

STATEMENT OF WITNESS**STATEMENT OF: PATRICIA MADELINE CONWAY***Name**Rank***AGE OF WITNESS** (If over 18 enter "over 18"): 27.3.63*To be completed
when the statement
has been written*

I declare that this statement consisting of 2 pages, each signed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence at a preliminary enquiry or at the trial of any person, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated this 16 day of FEBRUARY 2006

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom
statement was recorded or received

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

PRINT NAME IN CAPS

In November 1995 I was a Registered General Nurse (RGN) and Registered Sick Children's Nurse (RSCN). I also had a BSc (Hons) in Health and Social Services Management. I started my general training in the Royal Victoria Hospital in 1981, qualified as an RGN in 1985, worked in theatre at Musgrave Park Hospital from 1985 – May 1987, then moved to Ward 1N (Vascular Surgery) in 1987 to August 1989, then went to BCH A&E from August 1989 to February 1991, then from February 1991 – February 1992 trained as RSCN and from then to 1999 approximately I worked in theatres at RBHSC. When Adam Strain was admitted to the RBHSC in November 1995 I was a paediatric staff nurse in theatres. I was on night duty the night prior to his planned renal transplant, that is the 26 November 1995. As part of the team I helped prepare the theatre for Adam. I counted out the swabs, instruments and blades pre-operatively and recorded that in Adam's notes at page number 058-007-020. At about 8.00 am I was going off duty and I had handed over to Janice Matthewson, Staff Nurse. She was acting as runner in the operation.

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I told her Adam was checked in to theatre according to our procedures, I gave her the x-rays and the pre-operative swab count etc. This involved confirming to her that everything on a pre-operative check-list was complete. I came back on duty at 8.00 pm that night. I asked how Adam was and I recall being told that he had arrested and passed away in theatre. I cannot recall who told me that. I have had no other involvement in this matter.

Certified to be a true copy of an original signed document.

SWAB COUNT

OPERATION

^{left}
Renal Transplant

DATE: 2.11.45

THEATRE: II

SURGEON: M.

SCRUBBED NURSE:

St. Rapplestone

SWABS:

Abdominal

18" x 18"

12" x 12"

4" x 4"

Raytec Swabs

2" x 2"

6" x 1"

6" x 4"

Lint Strips

Patties

Prostatic Packs

Packs:-

Purse Dissector Swabs:

8 loops x 26

Other Types:-

blade x 2

needles x 24

conical x 1

Tape:-

Suture Needles:-

Instrument:-

Drain Inserted:-

SWABS

INSTRUMENTS

SUTURE NEEDLES, ETC.

CORRECT

Scrubbed Nurse's Signature

Runner's Signature

Surgeon's Signature

058-007-020

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