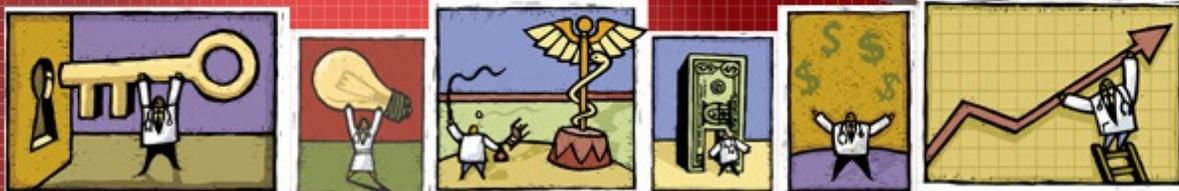


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Medical Malpractice and Managed Care News Digest  
August, 2009

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**Wall Street Journal**

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The California Supreme Court has decided not to hear an appeal that attempted to overturn the state's 34-year old cap on non-economic damages in medical malpractice lawsuits, maintaining the \$250,000 limit on plaintiffs' recoveries for pain and suffering...

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The colonoscopy malpractice lawsuit was filed by Michael Salopek, who went to Dr. David Friedman in February 2005 to treat a punctured colon that occurred during a colonoscopy. Dr. Friedman failed to locate the hole in Salopek's colon and assumed that the perforation had healed itself.

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