

# Puyallup widower suing over flu-related deaths of wife, baby daughter

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**UPDATE:** LaDonna Mohler, Summit View Clinic’s administrator, said this afternoon she had not seen the lawsuit so she would be unable to comment at this time.

**PREVIOUS POST:** Attorneys for a Puyallup man whose wife and infant daughter died of complications related to swine flu are expected to file a wrongful death lawsuit against the mother’s primary care provider today.

Kenneth Flyte contends in the lawsuit – a copy of which was provided to The News Tribune – that doctors at Summit View Clinic failed to adequately treat his wife, Kathryn Flyte, when she developed flu-like symptoms in June 2009 while she was six months pregnant with the couple’s daughter.

Cases of swine flu, also known as H1N1, were prevalent across the nation at the time.

Kathryn Flyte, later diagnosed with swine flu, slipped into a coma and died Aug. 11. Doctors successfully delivered her daughter, Abbey, prematurely.

[The girl died](#) in February 2010. Doctors believe she “suffered oxygen deprivation in the womb,” according to the lawsuit.

Kenneth Flyte seeks unspecified damages.

He claims doctors at Summit View, specifically William G. Marsh, did not “provide prompt and adequate medical attention” to Kathryn Flyte, especially when they failed to prescribe Tamiflu, a drug used to treat flu-like symptoms.

Doctors should have been more vigilant with the swine-flu pandemic under way, the lawsuit states.

An attempt to reach Marsh was not immediately successful.