

## Post-Operative Care: Nurses Are Faulted.

The thirty-nine year old patient had just been transferred to an acute-care unit from post-anesthesia recovery following a gynecological procedure done under general anesthesia.

She unexpectedly went into respiratory arrest, could not be resuscitated and died.

The family's lawsuit in the District Court, Dallas County, Texas, faulted the nurses assigned to provide post-operative care for not taking and monitoring the patient's vital signs and for not setting up an EKG or attaching a pulse oximeter which would have alarmed if she went into respiratory arrest. The hospital reportedly settled the case for \$110,000. **Johnson v. Methodist Hosp. of Dallas, 2007 WL 1438547 (Dist. Ct. Dallas Co., Texas, March 16, 2007).**