

C-2 Nerve Block: Post-Op Nurses Did Not Consult With A Physician.

After one and one-half hours in the recovery room following a C-2 nerve block for migraines the patient was discharged home by the recovery-room nurse, without checking with a physician, even though the patient was complaining of nausea and headache and was crying.

A few hours later the patient called and spoke with another nurse who told her to get her prescription filled for her anti-inflammatory medication and to lie down in a quiet dark room, also without checking with a physician.

The Court of Appeals of Georgia ruled there were grounds to sue the hospital for the nurses' negligence in failing to follow up for complications caused by the physician who had negligently injected the nerve block into an artery, as well as grounds to sue the physician himself. **Renz v. Northside Hosp.**, __ S.E. 2d __, 2007 WL 1732805 (Ga. App., June 18, 2007).