

## Patient Suicide: Family Obtains Settlement.

The patient had been in and out of the same E.R. for several days expressing suicidal thoughts.

The E.R. nurse had a nurse from the psych unit come down and see him. The psych nurse recognized the patient needed help but apparently left him unattended in an exam room while she went to speak with the E.R. physician who was balking at admitting him. The patient left the hospital, went home and hanged himself.

The family's lawsuit in the Court of Common Pleas of South Carolina settled for \$1,000,000. **Estate of Wright v. Amisub**, 2007 WL 5145059 (Ct. of Com. Pl. of South Carolina, May 22, 2007).