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Rape victim wins \$250,000 damages

TOWSON, Md. (AP) - A 32-year-old rape victim in this Baltimore suburb who refused to have an abortion because of her religion has won \$250,000 in damages in a medical malpractice case. .. The woman alleged that a doctor at Greater Baltimore Medical Center failed to treat her with a synthetic drug that is 98 percent effective in preventing pregnancies in rape victims. , - ' A three-member panel of the Health Claims Arbitration Office, a state agency that handles negligence complaints, made the award Monday against **Dr. Julio Novoa**, a staff member at the hospital. The woman was raped more than two years ago after she was 'abducted at gunpoint. Her assailant was later captured and convicted.' - J 1 According to the rape victim's lawyers, one month after being treated at the GBMC Rape Crisis Center, she learned she was pregnant. A convert to Roman Catholicism, she refused to have an abortion and later gave birth to a daughter. Marvin Ellin, one of her lawyers, said the award was inadequate and would be appealed. An award of \$1 million had been sought, most of which would be used to support the woman's daughter until she was 18.