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March 13, 2015

Mr. Jamal Smith
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State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor
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Dear Mr. Smith:

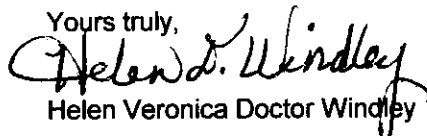
I mailed you a letter earlier this week and promised to call your office before the end of the week. I wish to move my timing of call you to a later date. I wish such to allow more time for your office to receive and digest the details shared before speaking with me. I wish to share another document with you at this time, also. After reading it and the details surrounding it, I feel strongly that you will agree that there is a great need for change in the current healthcare system. That is, change is needed if lives are to be saved.

I am enclosing a copy of an Operative Report for my father, Warren Doctor. As stated in my letter to you, Dr. Carlos Montenegro performed a Colonoscopy on my father during early June 2006. My father developed major complications and had to be hospitalized for one month. Thereafter, he required a feeding tube. He began to experience problems and had to be admitted to Colleton Medical Center during the month of July 2006. We, his family, were told that his problems were caused by a nonfunctioning j-tube. Surgery was needed and performed immediately. The surgeon informed us that all went well... he said that the surgery was successful. Dad was discharged and brought home under the care of Home Health Services. Well, Dad began to vomit and developed a fever. With a feeding tube, fluid can easily enter a patient's lungs. We suspected that Dad aspirated. The assigned nurse checked him. She suspected the same. Dad was sent back to the hospital. The nurse suspected that the tube came out of place after surgery and may have caused the aspiration. But, another surgeon, a partner of the involved surgeon, stepped forward with the truth. He ordered his partner to release a copy of the Operative Report to us. It was then that we learned that the operation was in fact unsuccessful. The tube was never in place during the surgery. Yet, we were told without a doubt that all went well by the surgeon. We had to learn the hard way... Dad had to aspirate for truth to be told to his family.

I will permit enough time for this letter to arrive before I call and speak with you. Hopefully, it will be late next week.

I planned to send the copy of the Operative Report with my letter to you, but I needed to have a copy made of the Report as I'm keeping the original.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Helen Veronica Doctor Windley

Enclosure

Colleton Medical Center

OPERATIVE REPORT

PATIENT: DOCTOR,WARREN

MEDICAL RECORD #: CM00119247

DATE: 07/12/06

PHYSICIAN: JOHN KINARD

PRE-OPERATIVE DIAGNOSIS: Nonfunctioning jejunostomy tube.

POST-OPERATIVE DIAGNOSIS: Nonfunctioning jejunostomy tube.

PROCEDURE: EGD with removal of J tube and old gastrostomy tube, insertion of new PEG tube and feeding tube through the gastrostomy tube.

SUMMARY: This patient was placed under MAC IV sedation, supine position, and the pharynx anesthetized with topical Xylocaine Viscus. The fiberoptic video gastroscope was passed orally into the esophagus and distally into the stomach. The old J tube was easily removed, as was the gastrostomy tube, which was of the mushroom type. First, a long Moss feeding jejunostomy type tube was attempted to be placed, however, this proved too rigid to make the turns into the duodenum. After multiple attempts, this was removed and regular 24 French PEG tube was inserted, and the balloon inflated. A small bore feeding tube was advanced through this, 10 French, and numerous attempts were made to advance this into the duodenum through the pylorus. After prolonged efforts, this was abandoned as an unsuccessful maneuver and the feeding tube was simply left in the antrum in hopes that it may pass later into the duodenum. The site was dressed, the gastroscope was removed, the procedure terminated, and the patient returned to the Recovery Room in good condition.

CC:

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