

# The Last Analyst — Mini-SAT Case Study

## The Wrong Patient

### Background

A law firm hires an analyst to verify the identity of a man suing a hospital for negligence. He claims he was mistaken for another patient and given a surgery he never consented to. The analyst must determine: is he a victim — or committing fraud?

### Mini-SAT Applied: Key Assumptions Check

This method is used to pressure-test the foundational assumptions that support or undermine the client's position. Each assumption is listed, then tested using contextual clues or hard evidence.

### Analysis

1. Assumption: The man was present for surgery.
  - No timestamped footage confirms it.
2. Assumption: He had no prior knowledge of the condition.
  - Social posts hint at symptoms weeks earlier.
3. Assumption: Hospital staff identified him correctly.
  - Staff memories conflicted in interviews.
4. Assumption: The timeline of treatment was consistent.
  - Inconsistencies emerged in records.

### Outcome

This SAT clarified which assumptions posed the greatest risk to the client's case. It guided further fact-finding, especially around timeline reconstruction and identity verification.