

## Shoulder Injury: Nurse Faulted For Fundal Pressure.

The baby was diagnosed with Erb's palsy and has a left arm that will be paralyzed for the rest of her life.

The jury in the Superior Court, Essex County, New Jersey awarded \$1,635,250 as damages from the ob/gyn who delivered her and the hospital where she was delivered.

The ob/gyn reportedly ordered the nurses to apply fundal pressure to the mother's upper abdomen to force the baby out while the ob/gyn manipulated and pulled the head

That was inappropriate obstetric technique, according to the patient's experts, when shoulder dystocia is encountered during labor. **Llanos v. Meglio, 2009 WL 3359147 (Sup. Ct. Essex Co. New Jersey, September 22, 2009).**