

CLINICAL NOTES

DATE/TIME

INPATIENT PCU

13/4/00

18/12 ♀

Dr.

0830

Emergency tlf from Erne Hospital

PC Unresponsive

Fixed dilated pupils

Initial lx

Unwell since Tues. Attended G.P. - NAI

Hb 12.1

Wbc 15.0

Plts 397

Yesterday - poor intake x 2/7

occ. sips

↑ temps

Vomiting

Na 137

K 4.1

Cl 105

CO₂ 16

urea 9.9

creat 45

glu 4.5

A+E last night

- 3 hrs to get IV access

- IVF commenced @ 2230

- Antipyretics Rx

- ↑ unresponsive during the night

Developed diarrhoea as inpt

V. watery + profuse

° Bld / muc

At 3am Mum → erratic breath's

Given PR diazepam

No ~~shaking~~ jerking / teeth clenched noted

Responded to bagging

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Pupils noticed to be fixed + dilated
@ $\approx 3^{30}$

Intubated @ 04⁰⁰

Mannitol given

Covered for sepsis 0 1gm Claforan

BP/HR stable during transfer to NI

Dobutamine infn commenced in amb

@ 0730 because of $\downarrow$ in BP

PICU arrival @ 08⁰⁰

O/E - ~~eyes~~ Pupils fixed + dilated
Unresponsive to pain
V. floppy

HR 70 ± 8
BP

Hypothermic - temp
Unrecorded

Examined by Reg - no pupilloedema

CVS 1+II

Resp - no abn findings reported.

(P) BC/FBC/U+E/LFTs/ Ca^{2+} / Mg^{2+} /Glu/G+H sent
Arterial + central lines inserted
ET tube changed
Warming
Congo notes requested for further info

L M Chugh
PICU ST10 on call

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09⁰⁰

Contacted by Anaesthetist in Emergency Hospital.

Repeat U+E

Na 127

K 2.7

renal function - normal

LMcLaughlin
(SHO)

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Pres Neurology

10.30

18/12

11/4 : Vomiting everything - not eating
 Went to vet under - brought home at 12 → GP
 at 2.30 - shocked out - felt 6 hrs OK - playing
 Slept well Tuesday PM

12/4 - Boiled water - vomited.

Furber stayed at home - listless

lethargic

still vomiting.

dunking

Mum home from there - still lethargic →

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Given Calpol 2pm

Drunk water - kept down

Wolke's Tweenies 3.30

Still drinking -

Fell asleep, unresponsive -

Long Contractions 6.30 Still pyrexia

Brought → Out of hours

→ Ene (19.30)

Tried IV placement x 3 hours trying to reach

Dr D Donohue called

Tried Doidyle

Got IV c. 10pm

Eyes glassy, slami 11.20, went back to sleep

00.15 - settles, vomited

Offensive burps → green (02.10)

→ Side ward

Warm

3 am - settles

abnormal breathing

Arms, legs fits - tonic

Reflexes not reacting, unconscious

Intubated 4 am

→ PICU 8 am

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One meter 16

one bottle 13

Bronchitis

C/S - mild 7th 20g

Vaccination -

• Meds.

? given sedation

O/E - Cold (31°) Pale.

Unresponsive.

Pupils fixed & unresponsive.

No corneal or gag reflex

No doll's eye reflex

Fundi (N) - No haemorrhages

No papilloedema

Reflexes present but diminished

No hepatomegaly

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Sum - Cerebral paralysis has worn off,
and she has been given no radiation,
findings would suggest that she
shows no sign now of brainstem function.

For CT stat, then probably for EEG.

DDx ? infection - ? herpes

? haemorrhagic shock encephalopathy

? metabolic, e.g. urea cycle defect.

? cerebral ischaemia for other cause.

No cause is clinically evident as yet

I would suggest, as well as EEG/CT,
the following

already
done.

U/E, LFT

Ammonia

Clotting screen, including FDP etc.

Herpes titres.

