



HOLY CROSS HOSPITAL

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March 26, Wednesday morning

PR

Dr. Kariya writes, "Called stat to see patient in respiratory distress by son."

Dr. Kariya testified that he didn't think intubation would be curative, and he thought that by suctioning the patient "he did not require intubation at that time." (!)

Dr. Kariya testified that he knew patient's status was full-code.

Why did I call Dr. Kariya into the room?

DATE TIME

3/26 11A AMU

CALLD STAT TO SEE PT IN RESP DISTRESS BY SON.  
 TM100<sup>3</sup> HR95+11 R24-31 BP113/46 -173/73 POX89-96% To 1.1/1.0  
 JETTERED RHONCH. INT RESP DISTRESS. ⊖COR. p CHEST PT/LLL POSITIONING,  
 I SUCTIONED HIM ORALLY (UNABLE TO PASS NT TUBE VIA-NASAL  
 TRUMPET) FOR MOD AMOUNT YELLOW GREEN TENACIOUS SECRETIONS  
 QLV147 Na148 G.B.5 WBC 37.6 HCT36 AS7100 A7164  
 IMP @ AMU HE WILL RECURRENTLY AIRBORNE AND IS SO WEAK HE CANNOT  
 CONTROL/ELIMINATE HIS SECRETIONS. HIS ~~WAS~~ ANY IMPROVEMENT  
 FROM A RESP STANDPOINT IS LIKELY ONLY TO BE TEMPORARY. I  
 SPENT A LONG TIME @ PT CHRS @ bedside d/w SON THE PT'S  
 POOR SITUATION. I HOPE THE PT'S FINAL DAYS ARE PEACEFUL,  
 AS OPPOSED TO BEING SUCTIONED/INTUBATED OR GETTING CPT.  
 SON HAS D/W ME PT'S FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS, BUT HAS  
 (I THINK) ONLY CONSIDERED THEM IN THE ABSTRACT.

1 HR SPENT ON PT CHRS  
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Dr. Kariya writes, "I hope the patient's final days are peaceful, as opposed to being suctioned/intubated or getting CPT."

- Touching sentiment, but with yellow-green tenacious secretions and a white count of 37.6 how about some antibiotic? The patient is not dead yet.
- If aspiration suspected why isn't tracheotomy suggested?
- No conversation whatsoever with family about intubation.\*

Dr. Kariya is clearly aware of chasm between his hopes and family's wishes for treatment, yet fails to honor family's wishes.

According to Delmarva Foundation Quality Concern Inquiry, it is "unclear" if it was actually the son's choice not to suction or intubate.

\* According to Holy Cross Hospital brief neither Dr.Kariya nor Dr. Weiner believed reintubation was in Israel Neustadter's "best interests" and accordingly "never recommended" this course of treatment for him (in other words they made the decision to euthanize without the informed consent of family).