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## **Maryland Hospital Pays Feds in Cardiac Malpractice Scandal**

St. Joseph Medical Center in Towson, Maryland will pay \$22 million to the federal government to settle claims that it engaged in a decade-long, illegal kickback scheme with the cardiology group MidAtlantic Cardiovascular Associates, which was co-founded by Mark G. Midei - the cardiologist accused of performing hundreds of unnecessary heart procedures.

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More than 100 patients have filed malpractice lawsuits against the hospital and Midei. He was taken off duty in May 2009 under suspicion that he had falsified patient records to justify unneeded stent procedures.

Dr. Midei filed a suit against St. Joseph last month in which he said that officials there ruined his reputation by warning nearly 600 patients about his work. He denies all allegations against him.

Read more in the Washington Post [article here](#).

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