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MIAMI, Fla. -- A teenager who lost all four limbs because of a vaccination error has won a \$12.6 million award in a lawsuit against the University of Miami medical school. A judge will likely reduce the award because jurors found Rolle's mother partly at fault for not giving her enough medication. Rolle had her spleen removed as a newborn 13 years ago. She got a vaccine designed to prevent infections but the medication had expired five months earlier. Rolle later got an infection that led to amputation of her arms and legs. [\[1\]](#) A jury made the judgment against the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine where the teen was administered a vaccination that was meant to prevent infections but that was five-months expired, reported the newspaper. "It was a medication error," Attorney Crane Johnstone, who represented Rolle, told the newspaper. "She developed the very disease they were supposed to inoculate her against." The jury found the medical assistant who injected Rolle and her doctor to be partially at fault but also put 40 percent of the blame on her mother, who UM's attorneys said failed to give Rolle enough medication to prevent infections, reported the newspaper. [\[2\]](#)

A Miramar teen who lost all four limbs as a result of a vaccination error 13 years ago won a \$12.6 million medical malpractice award Friday against the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine. The amount the teen will receive, however, will nearly be cut in half, as jurors deemed her mother was 40 percent at fault. [\[3\]](#) MIAMI (CBSMiami/AP) A Miramar teen who lost all four limbs after she was given an expired vaccine has won an award of \$12.6 million in a lawsuit against the University of Miami medical school. [\[4\]](#)