

Pitocin: Nurse Midwife, \$24 Million Award.

A nurse midwife at a US military hospital started Pitocin to induce labor, continued the Pitocin when the contractions rose to seven per ten minutes and increased the Pitocin when the fetal heart rate began to show marked variability, after the mother's uterus had ruptured.

The baby was born by emergency cesarean with profound birth injuries.

The judge in the US District Court for the Southern District of Illinois awarded \$24,554,880 against the US government because of the nurse midwife's errors and omissions, for the baby's future life-care expenses. **Tremain v. US, 2007 WL 2791795 (S.D. Ill, May 31, 2007).**