



# Comisión Nacional de los Derechos Humanos

## México

### **Recommendation 57/2011**

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**MATTER: ABOUT THE CASE OF INADEQUATE MEDICAL ATTENTION AT THE IMSS RURAL MEDICAL CLINIC OF SAN NICOLÁS DEL OBISPO, IN THE STATE OF MICHOACÁN, TO THE DETRIMENT OF V4 AND MINORS V1, V2 AND V3.**

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The Mexican National Human Rights Commission examined the elements and evidence contained within file CNDH/1/2011/5775/Q, relating to the case of V1, V2, V3 and V4. On June 7<sup>th</sup> 2011, AR1, medical assistant assigned to the Rural Medical Clinic of the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS) in San Nicolás Obispo, municipality of Morelia, Michoacán, set up a vaccination module out of his own accord, with the aim of administering pentavalent and hepatitis B vaccines. According to Q1, Q2 and Q3, the mothers of V1, V2 and V3, who were 5 and 6 months old respectively, noticed that their children showed a variety of symptoms including: weeping, sweating and fainting only hours after they had allegedly been vaccinated. Because of this, they took them to the “Eva Sámano de López Mateos” Children’s Hospital in Morelia pertaining to the state Secretariat of Public Health, where medical personnel diagnosed the three victims with hypoglycemia. They noted that such condition damaged the nervous system of V1, damaged the lungs and swelled the brain of V2 and brought seizures upon V3. Amidst these conditions, a series of studies were performed on V1 on June 20<sup>th</sup> 2011, which showed that her optic and acoustic nerves had been damaged or, in other words, that she was rendered blind and deaf. V2, on the other hand, would require lifelong medical aid and rehabilitation due to the severe brain damage suffered. Lastly, on July 6<sup>th</sup> 2011, Q3, mother of V3, told staff of the National Commission that her son had died the day before. The National Commission gathered sufficient proof to confirm violations to the right to health to the detriment of V1, V2, V3 and V4 and to the right to life to the detriment of V3. This was attributed to AR1; medical assistant assigned to the Rural Medical Clinic of the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS) in San Nicolás Obispo, municipality of Morelia, Michoacán and led the Commission to issue Recommendation 57/2011.

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