

Rudeness: Nurse Disciplined.

An emergency room nurse was written up and given a three-day suspension for “rudeness” toward an EMT who asked the nurse to check on a patient he had just brought in.

Although the hospital never expressly defined “rudeness” in a code of conduct for nurses, the Court of Appeal of Louisiana ruled that a healthcare facility can expect nurses to treat other professionals with respect and dignity and to refrain from demeaning and condescending remarks.

Courteous interaction and cooperation among treatment professionals are in the best interests of the hospital’s patients. **Farrar v. Louisiana State Univ., 2009 WL 839047 (La. App., March 27, 2009).**