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To

Inquiry into Hyponatraemia Related Deaths

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Thanks for the report of Dr. Squier, dated 4.12.2012.

Ad 1.

I accept the witness of Dr. Squier that there are cases in which an acute SVT did not produce any bleedings.

Ad 2.

I accept the statement that "venous and sinus thrombosis may be missed if the dural sinuses are not all examined carefully at autopsy". But I am a bit unsecure whether this answered my question: is this statement true in cases in which the child died nearly instantly and SVT was the only / main reason for death ?

Dr. Squier referred on cases 1 and 2 – however children survived for some days / weeks, in which time probably some re-canalisation of sinuses might have taken place.

(I want to clarify that at the end Prof. Kirkham was not convinced that SVT was the reason for Adam's death and made only the suggestion / hypothesis that death could be due to SVT).

Ad 3 - 5.

No further comments.

In summary - I think that CT, neuropathology and the time schedule of events is in favour of the hypothesis that Adam's death is primarily due to the severe oedema provoked by the overload with free water and not to PRES or acute SVT.

Greetings

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