

## Neonatal Care: Nurse's Error Leads To Death, Settlement.

One of the twins born very prematurely by emergency c-section had no respirations, heart beat or spontaneous movement at birth.

He was sent to the neonatal intensive care unit.

A nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit switched the drip line for his fluids and medications from the peripheral intravenous line in one arm to the peripherally inserted central catheter in the other arm.

In making the switch the nurse reportedly failed to close or cap the peripheral intravenous line, resulting in significant blood loss through the open line.

Two weeks later the infant began to experience bleeding in the brain and stopped breathing. A breathing tube was inserted but later discontinued, and the infant died.

The amount of the settlement was kept confidential for the parents' lawsuit filed in the District Court, Ada County, Idaho. **Philips v. Sanders, 2010 WL 5822668 (Dist. Ct. Ada Co., Idaho, November 26, 2010).**