
Cardiac Monitor: Patient Dies In Holding Area.

The eighty year-old hospital patient died in the holding area outside the hospital's imaging department.

The patient's cardiac monitor had been discontinued before he was transported to the imaging department and personnel in the imaging department apparently were not informed he was waiting in the waiting area.

The family's lawsuit filed in the Court of Common Pleas, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania claimed the hospital failed to train its nurses and nursing assistants to appreciate the importance of following physicians' orders. The family obtained a \$190,000 settlement. Mutich v. Jefferson Reg. Med. Ctr., 2010 WL 5827063 (Ct. Comm. Pl. Allegheny Co., Pennsylvania, September 29, 2010).