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Mum dies after a straightforward procedure

A mother of two is believed to have suffered a million to one reaction to a standard intravenous drip at a Manchester hospital.

She died following a straightforward surgical procedure at St Mary's Hospital to correct a bladder disorder after childbirth.

Aged 27, Mrs Lau, from Timperley suffered a fatal seizure after the salt levels in her blood fell while she was on a drip after the operation in May 1997.

This week, after a Coroner recorded a misadventure verdict, her husband said "I feel so angry that a healthy person can go in for an operation completely reassured and then this happens." Doctors have now ordered that saline drips at St Mary's should be alternated with dextrose/saline drips to ensure the same thing can never happen again.

A post-mortem found no physical abnormalities that would have led to seizure and hospital staff agreed Mrs Lau seemed perfectly well directly after it.

Mr Lau is considering a civil case for negligence and is consulting solicitors at specialists Alexander Harris.

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