

NAME OF CHILD: Adam Strain

Name: Stephen Brown

Title: Consultant Paediatric Surgeon (Retired)

Present position and institution: Retired

Previous position and institution:

[As at the time of the child's death]

Consultant Paediatric Surgeon, Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children and Ulster Hospital Dundonald

Membership of Advisory Panels and Committees:

[Identify by date and title all of those between January 1995-December 2004]

Hon Sec Medical Staff Committee RBHSC 1995-97

Chairman Medical Staff Committee RBHSC 199-2001

Member RVH Research Sub-committee 1997-98

Chairman RBHSC Research Sub-committee 1999-2002

Executive Member and Publication Secretary, Society for Research into Hydrocephalus and Spina Bifida 2001-

Previous Statements, Depositions and Reports:

[Identify by date and title all those made in relation to the child's death]

Report to HM Coroner dated 20th December 1995 Ref no 059-060-146

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List of previous statement, depositions and reports attached:

Ref:	Date:	

Particular areas of interest

[Please attach additional sheets if more space is required]

1. Describe your role in the general care of Adam prior to his transplant surgery.

My role in Adam's care had finished some time before the transplant. I was involved in his management from infancy to maximize his renal function. Once he reached end stage renal failure my role ended. I was aware of the stages in his management from personal contact with Prof Savage. I was therefore aware when a suitable kidney became available. When the operation was scheduled I offered my services to Mr Keane as surgical assistant.

2. Describe in detail your role in the preparation for the transplant surgery on Adam, including:

- (i) meetings with other medical personnel; and**
- (ii) information sought and provided to other medical personnel.**

I had no role in the preparation for Adam's transplant operation, apart from offering my services as surgical assistant.

Particular areas of interest (Cont'd)**3. Describe in detail the course of the transplant surgery, including:**

- (i) your own actions;**
- (ii) the condition of the transplant kidney at the completion of surgery; and**
- (iii) the condition of Adam at the completion of the surgery.**

My role was as surgical assistant. Since I have not personally performed a transplant operation and have been involved in very few, I can only make general comments.

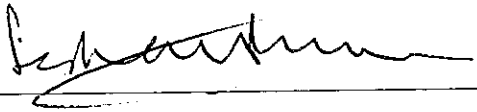
The operation was technically difficult. Adam had had a number of previous operations in the kidney and bladder area, so the dissection in the pelvis to identify the artery and vein was complicated. However it appeared to have been achieved satisfactorily. Following the vascular anastomosis the kidney appeared healthy and was a good colour. My recollection was that it did not produce any urine during the course of the operation. Throughout the operation I have no memory of any concerns related to Adam's general condition, and his condition at the end of the operation was satisfactory.

Other points you wish to make including additions to any previous Statements, Depositions and or Reports

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My involvement with Adam went back to his infancy in both the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children and the Ulster Hospital. He had a number of operations during his early childhood to attempt to maximize his renal function. However he was born with cystic dysplastic kidneys and failure was probably inevitable. My dealings with Adam are summarized in my report to HM Coroner on 20th Dec 1995 Ref no 059-060-146

THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF

Signed: 

Dated: 15th July 2005