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Welcome to MRSA Action UK
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How did I personally become involved?



MRSA entry in John's notes

Date/Time	Each entry must be legibly signed	History Sheet	Name <u>JOHN CREWS</u>	File in Section 4
20/12/05	Nurse: 16:30.	Message from Path lab Haemolytic strep present in PEG site. MRSA cultured in urine specimen and leg swabs. - Sensitivities available tomorrow. Dr Khan (275) informed of results, await sensitivities tomorrow.	Unit No.	✓
21/12/05	Nurse: 0535	Settled overnight. Minimal suction given. Turned for pressure relief. PEG ^{feed} in progress as per regimen. Mrs. Crews voiced concern re: PEG site swab. She said she want him treated for infection found in his PEG site and she want him to have IV antibiotics if positive for infection. Explained to her that we need to wait for the swab results to come back and if it turns out positive we will discuss it with the doctors and inform them.		

Comments received by families

- “MRSA is everywhere, just don’t touch your mother, don’t dig in” - Staff Nurse
- “A little information is dangerous” - DIPC
- “we have to protect the patient’s confidentiality regardless of their condition” - Staff Nurse and Senior Manager
- “the reason you were not informed is it was an oversight” - Chief Executive

Comments received by families

- “have you heard of MRSA, it’s a bacteria that is commonly found on the skin and in the nose, so we are going to do some swabs to see if you may be carrying it so that we can treat it before you have your operation if you do have it”
- “I’m going to explain what we are going to do. Are you the sort of person who wants to know a lot of detail, or would you prefer me to tell you just what you need to know to help?”
- “we want you and your family to help us to ensure that we always wash our hands before we touch or treat you and we would encourage you to wash your hands also”
- "we should always clean our hands before we come to treat you, if you haven't seen us do this, it really is OK to ask, we know you may be anxious and we don't mind being asked"

Dad at 18



In summary

- Don't shield us from the truth - we need to know the facts
- We want to converse with professionals
- We are keen to know the part we can play

A lesson from history

"IT IS NOT THE STRONGEST OF SPECIES THAT SURVIVE, OR THE MOST INTELLIGENT, BUT THE ONE MOST RESPONSIVE TO CHANGE."—

Charles Darwin

In memory of those who suffered and are lost to healthcare infections



Sammie



Derrick



Claire



Patricia Margaret



Patricia



John



Colin