

Negligence (Tort Law)

Title:

Did the Hospital Owe Sarah a Duty of Care? An ILAC Law Essay Example

Scenario

Sarah visited a hospital complaining of severe chest pain and difficulty breathing. The emergency doctor diagnosed anxiety without ordering further tests and discharged her. Twelve hours later, Sarah suffered a major heart attack, leaving her with permanent heart damage. Medical experts state that an ECG and blood tests would likely have identified the condition earlier and prevented much of the damage.

Why this is a good ILAC example

- Clear legal issue
- Leading case law
- Straightforward application
- Ideal for first-year and second-year law students

Key cases to discuss

- *Donoghue v Stevenson* [1932] AC 562
- *Caparo Industries plc v Dickman* [1990] 2 AC 605
- *Bolam v Friern Hospital Management Committee* [1957] 1 WLR 582
- *Bolitho v City and Hackney Health Authority* [1998] AC 232
- *Barnett v Chelsea & Kensington Hospital* [1969] 1 QB 428