

Decubitus: Bad Outcome Does Not Prove Negligence.

A patient rendered quadriplegic by a motor vehicle accident filed a lawsuit claiming the skin lesions he contracted in the hospital resulted from negligent care.

The Court of Appeals of Washington agreed with the lower court's decision to dismiss the case.

His sacral bedsores and decubitus ulcers did first appear while he was immobile in a Minerva brace and on a ventilator.

The patient's nursing expert, however, the court believed, could not point to any specific error or omission in his care.

The patient's expert's opinion incorrectly went straight to the conclusion that his care was substandard solely because a bad result was obtained. **Johnson v. UW Medicine, 2007 WL 1589453 (Wash. App., June 4, 2007).**