

Final Case Study: Legalities

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- **What is the next step the nurse should do?**

Notify the Doctor that the leg is showing signs of poor circulation. Include the symptoms of being numb, swollen and discolored.

- **How should David proceed?**

Try to connect with her through conversation. Ask if there is a way, he can reach her parents or guardians, so she is not in the hospital alone. Also, he could speak up to the nurse and let her know of the signs and symptoms that he is observing. Go to the charge nurse if the nurse is not listening.

- **Is Lynette Donovan capable of providing consent for the procedure?**

No, because she is a minor

- **Identify the elements of malpractice and how they apply to Lynette Donovan's case.**

The nurse did not do her duty to the patient. She did not notify the nursing supervisor of Lynette's situation to try to get help before it got to a serious point. She also failed to make a plan of care and implement it. As a result, she had to have her leg amputated.

- **Who owes a duty to Miss Donovan?**

The nurse

- **Was the duty met?**

No, the duty was not met.

- **Are any laws broken?**

Yes, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). They are in a public area talking about a patient

- **What should David do?**

David should go to his supervisor and explain the situation to them.