

DEATH SUMMARY

THE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN
555 University Avenue
Toronto, Ontario
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Name: SHORE, LISA
HSC #: 1631889
D.O.B: 11/20/1987
Sex: F
Health Card #:
Date of admission: 10/21/1998
Date/Time of Death: 10/22/1998

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Dr. Lee Ann Gallant
302-2797 Bathurst St
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Registration #: 98008751
Resp. Staff Physician: WRIGHT, JAMES
HSC Referring Physician:
Dictation by: WRIGHT, JAMES

Lisa is a 10 year old female who presented through the Emergency Department at 21:51 on October 9, 1998 with a painful right leg. This girl has been treated at The Hospital for Sick Children over the past one year following a tibial fracture. Her tibial fracture was complicated by a reflexic sympathetic dystrophy and more recently, her care had been assumed by the Pain Team in the Department of Anesthesia. This girl had recently been seen in Boston because of continuing problems related with a painful right leg under the care of Joelle Desparmet. Her orthopedic concerns were addressed by Dr. Rang from the Division of Orthopedics.

She was being treated at the time of admission with Amitriptyline 75 to 100 mg at night, Carbamazepine 100 mg x 2 and another anti-convulsant medication, all to control her pain.

This girl was admitted through the Emergency Department because of uncontrollable pain. She was seen by the Pain Service and given intravenous morphine boluses 2 mg on two occasions over a two hour period. As well, a PCA pump was started and she received a total of 7.5 mg. At 2:00 a.m., she was transferred to the ward, having received a total of 11.5 mg over an approximately three hour period. Her vital signs were monitored throughout the night. She was awoken at 5:00 a.m. and her vital signs were fine and she responded appropriately. At 6:00 a.m., her vital signs were taken and also found to be normal. She was found by the Orthopedic Team during rounds at 7:15 a.m. and was vital signs absent at that point. An arrest was called and she was pronounced dead at 7:52 hours after an unsuccessful resuscitation.

The coroner was notified at that point and at the time of death dictation, there was no identifiable cause of death. The PCA pump was working. The pump had not been used from the time of arrival on the ward at 2:00 a.m. until the time she was found at 7:00 a.m. The PCA had been taken away from her because of reasonable pain control and a concern of possible mild drop in respirations. The amount of fluid within the syringe of the PCA was consistent with the amount that had been administered according to the machine.

I spoke with the family and communicated with the pediatrician who has looked after her care, Dr. Lee Ann Gallant. All subsequent information will be forwarded through the coroner's office.

James G. Wright

James Wright, M.D., FRCSC
Staff Orthopedic Surgeon

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11/06/1998

MR# 1631889
LAST NAME: SHORE
FIRST NAME: LISA

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