

JOYCE A. BLAIR, Individually and as	:	IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF
The Executrix of the Estate of BRENDA	:	LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BLAIR, deceased, JOSEPH BLAIR,	:	
Individually, and CATHERINE WINNIE,	:	
Individually,	:	
Plaintiffs	:	
	:	
vs.	:	NO. 03-00954
	:	
PANKAJ G. MEHTA, M.D.; WOMEN'S	:	
HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATES, P.C.;	:	
AARON D. SIMMS, M.D.; BUPHINDER	:	
S. DATTA, M.D.; WEST BRANCH	:	
EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS; NEW	:	
JERSEY/PENNSYLVANIA EM-1	:	
MEDICAL SERVICES, P.C.;	:	
SUSQUEHANNA PHYSICIAN SERVICES:	:	
THE WILLIAMSPORT HOSPITAL and	:	PANKAJ G. MEHTA, M.D.;
MEDICAL CENTER; and	:	WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE
SUSQUEHANNA HEALTH SYSTEM,	:	ASSOCIATES, P.C.
Defendants	:	PRELIMINARY OBJECTIONS

*Date: September 20, 2004*

**ORDER**

This ORDER is entered to modify the wording of this Court's Opinion and Order dated June 10, 2004. The last paragraph on page thirteen of the opinion is hereby modified to read as follows:

It is clear that the Supreme Court's statement that no "loss of companionship" can be recovered in a wrongful death action, as used in these cases, refers to a sense of emotional loss connected with the grief and mental suffering caused by the deceased no longer being physically present in the lives of the survivors. Actual companionship in the way of physical activity, which had been provided by the deceased to the survivors, is not found in the facts of these cases. The monetary value of such services is recoverable, or, in the words of *Spangler*, the loss of the bestowed benefits the deceased had given the survivors is to be appropriately compensated in a wrongful death action as a pecuniary loss.

The June 10, 2004 Opinion and Order shall remain the same in all other aspects.

BY THE COURT,

William S. Kieser, Judge

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