

Nursing Documentation: Amniocentesis Did Not Cause Eye Injury.

The Supreme Court of Louisiana ruled recently that a lower court was wrong to award \$500,000 in damages for a baby whose eye was allegedly punctured as a fetus by an amniocentesis needle. The Court threw out the damage award because of the thoroughness of the inpatient nursing notes generated at the hospital.

The mother had been admitted four days before her baby was born for testing to see if she was past her due date. There was no record of any eye injury until the mother brought the baby back to the hospital for a checkup five days after discharge. Jackson v. Tulane Medical Center Hosp. and Clinic, __ So. 2d __, 2006 WL 2956134 (La., October 17, 2006).