+ Urine for Organic acids. + Toxicology
if for LP, check herpes PCR.

Dr Munro

> Stools for culture gone from Ernie.

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13/04/00 13⁴⁰ to cover period from admission to
MURRAY PICU at 08⁰⁰ to 09⁰⁰

received patient from transfer team from the
Erne Hospital. patient intubated ^(oral tube) and ventilated
colour good, A/E both lungs.
dopamine infusion at 1.5 ml via peripheral
iv line. HR initially noted to be ~ 110/min
but within a few minutes had dropped to
70/min. child hand-bagged and hyperventilated.
but no improvement in heart rate. peripheral
pulse palpable. BP 75/45. pupils fixed and
dilated. central line organised.

J. Hargrave

13/04/00

13⁵⁰

Dr. CHITAMUTHA

- Central line (Right internal jugular
vein) inserted + Left femoral Arterial
line inserted between 08.35 to 08.50 hours.

hargrave

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WARD ROUND - THURSDAY 13 APRIL 2000 - PICU
CONSULTANT - DR P CREAM

LUCY CRAWFORD

Eighteen-month old girl, transferred from Erne Hospital this morning. She has been unwell since Tuesday, poor intake of oral fluids, lethargic. Yesterday she was pyrexia, vomiting. Was taken to the Erne Hospital last night at 7.00pm, IV access was difficult and the parents say it took three and a half hours to establish an intravenous line.

During this time she was fairly unresponsive.

In the early hours of this morning, mother noticed that her breathing became erratic and she developed a seizure. She was given rectal Diazepam and at 3.30am her pupils were noticed to be fixed and dilated.

She was intubated and ventilated and transferred to the PICU in RBHSC.

She is currently haemodynamically stable on mechanical ventilation and requires an Adrenaline infusion to maintain her blood pressure.

Apparently she has had Manatol and is still polyuric.

She has a metabolic acidosis of -10 and the Sodium on ward testing is 140.

She is unresponsive to painful stimuli and I was able to change her endotracheal tube without any medications.

I am awaiting faxes of her notes from the Erne Hospital and she is to be reviewed by a Paediatric Neurologist this morning.

P. Cream

Neurologist

4.00

CT today shows obliteration of the lateral ventricles suggesting that she has died.

17.45

Reasonable white matter / gray matter differentiation seen, but her VEEG shows isoelectric pattern.

her prognosis, in my opinion, is hopeless, and indications are that she is brain dead.

She will need brain stem tests, and on discussion with her parents, we will defer these until tomorrow.

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In the meantime, overnight, if she deteriorates, her parents are agreeable to her not being actively resuscitated.

If she succumbs, a PM would be desirable - coroner will have to be informed.

I will leave tonight by plane, and will perform brainstem tests tomorrow.

Donncha Hanrahan
Cons Paed Neurology

WARD ROUND - FRIDAY 14 APRIL 2000 - PICU
CONSULTANT - DR A M CHISAKUTA

LUCY CRAWFORD

Seventeen
This ~~eighteen~~-month old girl admitted from Erne Hospital yesterday still remains unresponsive.

She has required mechanical respiratory support during the last 24hrs.

An infusion of Desmopressin was discontinued during the night.

At 09.00 this morning, she had a negative brain stem viability test (1st test).

PLAN:

1 Await repeat second set of tests.

10.30

2nd tests Brain stem.

LC-Royal

Dr D. Hanrahan + Dr. A. Chisakuta

→ NEGATIVE

061-018-066

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Blood Cultures negative to date. (After 24 hrs)

11.30

Phoned Erne lab : Urine culture

#6449

- no significant growth.

Stools all sent to Altnapelin.

Altnapelin lab :

- Stool cultures → no pathogens isolated to date.
- Rota / adenovirus available at 4.30 pm tonight
- full repeat Salmonella + Campylobacter requires further 24 hr culture.

Transplant team (Eleanor Donaghy) contacted again by Dr Hawrahah - will ring back.

