

Nursing Error: 72% Acetic Acid Solution For HPV Test.

A patient sued the physician whose employee, the office nurse, applied a 72% acetic acid solution instead of the normal 3 – 5% solution to saturate the patient's genital area to test whether he, like his wife, was positive for human papilloma virus. The nurse's error was claimed to have caused him painful chemical burns and long-term physical and psychological complications.

The only issue for the US District Court for the Northern District of Georgia was whether the patient's attorneys had complied with the court rules for properly designating the patient's referring treating physician as an expert witness. **Morris on v. Mann**, 2007 WL 656578 (N.D. Ga., February 27, 2007).