

## Cesarean Delayed: \$38,500,000 Verdict For Cerebral Palsy.

A jury in the Superior Court, Stamford-Norwalk, Connecticut found the obstetrician 100% at fault and dismissed the hospital from the case.

One twin was delivered unharmed vaginally with forceps.

Trouble began immediately when the obstetrician ruptured the membranes for the second twin. The heart rate dropped and it appeared there was a prolapsed cord. The obstetrician worked for ten minutes trying to deliver the second twin vaginally,

then called for an emergency c-section. According to the patient's experts, the obstetrician took a "meticulous" rather than expeditious approach to the procedure, resulting in a total period of twenty-five minutes of bradycardia and hypoxia.

The nurses were reportedly accused of failing to advocate for a cesarean through the chain of command, but the jury rejected that accusation. **Oram v. de Chonoky, 2008 WL 793692 (Sup. Ct. Stamford-Norwalk, Connecticut, February 8, 2008).**