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OUR REF: RGH/A/15/GB

YOUR REF: FC-37-05

26 April 2005

Ms Fiona Chamberlain
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Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths
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20 Adelaide Street
BELFAST
BT2 8GB



Dear Ms Chamberlain

***INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA-RELATED DEATHS
THE NEXT OF KIN OF ADAM STRAIN (DECEASED)***

I refer to previous correspondence in connection with the above and acknowledge receipt of your letter of 11 April 2005, together with the copy of correspondence of Messrs McCann & McCann, Solicitors, dated 6 April 2005.

There is no record of the left internal jugular vein being tied off in the RBHSC notes. It is the view of our client that this was not carried out and certainly not during the transplant operation on 27 November 1995.

The child had a Broviac central line inserted at operation on 29 May 1992 (RGH 8, page 52 - copy enclosed). This was a procedure which involved an incision in the left side of the neck and an incision in the chest where the line entered the body through the skin. The incision in the neck was created to access the common facial vein which was tied off. The central line was inserted through the common facial vein into the internal jugular vein and thence to the superior vena cava (SBC in the Operation Notes). This procedure specifically spared the internal jugular vein which was not sutured. The suture material is recorded as PDS (an absorbable suture). The Broviac line remained in place until it was removed because of infection on 9 February 1995 (RGH 12, page 189 - copy enclosed). The neck incision was not reopened and the suture referred to (RGH 12, page 147 - copy enclosed) was used to close the chest site.

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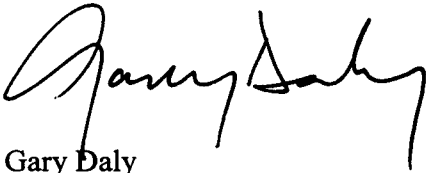


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I trust that you find this explanation helpful. Should you require further assistance or documentation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Daly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gary" being more prominent than the last name "Daly".

Gary Daly
for Brangam Bagnall & Co

Encs

GD-TT-26-04-05

OPERATION NOTES

Affix label or enter

Adam Strain 364377 Musg. Wd.

Operation performed Insertion Central Line, Cystoscopy & Retrograde ~~Pyelogram~~ 29/5/92

Surgeon Mr W A McCallion / Mr R J Stewart / Mr S Brown Anaesthetist Dr McCarthy / Crean

Assistant Sister Malcolmson

Incision

Indication: Pre base bilateral ureteric reimplant. Left ureter sloughed?

Findings requiring left to right TUO now presents with recurring UTI's

query due to obstructive uropathy. Requires long term antibiotics.

1) Insertion Broviac Line into left common facial vein. Transverse

cervical incision. Left common facial vein identified, entering left internal

jugular. Left common facial ligated with 5 X 0 PDS. Broviac line tunnelled

from anterior chest wall using Westminster and inserted into common facial

vein and then internal jugular. Check X-ray confirmed tip of broviac line

in proximal SBC. Neck wound closed in layers of 5 X 0 PDS and wound anterior

chest wall closed 5 X 0 PDS.

2) Cystoscopy using 30° telescope and 11 storz sheath. The right ureteric

orifice was identified in the mid line approx at the level of inter ureteric

bar. No lesion was found within the bladder. The UO was easily catheterised

with a size 3 ureteric catheter. The cystoscope was withdrawn and the baby

returned to X-ray for retrograde pyelogram.

W A McCallion

CMcI

Blood

Closure

Drains

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CLINICAL HISTORY, EXAMINATION AND PROGRESS

2.2.95 - Send Hsu. -
 Teico/Plasma level = 19.1 &

9/2/96 for Removal of Central line today
 - Consent
 - U&E

10/2
 9/2

2/2/96 - Rechecked volume for removal of central line

- Feeding well
 - Complacent

O/E chest clear
 abdomen & H&S
 also stable

- Wound ✓
 - U&B ✓
 - Urine output ✓

9/2/95 OPERATION NOTE S AAD/CITISANWA
 Brevia Line removed & GA
 Bedside dressing done
 cuff & catheter tip sent for culture

14.2.95 Feeding Clinic Initial Assessment - see report letter enclosed.

SPEECH THERAPY DEPARTMENT

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SWAB COUNT

FULL NAME Adam STEAN
 HOSPITAL NUMBER 364377
 CONSULTANT POTIS.

OPERATION Removal. Central
line
 THEATRE: Ames Room.
 SURGEON:

DATE: 7/2/95

SCRUBBED NURSE:

SWABS:

Abdominal 18" x 18"
 " 12" x 12"
 Raytec Swabs 4" x 4" 110
 2" x 2"
 6" x 1"
 6" x 4"

Lint Strips

Patties

Prostatic Packs

Other Types:—

Packs:—

Purce Dissector Swabs:

Pre-op check J Kipstead

Tape:—

Suture Needles:— X (

Instrument:—

Drain Inserted:—

SWABS INSTRUMENTS SUTURE NEEDLES, ETC. CORRECT

Scrubbed Nurse's Signature.....

Runner's Signature.....

Surgeon's Signature