



Sample jury questionnaire

Here is a proposed jury questionnaire in a med mal wrongful death case involving death from untreated heart disease.



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1. Do you or any members of your immediate family or household see a doctor or other medical practitioner regularly for any ongoing medical problem?
Yes No If Yes, please explain: _____

2. Have you or any members of your family ever suffered any major illness or injury?
Yes No If Yes, please explain: _____

3. Have you or anyone close to you ever experienced childbirth with serious complications?
Yes No If Yes, please explain: _____

4. How would you describe your (spouse's or mate's) pregnancy, labor and delivery? _____

5. Do you know anyone who has or had a child who was diagnosed with severe brain damage?
Yes No If Yes, please explain: _____

6. Do you know anyone who has or has had a child who has or had brain damage or a serious illness or medical condition since birth?
Yes No If Yes, please explain: _____

7. Have you ever had any experience with caring for a severely ill, disabled or injured person?
Yes No If Yes, please explain: _____

8. Have you or anyone close to you ever had a problem with abuse of drugs or alcohol?
Yes No If Yes, please explain: _____
9. Would you be unwilling to consider the responsibility of anyone else for problems that developed at birth if you heard that the labor nurse who was caring for the mother was using a narcotic pain medication?
Yes No If Yes, please explain: _____

10. a) Have you or anyone in your family ever sued or been sued by anyone?
Yes No If Yes: Who: _____
Why: _____
When: _____
What was the result of the claim? _____
Were you satisfied with the result? _____
- b) Have you or anyone in your family ever considered suing anyone?
Yes No If Yes, please explain: _____

11. Have you or any members of your family or close friends ever worked for a company that has been sued?
Yes No If yes, please explain, including whether you thought the suits were fair or unfair. _____

12. Have you ever been part of a lawsuit in any other capacity (e.g., party, witness, expert, etc.)?
Yes No If Yes, please explain: _____

13. a) Do you believe: There are too many lawsuits?
Yes No No Opinion



Jury awards are too high? Yes No No Opinion
People are too ready to sue? Yes No No Opinion
Lawsuits are costing us all too much money? Yes No
No Opinion

b) If you answered yes or no to any of the above, please explain:

14. Do you have any hesitations about making a multi-million dollar award if the evidence warrants such an award?

Yes No If Yes, please explain: _____

15. Do you believe the monies awarded by juries today are (check one): Too low About right

Too large Much too large

16. How do you feel about awarding damages for:

Past medical expenses: _____

Future medical expenses: _____

Future wage loss: _____

17. Do you support legislative reforms to place caps or limits on the amount of money juries can award?

Yes No If Yes, please explain: _____

18. If you or someone close to you were seriously harmed due to the negligence of a doctor, would you consider bringing a lawsuit?

Yes No If Yes, please explain: _____

19. Do you believe (please check the ONE that BEST applies):
 Lawsuits against hospitals and doctors for negligence are a good way to help maintain medical standards.

OR

Lawsuits against hospitals and doctors for negligence only pressure the medical profession and raise costs.

Please explain: _____

20. Do you have a belief or opinion that people today do not take enough responsibility for the consequences of their actions?

Yes No If Yes, please explain: _____

21. Do you have any feelings about lawsuits being brought against a doctor, nurse, or other medical providers?

Yes No If Yes, please explain: _____

22. Do you know or have you heard of any of the following people?

Yes No [list names] _____

If you answered yes to any of the above, please explain: _____

23. Is there anything else that you think we ought to know about your ability to serve as a trial juror on this case?

If Yes, please explain: _____
