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Woman sues Victoria doctor for treating cancer she says she did not have

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A Victoria County woman is suing a Crossroads doctor over claims she was treated for cancer when she was cancer-free.

Herlinda Garcia filed the lawsuit in February in federal court against Crossroads oncologist Dr. Ahmad I. Qadri.

Garcia claims Qadri negligently diagnosed, treated and ordered Garcia into hospice care all for a terminal disease she did not have.

In a formal response filed in February, Qadri denied the allegations made against him. The response also claimed any injuries or damages related to pre-existing conditions before Qadri treated the patient.

In May 2009, Garcia, who had received a left breast mastectomy the year before, saw Qadri for follow-up treatment. In June 2009, Qadri diagnosed Garcia as having cancer and ordered chemotherapy, according to the lawsuit.

The plaintiff also claims she received a subsequent evaluation at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston which confirmed that Garcia had been cancer-free since her April 2009 mastectomy, rendering all of Qadri's treatment unnecessary.

The plaintiff is suing for pain and mental anguish, the costs of medical care, physical impairment and loss of earning capacity.

Qadri's office declined to comment, as did his attorney, William Abernathy.

Meanwhile, Robert Sigler, attorney for the plaintiff, did not return messages seeking comment.

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