Prenatal Test: Fax To Doctor's Office Not Enough.

The record is sketchy in a labor and delivery case from the US District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. The court did stress the point that faxing the results of a non-stress test to the physician's office at 5:48 p.m. without ascertaining that the physician has been made aware of the test results does not fulfill a hospital's standard of care.

A prenatal test should be read by an experienced labor and delivery nurse and a decision should be made at the hospital whether or not an emergency exists. <u>Jackson v. Slidell Memorial Hosp.</u>, 2007 WL 1030296 (E.D. La., March 27, 2007).

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