

Fall From Bed: Wheels Not Locked, Facility Faulted.

The patient was recuperating in the hospital from a minor surgical procedure when he attempted to transfer, by himself, from his bed to a bedside commode.

The wheels of his bed were not locked. The bed moved just at the critical moment when he was trying to stand. He fell and tore the meniscus in his knee.

The Supreme Court of Louisiana ruled this was not a medical malpractice case. Therefore, the patient did not have to go before a medical review panel and did not need a medical expert to file a lawsuit. **Blevins v. Hamilton Medical Center**, __ So. 2d __, 2007 WL 1866744 (La., June 29, 2007).