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**Son is suing dentist for mom's death**

SALISBURY -- A local man is suing a Newburyport dentist, saying treatment of a tooth caused his mother's death.

Jane Maniscalco, 79, formerly of Salisbury, suffered a fatal heart attack after having a filling replaced April 29, 1999, according to papers filed last week in Essex County Superior Court. The suit alleges that Dr. Norma Colletta was "grossly negligent" in her treatment and care of Mrs. Maniscalco, which led to the patient's death.

The lawsuit also states that Dr. Colletta of Boston Dental Group, 45 Storey Ave., Newburyport, administered the drug epinephrine despite a warning on Mrs. Maniscalco's chart that she was not to receive the medication that stimulates the heart.

In addition, Dr. Colletta and other employees failed to administer oxygen or initiate cardiopulmonary resuscitation, according to court papers.

Andrew J. Maniscalco, the patient's son, is asking the court for damages to cover his mother's funeral costs of \$6,040 and compensation for her "wrongful death." Mr. Maniscalco is the executor of his mother's estate.