

Labor & Delivery: Nurses Faulted, Fundal Pressure, Shoulder Dystocia.

After the hospital had paid a settlement, amount not disclosed, on behalf of the two labor and delivery nurses, the case went to trial against the obstetrician and his medical practice group.

The jury in the District Court, Harris County, Texas returned a verdict of \$1,799,000 for the infant born with a brachial plexus injury related to shoulder dystocia during delivery.

The lawsuit alleged at the start that the nurses continued to apply fundal pressure to the mother's abdomen after shoulder dystocia was encountered while the obstetrician was in the process of freeing the infant from shoulder entanglement behind the mother's pubic bone. [Ibarra v. Doctors Hosp., 2010 WL 1039992 \(Dist. Ct. Harris Co., Texas, February 26, 2010\).](#)