

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

TRACEY SHERMAN, As Next Friend of
MAKAYLA RENE GLOVER, a Minor,

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Plaintiff-Appellant,

v

No. 198807
Oakland Circuit Court
LC No. 96-519228 NH

HARVEY RAIMI, M.D.,

Defendant-Appellee.

Before: Bandstra, P.J., and MacKenzie and N.O. Holowka*, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Plaintiff appeals by right summary disposition, without prejudice, in this medical malpractice action based on commencement of suit prior to expiration of the statutory notice period prescribed by MCL 600.2912b(1); MSA 27A.2912(2)(1). We affirm. This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

Dismissal without prejudice, whatever the motives underlying plaintiff's failure to comply with the statutory pre-suit notice requirement, is the appropriate action by the circuit court. *Neal v Oakwood Hospital Corp*, 226 Mich App 701, 715; ___ NW2d ___ (1997); *Morrison v Dickinson*, 217 Mich App 308, 319; 551 NW2d 449 (1996). Additionally, plaintiff's equal protection, US Const, Am XIV, § 1, Const 1963, art 1, § 2, due process, US Const, Am XIV, § 1, Const 1963, art 1, § 17, and separation of powers, Const 1963, art 3, § 2, challenges to the constitutionality of the statute are without merit for the reasons adduced in *Neal, supra* at 716-723.

In light of the foregoing, plaintiff's further argument, that the circuit court erred in dismissing the action for failure to file the affidavit of merit required by MCL 600.2912d; MSA 27A.2912(4), is moot.

* Circuit judge, sitting on the Court of Appeals by assignment.

We affirm.

/s/ Richard A. Bandstra
/s/ Barbara B. MacKenzie
/s/ Nick O. Holowka