

Vitamin K: Jury Unable To Find Negligence.

The newborn received a standard vitamin K injection in the nursery and a month later had to have the same leg amputated above the knee.

The jury in the Circuit Court, Duval County, Florida ruled the hospital was not negligent.

The jury accepted expert testimony that vitamin K is necessary to prevent a rare and preventable complication. It has been used safely more than forty years. The experts also testified even if the injection was improperly given into an artery rather than muscular tissue it would not produce the problem the newborn experienced. The problem was more likely a result of congenital malformation and vascular insufficiency in the leg. **Houston v. Southern Baptist Hosp., 2007 WL 1557287 (Cir. Ct. Duval Co., Florida, April 19, 2007).**