

Betadine Burn: Hospital's Nurses Ruled Not Negligent.

The forty-six year-old patient had gynecological surgery. Betadine was used to sterilize her abdominal area.

Her doctor wrote a post-op order the next day to inform the nurses she could shower. The day after that the nurses helped her take a shower.

After she developed chemical burns from the Betadine the patient sued the hospital claiming the nurses negligently ignored the doctor's orders to shower her.

The jury in the Circuit Court, Colbert County, Alabama ruled the nurses correctly interpreted the doctor's order as permitting a shower but not requiring it on the first post-op day. **Boyd v. Helen Keller Hosp.**, 2007 WL 4632144 (Cir. Ct. Colbert Co., Alabama, March 2, 2007).