

IM Injection: Patient Was Standing.

The Supreme Court of Nevada accepted expert testimony from a physician that it is beneath the legal standard of care for an emergency room nurse to give a patient an injection of analgesic for back pain while the patient is in the standing position. The patient should have been lying supine.

In this case the patient protested he did not like needles and was afraid he might pass out, but the nurse went ahead anyway. Staccato v. Valley Hosp., __ P. 3d __, 2007 WL 3287444 (Nev., November 8, 2007).