

The **ROYAL**
HOSPITALS

THE ROYAL BELFAST HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN

DIALYSIS CLINIC

U.N. 364377
DATE OF CLINIC 2nd February 1995
DATE TYPED 3rd February 1995

Dr. Scott
The Surgery
9 Brook Street
HOLYWOOD
CO. DOWN
BT18 9DA

Dear Dr. Scott

RE: ADAM STRAIN [REDACTED]

Adam has been up at the ward several times recently. He had two episodes at home when he had what sounded like rigors and we were worried that there was some underlying problem which we could not spot. His mum reported that his temperature shot up during these episodes but by the time he got to the ward he was well. It eventually clicked with us that these episodes were related to having his central line flushed and we therefore cultured his central line and found there were some Diptheroids present. We hope to clear these by giving him a week's course of Teicoplanin which he has been on. We are going to repeat his blood culture from his line today and give him a last dose of Teicoplanin. If we culture more organisms we may give him another couple of shots. We are giving them every three days because of his poor renal function on monitoring his blood levels which have been satisfactory at 20mgs/l. Hopefully we will not have to remove the line and put in a new one.

As far as his dialysis goes we have increased this recently to try and improve his blood results although clinically he looks the picture of health. However his urea has crept up over 20 and we would like to get it below that. He is therefore now having dialysis on six evenings a week. We have increased the number of cycles from 8 to 10 and the volume from 500-600mls.

He continues on his supplemental gastrostomy feeds 2.1litres giving him 1,540 calories a day. He eats nothing and therefore we are trying to get him to start eating and to that end he is going to attend a new feeding clinic that has been set up in the Children's Hospital with a dietitian, speech therapist and psychologist working together with children with these sort of difficulties.

PATRON: HRH The Duchess of Kent

The Royal Victoria Hospital
The Royal Maternity Hospital
The Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children

THE ROYAL GROUP OF HOSPITALS AND DENTAL HOSPITAL
HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST

180 Falls Road, Belfast BT12 6BE Northern Ireland
Telephone: [REDACTED]

JM
PNH 29

WFC

016-039-070

The **ROYAL**
HOSPITALS

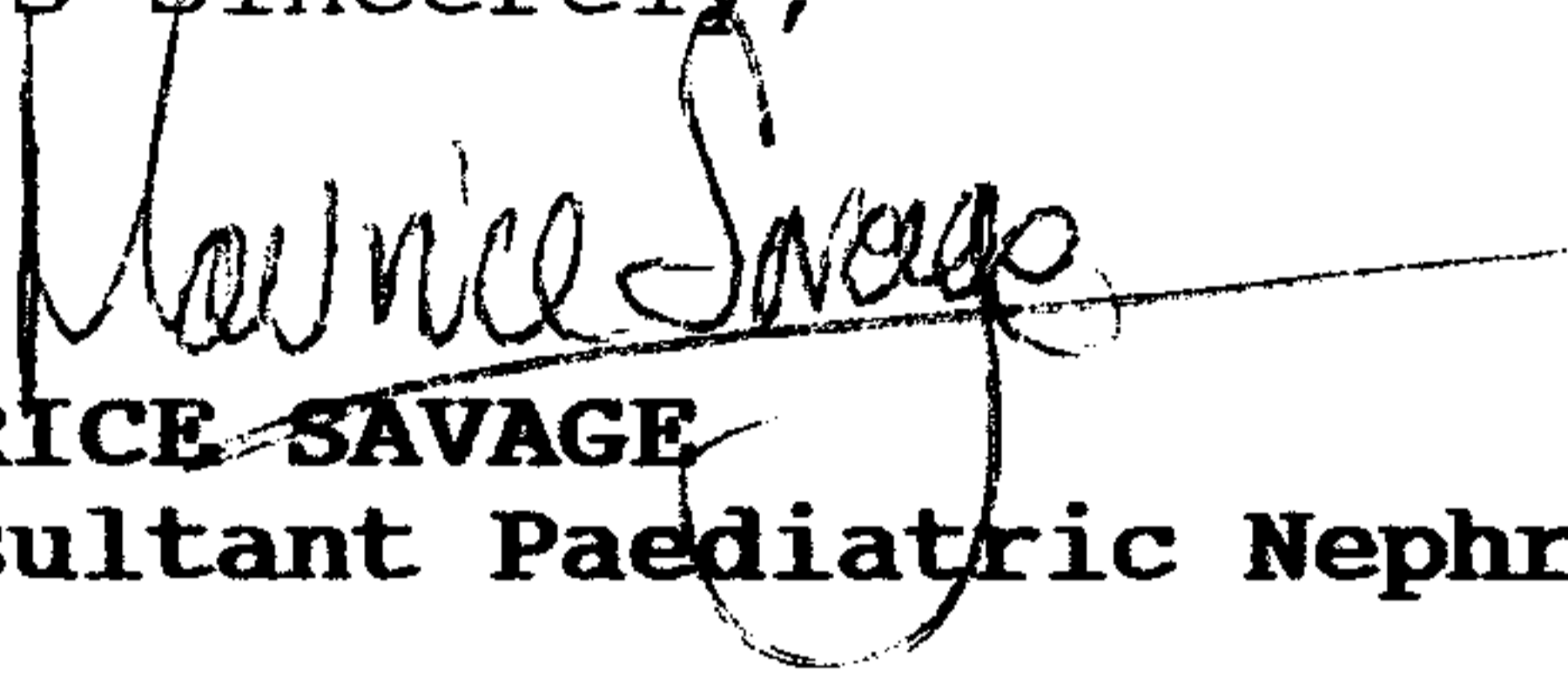
#]

THE ROYAL BELFAST HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN

ADAM STRAIN - 2nd February - cont.....

From the dialysis point of view we will see him again in a month's time but in the interval we will be keeping an eye on the problem with his line. We have not changed his drug therapy in any way today.

Yours sincerely,



MAURICE SAVAGE
Consultant Paediatric Nephrologist

/MG

AS - EHSSB