Complication	Following goiter surgery, veteran arrested and became disoriented. He fell while in his room and later died.
Region 16 - Denver	209369	7/5/12	2012	1/1/09 Major	\$500,000.00	NULL	NULL	3/4/13 Claim Denied by Regional Counsel	Fort Harrison MT VAMC	MT	Ophthalmology	Improper Performance	Peripheral block on right eye resulted in horseshoe tear in retina necessitating 14 additional surgeries and resulting in blindness in both eyes.