

## Cardiac Patient: Nurse Complied With Standard Of Care.

The jury had to decide whom to believe.

The outpatient clinic nurse testified the patient came in for chest pain and a cough. With those symptoms and a pulse of 145 the nurse told him and his wife he needed to go to the emergency room. Her chart note was, “pt. non-compliant.”

The patient’s wife testified they were told to come back the next day for blood tests, then to come back again because he had been fasting too long.

The patient only went to the E.R. a week later and was diagnosed with atrial fibrillation, heart attack and stroke. No delay in treatment could be blamed on the clinic nurse, the Court of Appeals of North Carolina ruled. **Davis v. Rudisill, 2011 WL 532403 (N.C. App., February 15, 2011).**