

IV Fluids: Court Does Not Allow Retrospective Review.

The flow chart from the deceased patient's dialysis session recorded the total amount of heparin given during the session.

The question in court four years later was whether the total quantity of heparin was given as an IV drip over the course of the dialysis session or whether it included a bolus of heparin given at the conclusion of the session, after which the patient died.

The US District Court for the Northern District of Ohio ruled that the affidavit from the clinic's nurse manager who took over in 2009 was only speculation as to what did or did not happen in 2007.

The nurse manager had no actual knowledge of the nurses' charting practices in effect two years before she started at the clinic.

The question could only have been resolved in the clinic's favor if the way the heparin was given had been spelled out in the original documentation by the nurse who created the documentation based on the nurse's own first-hand knowledge at the time. **Yeazel v. Baxter Healthcare, 2011 WL 711453 (N.D. Ohio, February 22, 2011).**