

ALLDREY FUNDER.

DEATH DOLE NOW 687

AGE 59 YRS.

Physician - DR. STAKIW

CREMATION DATE - NOW 4/87.

INTERNATION TO NOW 10/87 - 10/30 Am.

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December 11, 1987.

Mr. Garth Tastad, 3417 Normandy Street, Saskatoon, Sask. S7M 3R1

Dear Mr. Tastad,

Thank you for your letter of December 1, 1987 outlining the investigation of the death of Mrs. Audrey Fuller and the contacts you have made to review the situation.

I have talked to Dr. Stakiw with respect to this case as well as sending appropriate information to the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Both parties are presently investigating the concerns raised by the family.

In addition, an investigation by the hospital has occurred under the direction of the Chief of Emergency Services. This investigation involved five other physicians.

The main response of these individuals was that Mrs. Fuller was treated for chest wall pain and the management of this condition was handled appropriately. In addition, the patient had a normal E.C.G. and normal chest X-ray which were reviewed by specialists, therefore, twenty-four hours later these tests were not repeated as it appeared that the original diagnosis should be continued to be treated and monitored.

I am sure you will receive further reports from the College as well as the Coroner's Office. I trust that this information is of some assistance to you at this time.

If you should require any additional information, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely, ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL

J. King,

Associate Executive Director.

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December 1, 1987

Mr. John King Associate Executive Director of St. Paul's Hospital 1702 20th Street West Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7M 029

Dear Sir:

RE: Audrey May Fuller, 59, Deceased

I am enclosing a copy of our letter directed to Dr. Loewen of the College of Physicians and Surgeons for your information.

Dr. Loewen is proceeding through his committe to investigate and clarify this matter for the family and I am sure that he will be in contact with you shortly.

By copy of this letter, we are also advising the Coroner, Dr. Stakiew, of the events leading up to the death of Audrey for his use in the Coroner's Report.

We request that the events surrounding Audrey's death be looked into by yourself or committe, and that the family be advised of your findings as they pertain to hospital procedures and the methods by which the doctors use your facility.

Please advise if any further information is required.

Yours very truly,

The Fuller Pamily per Garth Tastad

CC Dr. Stakiew

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November 30, 1987

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ATTENTION: Dr. Loewen

Dear Sir:

RE: Audrey May Fuller; Age 59 Deceased

The family of Audrey Fuller wishes an investigation into the events, procedures and actions of St. Paul's Hospital and doctors of the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

The following events have led up to the death of Audrey Fuller:

- 1. Excellent health up until the time of death. There is a family history of strokes, however, her grandparents and parents lived well into their 80's and 90's. Her death was sudden and unexpected.
- 2. Shortly after 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4, 1987, Audrey was admitted to St. Paul's Emergency with pains to her chest, shoulder, left arm and numbness in her left hand. She was brought in to the Emergency department by her daughter. Chest x-rays, an ECG and oxygen were given to her. Dr. Harrington was paged within the hospital although he did not see her at this time. Her condition was diagnosed as a muscle spasm by the resident or intern of St. Paul's Hospital and she was sent home at approximately 4:30 p.m. that day. No medication was given to her nor was a prescription authorized.
- 3. The next morning (November 5, 1987) she went to see Dr. Harrington at his office. She was in considerable pain and was unable to use her left hand while driving. We are unaware of what was done or discussed on that morning.
- 4. On the afternoon of November 5, 1987, Audrey phoned Dr. Harrington's office and was prescribed an over-the-counter drug which was picked up that afternoon by her son.

- 5. That evening (November 5, 1987) she was vomiting and unable to keep down food and was in considerable pain. She was again taken by her husband to St. Paul's Emergency at approximately 8:30 p.m. and treated by Dr. Comfort, representing Dr. Harrington. She again had pains to her chest, back and left arm "worse than childbirth". Her husband was in attendance at all times and no tests were performed on her. She was given an injection of "something to help her sleep". She was prescribed a supository form of medication and was sent home at approximately 10:15 p.m. She vomited at 11:00 p.m. that night and was sleeping at approximately 11:15 p.m. that evening. (We believe she never did take the medication).
- 5. She died in her sleep at approximately 3:00 4:00 a.m. Friday, November 6, 1987 as per the Coroner's Report and was discovered by her family shortly after 7:00 a.m. on November 6, 1987. The Coroner advises that she died of a "fresh blood clot" which stopped an otherwise healthy heart.
- 6. Drugs being used by Audrey were taken to the Coroner by the attending police officer.

The above is our understanding of the events leading to her death.

Our questions are as follows:

- 1. Considering Audrey's age, symptoms and levels of pain, were all the signals indicating blood clots and a possible stroke or heart attack dismissed in a less than responsible manner by the doctors and by St. Paul's Hospital.
- 2. Should additional testing have been carried out in the doctor's office and/or St. Paul's Hospital on November 5, 1987?
- 3. Did the medication prescribed in fact aggravate the situation or contribute to her death in any way?
- 4. In view of Audrey's condition, should she have been admitted for observation the evening of November 5, 1987?
- 5. As Audrey was Dr. Harrington's patient, were the attending doctors in contact with Dr. Harrington to ensure that consistent treatment was administered?

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These are only a few questions which come to mind.

Any assistance which you can given us in answering our questions and helping us understand this untimely death is appreciated. We would request a copy of any report or investigation of this matter. We also request a copy of the Coroner's report.

We are available at any time to supply any further information which we may have missed.

Yours very truly,

The Fuller Family per Garth Tastad





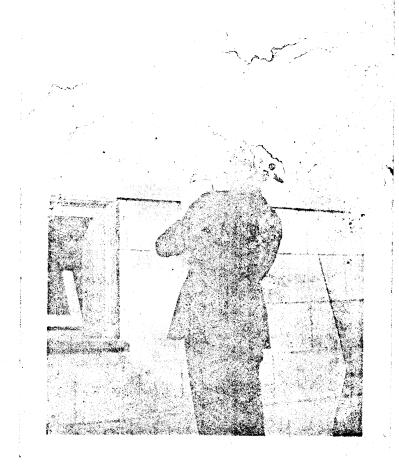
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