

Patient Codes: Jury Finds No Nursing Negligence.

The patient was sent to a hospital med/surg unit following surgery.

The next morning she started complaining of chest pain and shortness of breath. Her nurse saw she was diaphoretic, took vital signs and notified the patient's doctor of her condition.

The nurse also let the charge nurse know what was going on with her patient. The charge nurse, in turn, called for the nursing supervisor to come to the room. While all three nurses were in the room it became necessary to call a code.

After the patient was revived she was sent to the ICU. She had suffered brain damage from lack of oxygen during the code. The family elected to discontinue life support and she died.

The jury in the Circuit Court, Madison County, Alabama returned a verdict of no negligence. **Nayman v. Huntsville Hosp., 2007 WL 2988258 (Cir. Ct. Madison Co. Alabama, February 23, 2007).**