

## "The Verdict"

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- 1.) Duty- The physician is expected to follow certain rules and show competence. He or she must listen to the patient and respect the patient's views. This being with the doctor who administered the drug, knowingly that the patient had eaten exactly one hour before hand. Knowing this would cause harm.  
Dereliction- "The patient must be able to prove with evidence that the physician failed to comply with the standards expected of his profession. Examples of dereliction are misdiagnosis, missing a diagnosis, or giving wrong medication." This key part is when the nurse at the scene of the doctor causing harm, was presumably "forced" to change the time the patient had eaten from one hour to nine hours.  
Damages- "The patient should prove with the evidences like medical records, medical prescriptions, etc., that the physician's breach of duty has led them to suffer injury, either physical or emotional." The patient ended up losing her child, and put into a "permanent" coma. Almost immediately after receiving the injection.  
Direct Cause- "The patient should be able prove that the physician is directly related to any injury they suffered". This is where the nurse that changed the one to a nine had the original copy of her charted work.
- 2.) It's really hard to say. I know that's not a good thing to say. But if I was Frank, and I was living in that era, and I had the actually personality of him. I probably would have just taken the money. It's hard to fight for something that your not even sure your capable of, when there is a perfectly good exit already waiting for you.
- 3.) I would like to think that Frank went on with the trial because he was sure of his case, and sure of himself. That wouldn't be accurate though. Frank saw an opportunity to get more money, and also maybe help this family so he went for it. After all he wasn't really going to lose anything if he won this case or not. So yes, as a official lawyer of the system Frank made a pretty unethical decision.
- 4.) Yes. I do. So let's just set Frank on a shelf somewhere for a minute. That family alone have been through so much. That poor woman lost her child, and she lost her life also. I am angry that some crazy doctor cared so much about his name and reputation rather than he did about the welfare of his patient makes my blood boil. That family deserved every penny they got. Even though we don't know how much they actually got! Frank, also finally did something right.
- 5.) Of course I believe the doctor should lose his license. Maybe if he owned up to it in the first place, and not had forced his nurse to lie for him causing this major story of lies. Then possibly we could discuss him going back to school for a few more years to get his license back. Unfortunately since that wasn't the case and he intentionally kept hiding his mistake, he loses everything. I'm pretty sure that's what would happen today as well.