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Policeman, doctors clash in Ebonyi over baby's death

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The alleged death of a baby patient at Alex Ekwueme Federal University Teaching Hospital Abakaliki(AE-FUTHA), Ebonyi State Wednesday, sparked off a 'fight' between father of the child and a policeman attached to the state police command and some medical doctors at the hospital. The policeman, whose name could not be immediately ascertained, had taken his sick child to the hospital for medical examination. It was learnt that a doctor had prescribed drugs for the baby and it was procured and injected on the child when another doctor came in and prescribed another set of drugs different from the one the first doctor prescribed earlier and questioned why the first doctor recommended the drugs for the baby. A source in the hospital told our correspondent that the drugs recommended by the second doctor was later administered on the baby and it led to her death some minutes after taken it. "The policeman then confronted the first doctor and held him on the neck over the death of the baby patient. One of the doctors who were on duty came from behind and slapped the policeman and the policeman retaliated," the source, who did not want his name in print, said. The incident caused crisis in the hospital and it took the intervention of the Chief Medical Director, Dr. Emeka Onwe Ogah and the state Commissioner of Police to calm the situation.

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