

No Anti-Embolic Stockings: Hospital Ruled Negligent.

The Court of Appeals of Mississippi accepted the patient's representative's argument that a hospital's circulating nurse is negligent not to ensure that anti-embolic stockings are in use during a surgical procedure when the patient will be under general anesthesia for more than forty-five minutes.

The court dismissed the lawsuit, however, ruling it would only be speculation, with other risk factors present, to say that the patient's death some days after surgery from a pulmonary embolus was related to non-use of the stockings. **Young v. Univ. of Miss. Medical Center**, __ So. 2d __, 2005 WL 3112420 (Miss. App., November 22, 2005).