

Labor & Delivery: Student Nurse Did Not Know How To Read The Monitor.

The parents of a child with cerebral palsy who suffered catastrophic brain injuries at birth obtained a \$4,400,000 jury verdict in the Court of Common Pleas, York County, South Carolina.

The lawsuit pointed squarely at the decision made at the hospital to assign only a student nurse to care for the mother during her labor.

The medical experts reviewed the fetal monitor strips and testified at trial that there were clear signs of fetal distress which would have prompted a fully trained and competent labor and delivery nurse to call in the obstetrician. **Wilson v. Piedmont Medical Center, 2009 WL 1740411 (Ct. Comm. Pl. York Co., South Carolina, February 13, 2009).**