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“Brain-damaged boy’s story to be featured on TV tonight”

The story of a Broward boy’s struggle with the hospital responsible for severely damaging his brain will be shown on television tonight.

Justin Bates has spent most of his life in Broward General Medical Center in Fort Lauderdale – since the day medical workers inserted a breathing tube into his stomach when the tube should have gone into his lungs.

His heart stopped, and oxygen stopped flowing to his brain.

A jury awarded Justin, now 10, \$8.6 million. The hospital is fighting that judgment, and also wants someone to pay the child’s medical bills, estimated at 3.4 million.

Because Broward General is part of the North Broward Hospital District, it is considered a public agency and is protected from having to pay more than \$200,000 in a malpractice case, unless the Florida Legislature approves more.

Justin Bates’ story is to be aired at 9 tonight on CBS’ *Eye to Eye With Connie Chung*, which can be seen on WCIX-Channel 6 and WPEC-Channel 12.