

Witness Statement Ref. No. 057/1

**NAME OF CHILD: Raychel Ferguson**

**Name: Edward Sumner**

**Title: Dr**

**Present position and institution:**

Fully retired from clinical medicine

**Previous position and institution:**

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

Consultant paediatric anaesthetist – Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Trust, London WC1N 3JH

**Membership of Advisory Panels and Committees:**

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

President, Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland 2001-2003

Editor-in Chief – Pediatric Anesthesia

**Previous Statements, Depositions and Reports:**

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

Please see below

**OFFICIAL USE:**

**List of previous statements, depositions and reports attached:**

<b>Ref:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	
012-001-001	February 02	Report
012-029-150	05.02.03	Deposition at the Inquest into the death of Raychel Ferguson

**Particular areas of interest**

*[Please attach additional sheets if more space is required]*

1. **Specify the information that was provided to you for you to provide your report, including identifying:**
  - (i) any discussions that you had and with whom;
  - (ii) all documents; and
  - (iii) all non-documentary records (such as slides etc).

2. **Explain in detail the basis for your comments that fluid management is a Cinderella area but the potential for hyponatraemia and how to manage it should be widely known.**

My description of fluid management in clinical medicine as a “Cinderella area” was my subjective opinion, based on my understanding that this area of medicine is commonly thought to be dull and thus tends to be neglected.

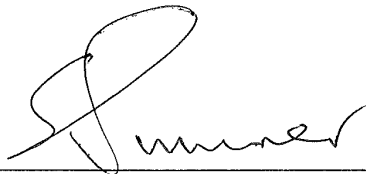
All aspects of fluid management should be well taught and widely known. It has come as a surprise to me that this may not be the case, in particular the use of dextrose/saline to replace abnormal losses from the gastro-intestinal tract. The subject of dilutional hyponatraemia has been publicized in major journals for quite a long time now.

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

*[Please attach additional sheets if more space is required]*

I have nothing to add to my report and deposition

**Signed:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Summer".

**Dated:**

7<sup>th</sup> July 2005