

Fall: No Nursing Negligence.

The physical therapist left the patient on the toilet and notified the nurse. The nurse went to the bathroom when the patient was ready to get up.

A walker for the patient was already close by. As she stood up and took a step toward the walker the patient's eyes rolled back and she fell forward on her face.

The jury in the Superior Court, Sacramento County, California accepted the hospital's nursing expert's testimony that this patient was not a special fall risk just because she was on narcotics post-surgery. It was an unexpected accident and no one was at fault. **Bias v. Univ. of Calif., 2007 WL 2872325 (Sup. Ct. Sacramento Co. California, August 30, 2007).**