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Professor Berry,
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Dear Professor Berry,

Re: Adam STRAIN, Deceased

Please find enclosed -

1. Copies of notes of this case.
2. Copies of consultant anaesthetist report.
3. Copy of consultant paediatric nephrologist's report.
4. Copy of equipment report. (TAB 7)
5. Copy of slides from the case.

I should be grateful if you would provide an expert opinion in this case for H. M. Coroner for Greater Belfast, Mr. J. L. Leckey, LLM.

To Summarise:

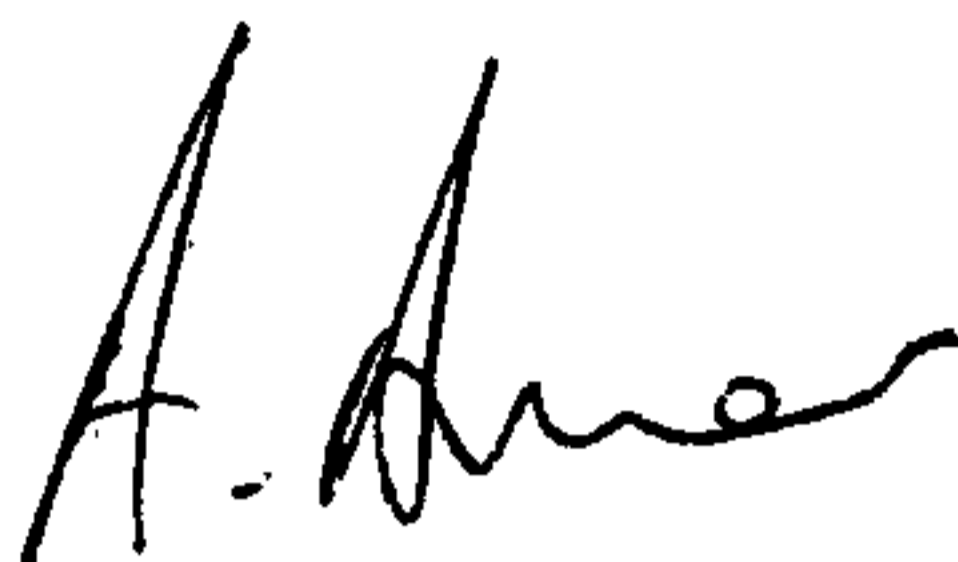
This 4-year old boy with a history of polyuric renal failure due to posterior urethral valves was admitted for a renal transplant operation. He was well nourished although he ate nothing by mouth and was fed via a gastrostomy. This would include a night feed of 1,500 mls. The operation lasted four hours and there was a little more bleeding than expected and it was apparently technically more difficult partly due to his well nourished state. However, after the operation this little boy did not wake up and shortly afterwards (about one hour) an urgent CT scan revealed gross cerebral oedema. He was ventilated for about 24 hours before being declared dead.



At postmortem I found gross cerebral oedema (1,320 gms.). The brain and spinal cord are fixing and a neuropathological opinion will be requested - the heart was donated at postmortem for organ transplantation.

I should be grateful if you would look at slides from the case and provide the Coroner with your expert opinion. If I can be of any further help in this matter, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Yours sincerely,



Alison Armour
Senior Registrar

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c.c. Mr. J. L. Leckey, H. M. Coroner