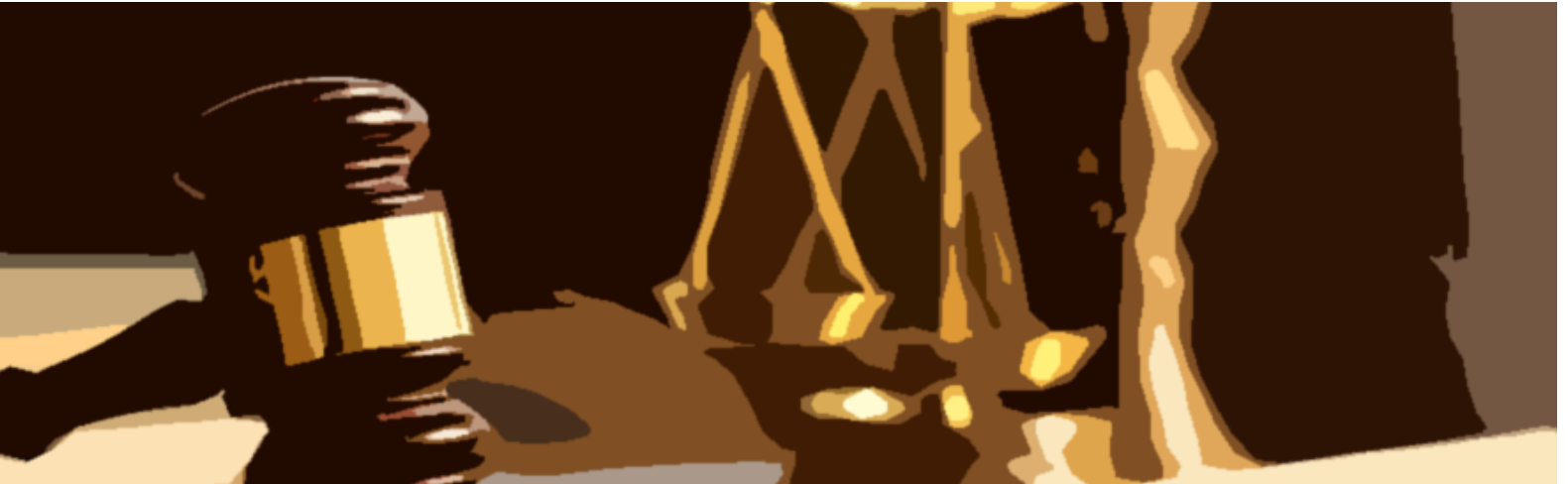




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CASE STUDY #1



SITUATION

In a 2023 case, an acupuncturist did not recognize the signs of “pneumothorax”, did not take the right steps to ensure patient safety, and did not sufficiently document this information. In addition, the patient file did not contain sufficient health history or informed consent for treatment and was missing other fundamental information to support the safe treatment of the patient.

WHAT ACUPUNCTURISTS CAN LEARN FROM THIS CASE

- 1. Recognize the signs:** a patient you are treating experiences shortness of breath and pain immediately after an acupuncture treatment.
- 2. Take action:** your responsibility as an acupuncturist is to appropriately assess and act on the situation.
- 3. Document:** once you act, you must clearly and sufficiently document all details about the adverse reaction and what you did.

Recognizing the signs, acting, and documenting will not only ensure the safety of the patient, but it may become a mitigating factor if there is a complaint against you or in cases where the patient decides to pursue legal action.

WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION

For more information on how you can ensure the safety of a patient, refer to the following standards of practice on our [website](#):

- Patient Records
- Code of Conduct and Ethics
- Standards of Competency and Practice.