

**NAME OF CHILD:** Raychel Ferguson

**Name:** Mr Bhalla NARESH KUMAR

**Title:** MR.

**Present position and institution:** STAFF GRADE SURGERY  
MACCLESFIELD DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL,  
MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

**Previous position and institution:** SPECIALIST REGISTRAR GEN. SURGERY,  
*[As at the time of the child's death]*  
ALTNAGELVIN AREA HOSPITAL, LONDONDERRY

**Membership of Advisory Panels and Committees:**

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

~~NONE~~ <sup>30/11/05</sup>

MEMBER OF RCSI, DUBLIN SINCE APRIL 1999  
MEMBER OF RCP(S), GLASGOW SINCE JULY 1999  
EXMEMBER OF BRITISH MED. ASSOCIATION  
LIFE MEMBER OF INDIAN MED. ASS.  
LIFE MEMBER OF ASS. OF SURGEONS OF INDIA.

**Previous Statements, Depositions and Reports:**

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

NONE

**OFFICIAL USE:**

List of previous statements, depositions and reports attached:

Ref:	Date:	

<sup>30/11/05</sup>  
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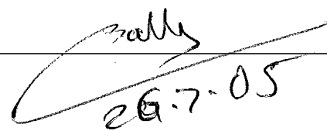
**Particular areas of interest**

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  - (i) the reason why you were called;
  - (ii) your observations and concerns in respect of Raychel at that time; and
  - (iii) the steps you took as a result of those concerns/observations and the length of time you were involved in the care of Raychel.

I WAS ON NIGHT CALL ON 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2001. AROUND 5AM I GOT PHONE CALL FROM WARD VI AS RAYCHEL FERGUSON WAS VERY SICK; HAD DEVELOPED RASH AND HAD A SEIZURE. I IMMEDIATELY RUSHED TO WARD TO SEE HER. ON MY ARRIVAL I FOUND THAT FULL ACTIVE RESUSCITATIVE MEASURES WERE BEING PERFORMED BY ANESTHETIST AND PAEDIATRICIAN. PATIENT HAD BEEN GIVEN ANTISEIZURE DRUGS, INTRAVENOUS FLUIDS AND ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION BY ENDOTRACHEAL INTUBATION. FROM MY COLLEAGUES AND FROM PATIENT'S CASE NOTES I FOUND FOLLOWING POINTS:-

- ① RAYCHEL HAD UNDERGONE EMERGENCY APPENDICECTOMY AROUND 11:30 PM ON 07.06.01.
- ② DURING OPERATION APPENDIX WAS FOUND TO BE MILDLY CONGESTED, CONTAINED FECOLITH AND THERE WAS REACTIONARY CLEAR FLUID IN THE PERITONEUM.
- ③ SHE HAD BEEN PRESCRIBED POSTOP FLAGYL.
- ④ SHE DID NOT HAVE HISTORY OF ANY SIGNIFICANT MEDICAL DISEASE IN THE PAST NOR SHE HAD ANY KNOWN ALLERGIES TO ANY MEDICINE.
- ⑤ SHE HAD RECEIVED 1680 mls OF SOLN 18 FROM 8AM ON 08.06.01 TO 4AM ON 09.06.01 AND HAD VOMITTED 5-6 TIMES POST OPERATIVELY.

  
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⑥ SHE HAD BEEN FAIRLY STABLE TILL 3AM WHEN SUDDENLY SHE VOMITED, HAD SEIZURE AND BECAME VERY SICK.

ON EXAMINATION I FOUND HER TO BE UNCONSCIOUS WITH BOTH PUPILS DILATED AND FIXED. SHE HAD PETECHIAE OVER UPPER HALF OF TRUNK. HER ABDOMEN WAS SOFT AND MILDLY DISTENDED. BLOOD INVESTIGATIONS DONE EARLY HOURS OF 09.06.01 SHOWED SERUM Na=118, Mg=0.59, WCC=17.0, NEUTROPHILS=15.0, BLOOD GASES SUGGESTED METABOLIC ACIDOSIS. REST OF THE BLOOD RESULTS WERE NORMAL.

