

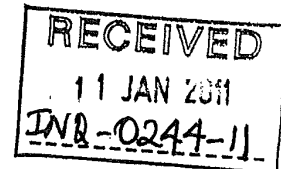
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Dear Madam

RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS

I refer to your letter dated 13th December 2010 (AD-0199-10)

I am advised that by the time of Adam Strain's transplant operation on 27th November 1995 electronic transducers were in use. Manometers had ceased to be used in anaesthesia/surgery since the introduction of electronic transducers sometime in the 1980s. In Adam's case 2 transducers were used, one for the arterial line and one for the central line. To answer the question accurately however a manometer would have been available in theatre at the time in question (and today), however its use is for a single measurement of CSF pressure during a lumbar puncture which would not have been relevant to Adam Strain's case where continuous measurement during anaesthesia/surgery was required.

Yours faithfully

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