

Mother, Newborn In Car, Infant Dropped: Hospital Pays Settlement.

The mother arrived in the hospital's parking lot just after giving birth. Nurses and other hospital personnel accidentally dropped the infant trying to get the mother out of the car onto a gurney with the newborn still in her pants.

The hospital settled the case for \$65,000. Had the case gone to trial in the Circuit Court, Cook County, Illinois, the patient's lawyer's argument would have been that a hospital needs to have procedures in place and must train its people ahead of time to handle a contingency of this nature safely and effectively. **Cooper v. Mercy Hosp.**, 2009 WL 1739985 (Cir. Ct. Cook Co. Illinois, February 4, 2009).