

Heated IV Bag: Surgical Patient Sues For Burn.

A heated IV bag was placed under the armpit of the sixty-six year-old patient for about two hours during hip-replacement surgery.

After the procedure the patient had a very uncomfortable burn wound which required more than a year of treatment with topical steroid creams.

The patient's lawyer argued there was no plausible explanation for the injury other than negligence by the hospital's certified registered nurse anesthetist who used the IV bag to position the patient.

The jury in the Circuit Court, Dade County, Florida awarded the patient \$350,000. **Rodriguez v. Palm Springs General Hosp.**, 2007 WL 4247300 (Cir. Ct. Dade County, Florida, November 21, 2007).