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Longer Hours For Nurses Usually Translates To Poor Patient Care

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A recent study conducted by researchers at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in conjunction with the University of Maryland School of Nursing confirms what many people have long suspected-- tired nurses are more likely to make mistakes when it comes to patient care.

In researching this conclusion, 633 hospital nurses were evaluated in North Carolina and Illinois. Though 12-hour shifts may be popular amongst nurses and hospitals alike, the longer shifts resulted in an increased death rate for patients related to pneumonia and acute myocardial infarctions (heart attacks).

What makes this study different from similar studies in the past is that, there now is conclusive evidence establishing the adverse patient outcomes with the longer shifts.

As a **personal injury lawyer**, who see patients needlessly harmed in nursing homes and hospitals due to basic errors, my hope is that medical facilities will implement changes in staffing schedules to improve nurses alertness.

Read more about this study related to nurse staffing **here**.

Jonathan Rosenfeld represents victims of nursing home abuse and neglect throughout the country. For more information please visit Nursing Homes Abuse Blog (www.nursinghomesabuseblog.com), Bed Sore FAQ (www.bedsorefaq.com) or call Jonathan directly at (888) 424-5757 (www.rosenfeldinjurylawyers.com).