

# Family brings legal action against Houston Medical Center doctor accused of changing data in organ transplant database

HOUSTON, TEXAS, USA, April 30, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- An intervention was filed late Monday by the family of a deceased patient after allegations that Dr. Steve Bynon, Chief of Abdominal Transplantation at Memorial Hermann, made [inappropriate](#) modifications to the national patient database for organ transplants.

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Among the affected patients was Jerry Whittington, a father of five, who was diagnosed with non-alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver and placed on the [liver transplant](#) list in 2023. He was removed from the list after two months and passed away shortly after that.

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after,” Joseph Whittington told reporters.

The suit seeks all damages legally recoverable for the wrongful death of Jerry Whittington.

“We are hopeful that Memorial Hermann will do the right thing for these families, but we are fully prepared to pursue justice through the courts,” attorney [JD Davis](#), Davis & Davis said.

The lawsuit claims that Bynon improperly altered donor acceptance criteria in the database, which include crucial factors such as the age and weight of deceased donors.

“The timing of liver transplants is critical, and even a single day's delay can be fatal. The alleged actions of Dr. Bynon have not only resulted in direct fatalities but led to the suspension of the kidney and liver transplant programs during the crucial investigation, further risking patient lives,” attorney Steve Davis, Davis & Davis said.

Memorial Hermann has yet to respond to the latest developments in the lawsuit.

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Jerry Whittington and his son Joseph



Jerry Whittington and his granddaughter



Jerry Whittington and his wife



Joseph Whittington and his legal team at a press conference

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