

The most basic legal parameter in health care is the standard of care which encompasses the obligation of health care professionals to do not harm and their duty to provide reasonable patient care.

The Scenario that I decided to write about is the Scenario No. 2. The case of Jacob and the diseased leg. This scenario is an example how just a simple mistake leads the physician to fail his patient by not providing protection and perform a duty to the patient and patients adequately.

This case is about a young football player who had a bright future in football. He had the opportunity to get a scholarship to play football at a University. Unfortunately, he got hurt in practice just before his senior year. He had a compound fracture meaning that the bone went through the skin.

He was required to have surgery to align the bone and to close the skin, which required several days of being in the hospital. While he was in there, he was administered intravenous antibiotics and a cast was required on his leg. He was discharged by the 3rd day and was told to come back for a follow up once a week for six weeks. His leg was doing very good until a negligence from the Doctor caused him to get and infection to his leg. This infection slowed his recovery and he lost the scholarship and the opportunity to play football. This case involves medical negligence and lawsuits.

The issue in this scenario was that the Doctor M affected Jacob's future by delaying his recovery making him loose his scholarship and the opportunity to play football. The reason Dr. M affected Jacob's future was by negligence of not using proper hygiene by washing his hands after each patient and not wearing gloves. He also violated HIPPA when Dr. M went to the other patient's room and left the door open and Jacob's parents could hear and see what the Dr. M was doing with the other patient.

This could have easily been avoided if Dr. M was being more careful with his patients and simple follow the clean and safe environment that the patient expects. He could have also not had gone to the other patient's room, instead he should have finish with Jacob first. Another solution would have been to wear gloves always after assessing each patient. I strongly believed that the best solution would have been to use proper hygiene with each patient to avoid any type of negligence and suedes and I believed that Jacob's parents should have spoken up to the Doctor about washing his hands and to wear gloves to prevent any contagious infections.

Dr. M did not intentionally do this to Jacob, this will be considered Negligence an unintentional tort Which is a result from actions that were not intended to cause harm. It could also be medical malpractice where a healthcare provider failed to follow the appropriate standard of care by causing injury to a patient. I believed Jacob's parents have a strong case against Dr M since he also violated HIPPA by discussing the other Patient's condition and where they also witness Dr. M did not wear any gloves or washed his hands after he assessed Sara K. The criminal actions could be to a fine, jail time or license suspension. The Doctor's future and reputation could be at risk, and people will not trust him anymore.

Code of Ethics was violated by not providing protection, safety, discretion, better judgement, and acts in the best interest of the patient. He failed to provide quality patient care; it is the patient's right to receive an exceptional medical care. And it is our top priority and our job to take care of our patients even if we are in a hurry. We should always pay attention of what we are doing and make our patients our top priority. It is never a good idea to jump from one patient to another, it is better to finish what what we started. This will reassure patients trust their physicians and it will make the patients feel more at ease.

This case is very sad and unfortunate in so many levels, this scenario will show you how deeply a simple mistake could ruin lives. We have an excellent Doctor who was trying to help to recover a young man whose future was shattered by his negligence. Jacob lost an opportunity to get a scholarship to play football. And on the other hand, we have a Doctor who will probably lose his license for malpractice and also, will have a bad reputation and even if he does not lose his license patients would not trust him. Let us not forget that we are all humans, and we make mistakes. This experience could teach us health care workers to be more careful and to treat every patient with the same care they deserve. In my opinion they were both in the wrong because parents did not speak up and Dr M did not use proper hygiene. On the medical aspect Sarah's condition of Osteomyelitis is not contagious but the germs can sometimes pass from one person to another and in this case, it was passed to Jacob, making it legal lawsuit against the Dr. M.

