

Duty To Supervise: Court Faults RN For Failing To Follow Up On LPN's Vitals.

The case was very complicated legally. The RN was a US Veterans Hospital employee and the LPN came from a private-sector nursing personnel agency.

The US District Court for the District of Colorado ruled that an RN supervising an LPN has to monitor the vital signs being obtained and has to follow up with an assessment when the temperature of a patient getting Tylenol for fever does not drop over a period of hours as expected. **Quintana v. US, 2008 WL 731115 (D. Colo., March 17, 2008).**