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Applicant: Reece Storme FERRARA v National Paramedicine Board of Australia

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Transcription of Phone consult with Occumed Doctor, Dr Grant Townsend
at 20:44: February 10, 2022

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1. 00:00:03:17 - 00:01:35:21

Dr Grant Townsend
Hello Grant speaking.

2. Reece Ferrara

Gday Grant how you going it's Reece.

3. Dr Grant Townsend

Oh Hi, Reece how are you going?.

4. Reece Ferrara

Good, So just briefly, the patient still like at room air still satting you know sort of Ninety three, Ninety two, Ninety four area. What I found interesting was on a hundred cos I pulled the worksafe Australia stuff, on cyanide and down towards the end, they said for more mild exposures 100% oxygen might umm is the recommended treatment and might be the only thing that he needs.

5. So I chucked him on 100% via a umm like mask with a bag and he like the best sats we can get on a hundred percent is like 98 or 97 So I thought that was interesting given, you know putting him on a hundred percent umm so, from here I guess the question I would like to know is did you want him to be flown offsite and go into hospital? or umm

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6. 00:01:35:22 - 00:02:26:22

Dr Grant Townsend

Well at the moment you treat symptoms, you don't just treat numbers.

7. Reece Ferrara

Well correct right?

8. Dr Grant Townsend

He's not a smoker is he?

9. Reece Ferrara

No, no he's not.

10. Dr Grant Townsend

I mean, at the end of the day, there could be other reasons for why he sits are that low, is that it's difficult to sort of know, because you can see he presented with diarrhoea, didn't he that was the primary complaint? and unwell?

11. Reece Ferrara

Yeah and also lethargy so much so that he just wanted to go and lay down and go to sleep.

12. Dr Grant Townsend

cos. Really at the end of the day there's nothing that's an emergency with him, but its best that he gets flown off, because if he I don't know that he needs to go to hospital, but he needs blood tests, do you know what I mean, and more work probably a chest x-ray and a lung function. Those sort of basic workups those workups can see if theres anything else going wrong

13. 00:02:26:23 - 00:03:18:05

Dr Grant Townsend

But again, from from our end we need to know what he's potentially exposed to otherwise we're just guessing, you see and and this there's how many different

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chemicals around could be what explaining the complication we need to know what he was exposed to and that will help narrow down because you even if we refer him off to Doc or hospital you know, they'll be like well what's he been exposed to. You can't just test him for everything.

14. Reece Ferrara

Yeah Yeah exactly.

15. Dr Grant Townsend

If he was exposed to cyanide and it was present in the areas where he is working then it's worth while testing him for it you see but you your not going to test him for it, but you're not going to test him for it if we are going oh it might be this you see, so this again where that feedback from the investigation side of things will go oh well what's he been exposed to you see.

16. Reece Ferrara

Yep... So umm.

17. Dr Grant Townsend

Make sense?

18. Reece Ferrara

Yeah umm


19. 00:03:18:06 - 00:03:59:24

Reece Ferrara

So they have they've taken samples of the pod that he put away sort of thing or at least the pods, the pod that he is empty. But at least I taken samples of the the the water that was taken from the drains and stuff like that. So they sent them off they're gonna fly them out tomorrow morning.

20. Dr Grant Townsend

Right.

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21. Reece Ferrara

So umm and it's to their credit that umm I guess that they actually heard me out because particularly with trying to tell the manager that,

22. Dr Grant Townsend

but this is what I mean

23. 00:03:59:24 - 00:04:40:11

Dr Grant Townsend

It's reasonable to at least ask the question and collect data,

24. Reece Ferrara

Yeah.

25. Dr Grant Townsend

if the data doesn't support it then that that's sort of like being over the top do you know what I mean,

26. Reece Ferrara

Yeah


27. Dr Grant Townsend

It's reasonable to ask questions rather than saying you know, if you make calls like that you have to be able to back it up with evidence alone then it's just a, a provisional sort of hypothesis at this stage. You see, so how is he though symptoms wise, what what's he actually reporting?

28. Reece Ferrara

So since being in the clinic at rest and things like that, he he's umm not having any other complaints whatsoever.

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29. 00:04:40:20 - 00:05:13:06

Reece Ferrara
So

30. Dr Townsend

Right ok

31. Reece Ferrara

I've auscultated his chest again that's still clear.

32. Dr Grant Townsend

Yeah, Yeah because we're not looking at a pneumonia here or something in there. This is we're looking sort of vascular sort of source do you know what I mean, that sort, again. The thing that's just concerning how peripheral shut down is he? and and that's impairing results to a degree but look If he's comfortable at the moment, I think it's reasonable to let him go back to his room. But getting him offsite probably tomorrow would be worthwhile.

