
Wound Care: Court Says Patient Did Likely Suffer.

The Court of Appeals of Tennessee refused to dismiss a lawsuit filed by the family of a deceased eighty year-old hospice patient after maggots were discovered in the wound by a nurse when she removed the dressing from a decubitus ulcer on her foot.

The facility asked for dismissal on the grounds that the patient was not actually harmed and did not suffer pain as a result.

Testimony from a nurse established that the generally comatose patient was still capable of responding to painful stimuli and was periodically getting Lortab pm for pain. **Champion v. CLC, 2011 WL 607341 (Tenn. App., February 22, 2011).**