

More hospitals settle Medtronic's Kyphon Medicare fraud cases

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Fifty-five hospitals across the country agree to pony up a total of \$34 million to settle allegations that they bilked Medicare by keeping patients overnight for Medtronic's outpatient kyphoplasty spine procedure.



Some 55 U.S. hospitals agreed to pay a total of \$34 million to settle U.S. Justice Dept. charges that they overcharged Medicare for [Medtronic](#) [1]'s (NYSE:[MDT](#) [2])'s kyphoplasty spine procedure, acquired in the \$3.9 billion buyout of Kyphon in 2007, the Justice Dept. said today.

That takes the total settlement amount to \$75 million from more than 100 hospitals, plus the \$75 million Fridley, Minn.-based Medtronic paid to settle its end of the case in 2008, the government said.

All but 4 of the hospitals in the latest settlement were part of a whistleblower lawsuit filed by former Kyphon employees, who are in line for about \$5.5 million from the settlement, according to the Justice Dept.

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