33. 00:05:13:09 - 00:05:50:11

Dr Grant Townsend

Ideally, combined with that, information going these are the things he could have been exposed to and then the docs when they catch up with him then they can actually look at what's what sort of blood tests could be reasonable to consider doing to to exclude it as a cause because then if he's testing for those those different chemicals and they come up as negative then we rule that out as a work-related cause you see, the thing you're still looking at well you know could he have a lung condition we don't know about do you know what I mean,

34. Reece Ferrara

Yeah has he got -- lung disease that hasn't been diagnosed do you know what I mean he needs so he probably needs a chest x ray lung function to work out

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35. 00:05:51:01 - 00:06:45:06

Dr Grant Townsend

Is there an actual ventilation issue because either of ventilation or perfusion type problem going on if it's not chemical based do you know what I mean but as far as our side I think that's probably all you can do with him at the moment. Has the diarrhoea stopped?

36. Reece Ferrara

Yeah yeah. Oh he had one, one, one more episode. And he said like he said it was like very, very dark and like a very dark brown and I tried to sort of tease out was like malaena or you know?

37. Dr Grant Townsend

Well, that that's another thing to consider do you know what I mean because there is that potential vascular component. If he's middle aged is there something going on there look again if his obs are stable and he's otherwise well, do you know what I mean. I think you can let him go back to his room but obviously if his symptoms worsen or he has new issues then he comes back and sees you


38. 00:06:46:17 - 00:07:36:19

Dr Grant Townsend

But at the moment we've got a rather complex presentation we don't really know what's going on with him. I mean as I said, the sats might be a red herring. His sats might have been like that for, years. And we're only now picking them up because he presents with another problem, you see. But again, we need to know what he could have been exposed to and then the Docs can at least investigate for that because then if he's negative for it and we know definitive that it wasn't work-related cause and then we'll leave it up to his own docs to

39. Reece Ferrara

To sort it out yeah?

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40. Dr Townsend

Work it out whats going on. Cos as I said it could be an issue, you know, that we're not aware of and he's just presented with simple gastro that we picked up reduced sats and potentially assuming that it's something else do you know what I mean, as I said. Unless the levels are above the occupational standard in the areas where he's been

41. 00:07:36:19 - 00:08:24:18

Dr Grant Townsend

working. Highly unlikely that it's work-related, do you know what I mean. That's why they. Let them do their bit, we do our bit and then try and put the together.

42. Reece Ferrara

Yep

43. Dr Grant Townsend

And if they marry, great. If they don't we defer to other sort of possible causes for each presentation.

44. Reece Ferrara

Yeah.

45. Dr Grant Townsend

All Right?

46. Reece Ferrara

So with. Cos what I. ahh. I guess what I suggested to them. And they said, yeah fine with that he stay in the clinic and like I stay here as well and maybe do, hourly. Two hourly obs or something like that. Are. Are you

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47. Dr Grant Townsend

Well, you do that more if you think they're a stroke or a head injury or things like that I mean, you know, it's reasonable to leave him at the clinic, you know what I mean but I wouldn't do, suggest doing hourly obs on him, do you know what I mean.

48. Reece Ferrara

Yeah.

49. 00:08:24:19 - 00:09:00:23

Dr Grant Townsend

If he deteriorates and he wakes up, do you know what I mean.

50. Reece Ferrara

Well, yeah

51. Dr Grant Townsend

What are you going to wake him up every hour just to do obs on him?

52. Reece Ferrara

Oh, No, No, No.

53. Dr Grant Townsend

I probably wouldn't do you know what I mean, mind you It's reasonable to let him stay at the clinic do you know what I mean. And then that way if he's got symptoms or issues then you can look at it

54. Reece Ferrara

Yeah.

55. Dr Grant Townsend

But at the moment, do you know what I mean. Like. I wouldn't do that, he's not going to like you for it.

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56. Reece Ferrara

Well no, I don't really wanna poke him, poke him, cos who knows he might be a grumpy, when he wakes up you know, if he.

57. Dr Grant Townsend

Well that's what I mean. That's what I mean.

58. Reece Ferrara

Then I'm going back to boxing and dodging punches and stuff though.

59. 00:09:01:16 - 00:09:31:23

Dr Grant Townsend

Yeeeah. All right.

60. Reece Ferrara

So do I need to, should I take blood or should I take bloods and then send it off with him in the morning? Because, I mean,

61. Dr Grant Townsend



No, no, not at this stage because we don't know what we're dealing with, cos as I said you dont know what you're testing for, Do you know what I mean. Our job on site is just to stop people dying.

62. Reece Ferrara

yeah.

63. Dr Townsend

And just to start any early first aid that's sort of necessary, do you know what I mean. Whatever's going on with him is not life threatening, it's not acute but warrants further investigation, you see.

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64. 00:09:32:02 - 00:10:02:03

Dr Grant Townsend

So I would just do that, observe, get him out tomorrow morning but the information of what he was working with is what's important so then otherwise that the docs have access to blood tests and things like that, that if they don't know what they're looking for it's a needle in the haystack. Whereas your going the other way you gotta work out what he was exposed to. But you don't have testing facilities for those kind of issues. Alright.

65. Reece Ferrara

Alright cool thank you very much. Alright.

66. Dr Grant Townsend

Ok. See you.

****End transcription**

I, Reece Ferrara, examined the original audio from which this transcription was created. I understand that a person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959, and I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular.





Signature of deponent

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Note 2 Chapter 2 of the Criminal Code applies to all offences against the Statutory Declarations Act 1959 - see section 5A of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.

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