Coroner (Dr Curtis on behalf of coroners) contacted by Dr Hawrahah - case discussed, coroners PM is not required, but hospital PM would be useful to establish cause of death + rule out other Δ.

Parents consent for PM. ✓

Stewart

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After discussion re. transplant / organ retrieval,

14.30 hrs.

Lucy was extubated @ 13.00 hrs

Parents in attendance

13.15: No heart beat, no signs life.

Spoke to Pathologist Dr D. O'Hara

• Autopsy form ✓

• Consent (written) by parents ✓

• Heart to be retrieved for heart valve donation during PM.

C Stewart
SPR

4/05/00 Contacted by

- re death certificate

- spoke to Dr Stewart - had been waiting for PM result

- PM result in front of court

- Gastroenteritis

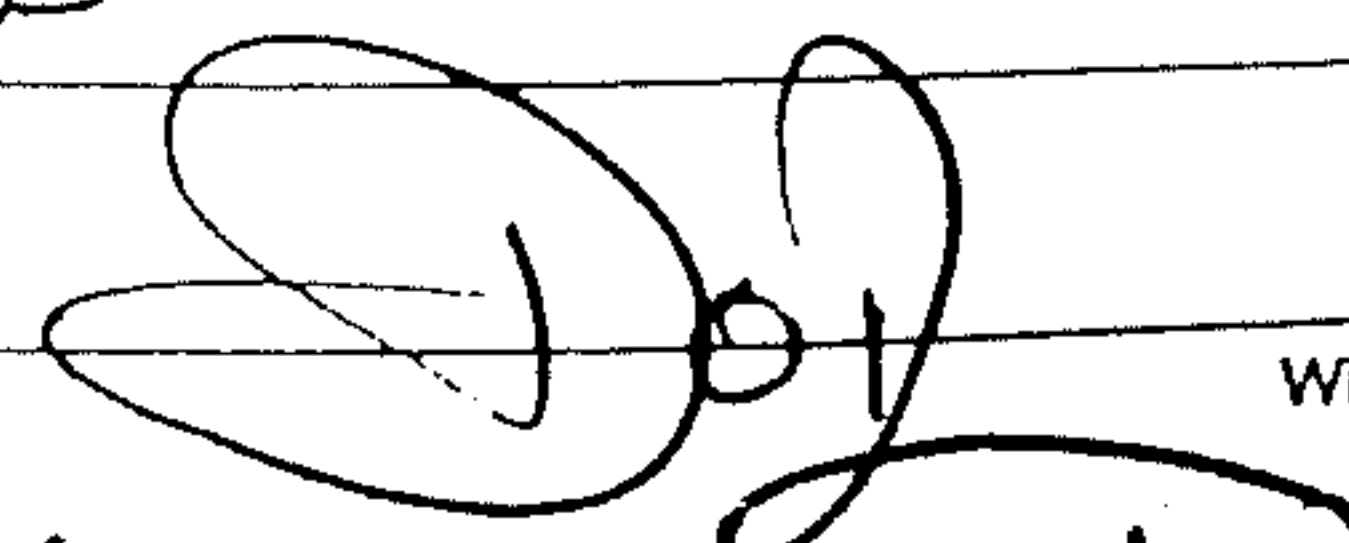
- spoke to Dr Hamrah

- Cause of death 1. Cerebral oedema

2. Dehydration

3. Gastroenteritis

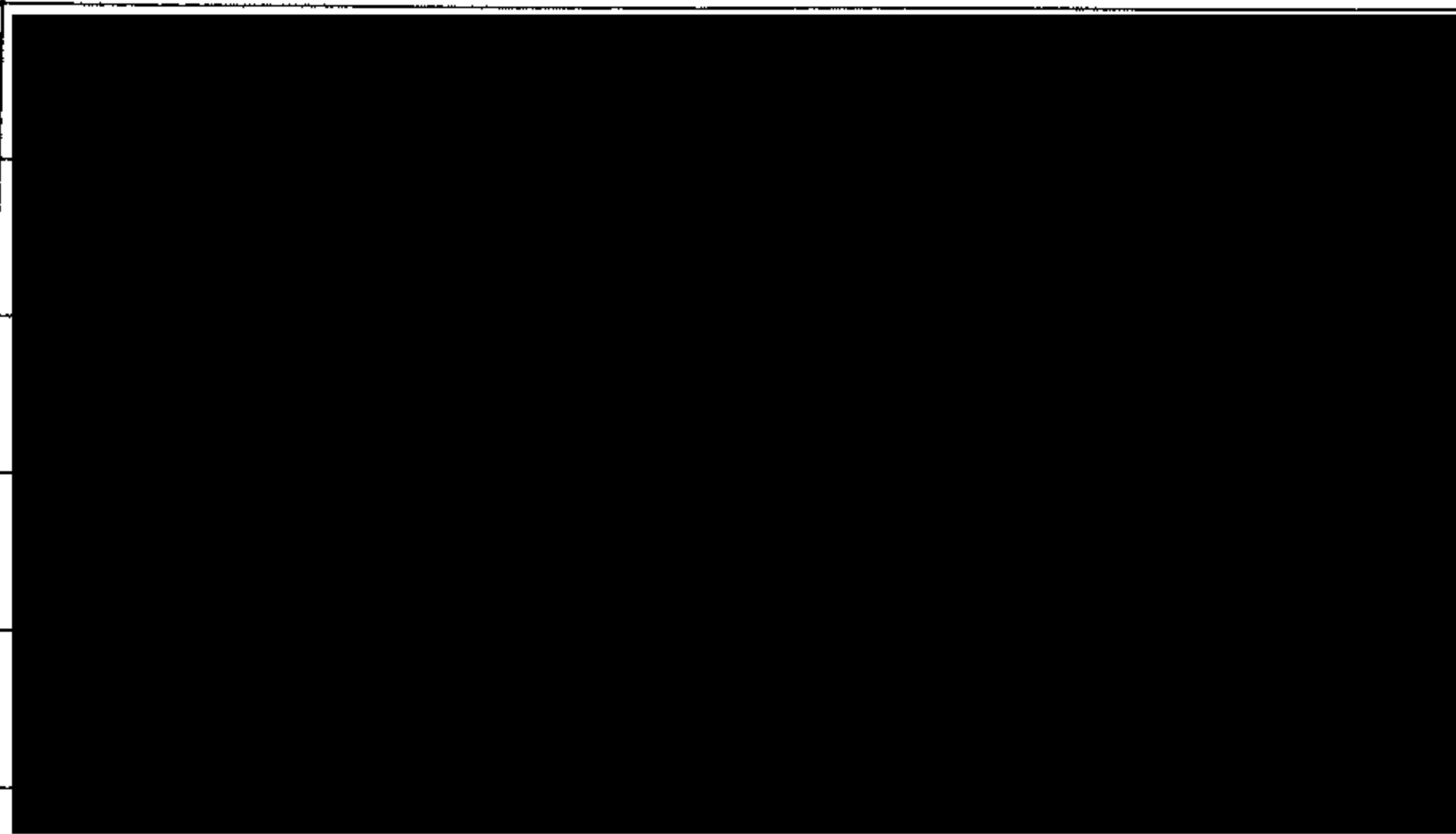
→ will contact funeral Undertaker


 (Dr Stewart)

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- spoke undertaker - will send Death Cert



10/1/00

1/6/00

Interviewed parents.
They have met Dr O'Donoghue, who ~~says that~~ and
not have her notes.

I went over the events around baby's death, and
encouraged them to re-attend Dr O'Donoghue to
clarify events in the ER.

I will see them again if required.

D. Manahan

14/6/00

Consulted Dr O'Donoghue who will see baby's
parents again, but he would rather wait for
the pm report.

D. Manahan