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From: Graham Towthorpe (Specialist Trainee in Emergency Medicine.)
To: Consultant in Emergency Medicine.

Re: Child Died.

Dear Consultant

I'm sorry to tell you about a problem last night and this morning. I will have to rush off at 8 am to get a train, so I may not see you today to discuss it.

A 3 year old girl, Kaylee Broadbent, was brought to the ED at 23:00 last night because she was unwell. Jane, our F2 doctor, saw her and thought she just had flu and sent her home on Calpol and Tamiflu.

At 6 am today this child was found unconscious in bed. An ambulance was called and the mother rushed out carrying Kaylee, who was in a cardiac arrest. A paramedic did mouth to mouth breathing initially and they continued CPR on the way here. Unfortunately Kaylee remained in asystole and she died at 06:40 despite our efforts. I wondered if she might have meningitis but we couldn't see a rash.

I wanted to talk to Jane about what had happened but I couldn't because I was talking to Kaylee's mother when Jane had finished her shift at 7am. She left the AD in tears and she is going on holiday today. I tried her mobile phone but there was no reply.

I'm very sorry about this. I hope Jane is OK.

Yours sincerely

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