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A Johns Hopkins nurse has sued a doctor assault for allegedly intentionally spraying him with a patient's contaminated fluids.

Benjamin Waldbaum claims Martin Slodzinski "felt comfortable carrying out such a heinous act because the hospital tolerates an environment of hazing and abuse by attending physicians," according to the complaint, filed Thursday in Baltimore City Circuit Court.

Waldbaum's attorney, Ari Casper, said the hospital has failed to take the incident seriously and "isn't giving it the attention that something this serious deserves."

A spokesperson for Johns Hopkins said Friday the defendants "take these allegations very seriously" but declined to comment on the litigation.

On June 14, Waldbaum was assisting Slodzinski, an anesthesiologist, with an operation and paged him when the patient was prepped for surgery, according to the complaint. Slodzinski made comments about making the patient feel high and told Waldbaum to "shut up" before he unscrewed a syringe from the



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