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From: Andrew Sands
Sent: 07 June 2005 16:14
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: From Mr A P Walby - re C Roberts

Dear Peter,
 Thanks for your comments. This is the second draft I have written on the subject. Both have been scrutinized by a senior medical advisor with the MPS. The first sounds as though it would have fitted the bill. However I was quite strongly advised to insert a statement regarding fluid therapy (what it was and by whom prescribed) and also to state whether there were guidelines in place regarding its use.

I have already sent the chart back to level 4. There is a sodium result of 121 recorded in the notes a few hours before Clair collapsed. It is not clear when it was ordered or taken-may have been circa 9pm with phenytoin levels. However it was acted upon by the on-call staff.

I will try to give you a call this afternoon and also speak again to the MPS. I really have no strong feelings about including (or not) details of the fluids.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2005 3:20 PM
To: Andrew Sands
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Andrew

I have combined your first two sentences into one with which I hope you will agree.

Regarding your comments at the end of paragraph three - "this was standard fluid therapy at that time. Although I did not prescribe the fluids, I was not aware of a contraindication to their use in this type of situation", could I suggest we leave this out. The issue of what was and is fluid practice remains under debate and 0.18 N saline remains "standard fluid therapy" when monitored adequately. I think that the fact that you did not prescribe the fluids is alluded to in the previous sentence of your statement. The issue of a contraindication remains debatable and you are probably not saying that if you had been the prescribing doctor you would not have used such fluid. At all it sounds very defensive and at this stage if you leave comments out it is probably better.

Can you advise (as you have the notes) the details of the "further serum electrolyte result" about which it is not clear from the chart when this was requested or taken. We can check what information the lab have and avoid later enquiries.

Peter

8/6/05 - Dr Sands rang again
 Can you ring him tomorrow please?

7/6/05
 Mr Walby,

Can you please ring Dr Sands? He will be in Clark Clinic tomorrow morning until 9.
 office number - [REDACTED]