I ASKED FOR IMMEDIATE NASOGASTRIC TUBE INSERTION IN ORDER TO REDUCE GASTRIC DISTENSION AND AVOID FURTHER VOMITING & ITS COMPLICATIONS. I GOT HER CATHETERIZED IN ORDER TO CLOSELY MONITOR HER HYDRATION & URINARY ELECTROLYTES. I ALSO GOT HER BLOOD CHEMISTRY REPEATED TO KNOW PROGRESS OF RESUSCITATION AND TO RECONFIRM HER METABOLIC ABNORMALITIES. I ALSO GOT URGENT CT SCAN OF BRAIN TO FIND OUT ANY NEUROLOGICAL CAUSE OF HER SEIZURE. SCAN SHOWED SUBARACHNOID HEMORRHAGE, RAISED INTRACRANIAL TENSION BUT NO FOCAL ABNORMALITY. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH

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NEUROSURGEONS AT RVH, BELFAST, ~~BY~~ 8 AM  
ENHANCED CT SCAN OF BRAIN WAS DONE TO  
RULE OUT EMPHYEMA IN CRANIUM, SHE WAS  
SHIFTED TO ICU AND FULL RESUSCITATIVE  
MEASURES WERE CARRIED OUT DURING WHOLE  
PERIOD. AT 8.30 AM MR. DATE MEMBER OF  
CARING TEAM ARRIVED AND AFTER GIVING  
HIM FULL INFORMATION ABOUT RAYCHEL  
FERGUSON AND ASSURING MYSELF THAT  
HE WILL BE CARRYING OUT FURTHER  
MANAGEMENT OF THE PATIENT I LEFT THE  
WARD. IT HAS BEEN A VERY UNFORTUNATE  
INCIDENT AND I EXPRESS MY FULL  
SYMPATHIES WITH RAYCHEL'S PARENTS  
AND NEAR RELATIVES, MAY HER SOUL  
REST IN PEACE.

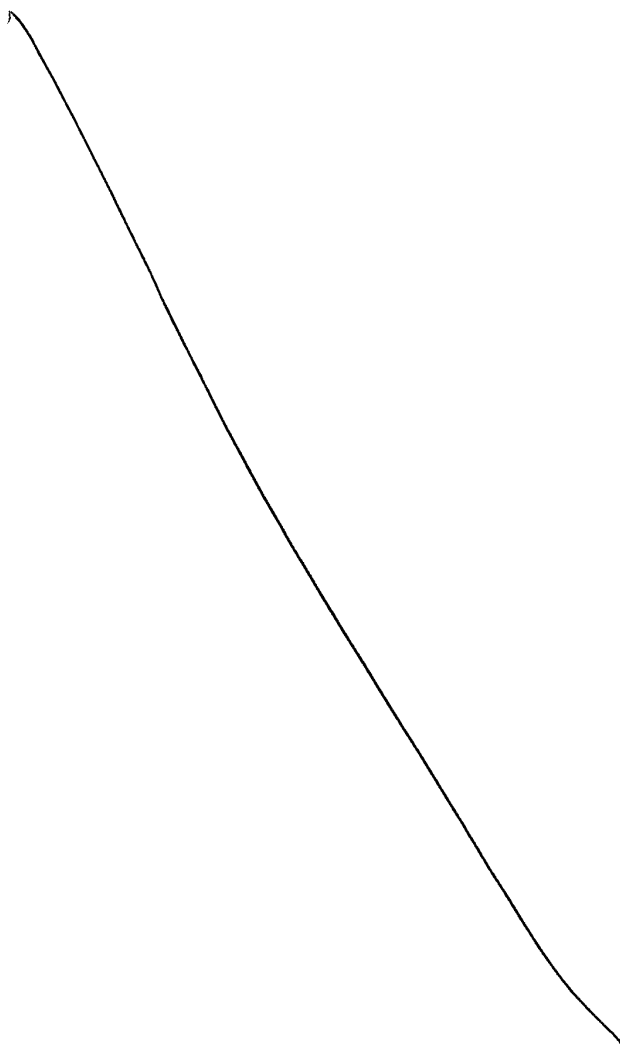
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**Other points you wish to make including additions to any previous Statements, Depositions and or Reports**

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NONE



Signed: 

Dated: 26<sup>th</sup> July 05