



# Medical Legal Exposures in the Newborn Nursery

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## STANDARD OF CARE

### "TORT LAW"

- OPPOSITE OF GOLDEN RULE
- DO NOT DO UNTO OTHERS...
- MONEY PENALTY



1 IN 5 WILL BE SUED FOR MALPRACTICE

EXPENSIVE OCCURS AT BIRTH IMPACT FOR LIFE



NOT EFFECTIVE FOR BEHAVIOR CHANGE

### PROVE ALL FOUR!

- DUTY TO CARE
- DERELICTION OF DUTY
- DAMAGES
- DIRECT CAUSE

### COMMON "DAMAGES"

- INADEQUATE RESUSCITATION
- MISSED DIAGNOSIS
- IMPROPER/DELAYED TREATMENT
- THERAPEUTIC MISADVENTURE

NARCAN IS THE NOT FIRST ACT

- HIP DYSPLASIA SCREENING
- HERPES GROUP B STREP

SUBGALEAL HEMORRHAGE - 10x HIGHER WITH VACUUM

PRIMARY APNEA... OKAY IF SECONDARY, KNOW YOUR OPTIONS

VENTILATION! VENTILATION! VENTILATION!

### P.I.C.K. GROUP

KERNICTERUS 1/100K HAVE

4 MINS THEN GO TO C-SECTION

BABY HOME ON FRIDAY, 2 DAY FOLLOW-UP SEE ON SUNDAY!

