

Angiogram: Nurse Did Not Watch For Signs Of A Stroke.

The Court of Appeals of Kentucky upheld the jury's verdict against a hospital over a nurse's failure to monitor the patient for signs of stroke after a bilateral carotid-artery angiogram. It was not until shift change almost six hours after the procedure that the new nurse on duty picked up on the patient's true condition.

The court discounted the hospital's argument that promptly giving tPA is effective in only 30 – 50% of cases in preventing ischemia after a CVA and is considered by some experts contraindicated after an incisional angiogram. Lake Cumberland v. Dishman, 2007 WL 1229432 (Ky. App., April 6, 2007).