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FORT MYERS, Fla. – A Fort Myers cancer treatment company is being sued for the second time this month.

Several doctors employed by 21st Century Oncology are suing the center for “improperly maintaining a monopoly over the provision of radiation oncology services in Collier, Lee and Charlotte Counties,” according to court documents.

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Doctors Arie Dosoretz, Amy Fox, James Rubenstein and Michael Katin filed the lawsuit on Friday, March 15 after resigning from the company.

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The doctors said that 21st Century Oncology has violated several federal antitrust laws, which were put in place to promote fair competition between corporations.

"This conduct has not only injured the Plaintiffs, radiation oncologists who wish to provide services in these three counties in competition with the Defendants," the lawsuit read. "It has also injured elderly cancer patients, particularly patients suffering from prostate and breast cancer."

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The plaintiffs are claiming that 21st Century Oncology implemented incentives for doctors that work for the company to only refer patients to oncologists also employed by 21st Century Oncology.

The company provided a statement, which reads as follows:

**retz, Dr. Arie
tendered on Friday,**

March 15, 2019. Hours after submitting their resignations, Dr. Arie Dosoretz, Dr. Amy Fox, and Dr. James Rubenstein, as well as Dr. Michael Katin, a former 21C physician, jointly filed a lawsuit against the company seeking to circumvent valid non-compete clauses based on allegations of behavior that pre-dates the current ownership and management team.

The Company believes that the case has no merit and intends to vigorously defend the allegations. These allegations are an attempt at distraction related to historical matters that no longer exist.

Our patients and their families are our #1 priority at 21st Century Oncology and these actions will not distract us from that mission. 21st Century Oncology has academic quality physicians in this market and these resignations will not impact quality patient care or our growth strategy.”

Earlier this month, former 21st Century Oncology executive filed a lawsuit against the company for \$9 million in back-pay.

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The company filed for bankruptcy last year after it had paid tens of millions of dollars in fines for creating fake medical records in order to get funding from the government.

According to Clinton Riley, vice president of the public relations firm J Connelly, both lawsuits happened while the company was under previous leadership and ownership.


21st Century Oncology “is now operating under a new CEO, leadership and ownership.”

In March 2018 21st Century Oncology was also sued by Monmouth County in New Jersey for monopolizing cancer treatment.









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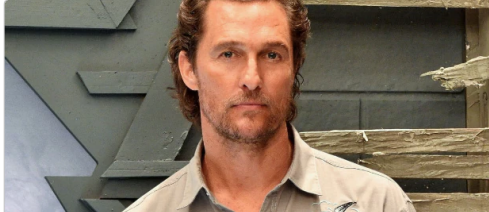
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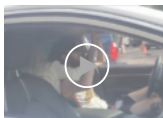
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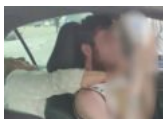
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