

Patient In Shock: Nurses Should Not Have Transferred.

The Court of Appeals of Texas accepted the expert testimony of a nurse and a physician who were highly critical of the decision of the nurses caring for an elderly patient in the hospital to call an ambulance to have her taken to another hospital, rather than notifying her physician of her condition.

The patient's physician, if he had been informed by the patient's nurses what was going on, could have stabilized her with vasopressors and IV fluids to raise her blood pressure while tests were done to determine why she was in shock, most likely from internal bleeding whose source needed to be pinpointed with an angiogram and corrected. Tenet Hospitals v. Barnes, __ S.W. 3d __, 2010 WL 2929520 (Tex. App., July 28, 2010).