

CDSS – Part I

Medical Errors & Patient Safety

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تصدرها مؤسسة الجزيرة

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إيقاف الطبيب المتسبب في وفاة (طفلة شرورة) والتحقيق يطول الفريق الطبي

الصحة تغرم 11 مستشفى لمخالفتها إدارة النفايات الطبية

الجزيرة - ياسر المعارك

أصدرت لجنة مخالقات المؤسسات الصحية 11 قراراً رافضاً مل عقوبات وغرامات على العديد من المخالفين على المنشآت الصحية الخاصة وفقاً لنواد وأحكام النظام الموحد لإدارة نفايات الرعاية الصحية بالدول الخليجية وقد تنوعت المخالفات ما بين عدم فصل حاويات لنفايات الأدوية الصادة، عدم وجود جهاز الأوتوكلاف، عدم استخدام ملصقات تعريفية كذلك عدم التخلص من النفايات الخطرة بشكل يومي، عدم وجود أكياس بلاستيكية قابلة للمعالجة المبدئية كذلك ذلك مدير الصحة المهنية بوزارة الصحة محمد السعد مضيغاً أن الغرامات المالية تجاوزت ما بين 10 آلاف - 20 ألفاً في حين أن هذه



الجنين، وتم تشخيص الحالة على أنها إجهاض، وتم إدخال المريضة المستشفى وإبلاغ أخصائي النساء والتوليد وكذلك أخصائي الأطفال، ورأى الفريق إعطاء فرصة للمولود لتعديل وضعه داخل الرحم، وقام أخصائي النساء والتوليد بفحص المريضة، والتضح انفجار جيب المياه، وتبعه نزيف مهبل، ومن ثم حدثت ولادة تلقائية لجسم وأقدام الجنين، بينما علق الرأس بعنق الرحم، ولم يعد هناك نبض بالحبل السري، بعدها قام الطبيب بالشد على الجنين عند مستوى الكتفين؛ فانفصل رأس الجنين عن باقي جسده. بعد ذلك تمت متابعة حالة المريضة، وتم نقلها للقسم الداخلي لحين خروجها بتاريخ 19-1-1433هـ بعد استقرار حالتها

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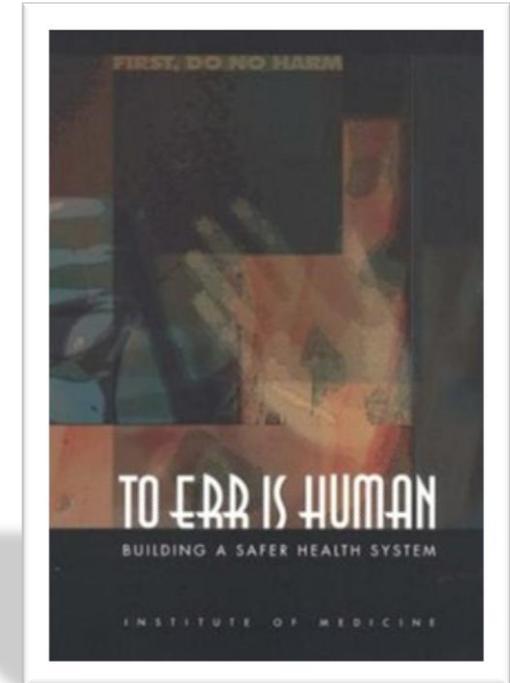
وجه وزير الصحة الدكتور عبدالله الربيعان بإيقاف الطبيب الذي باشرو تسبب في (فصل رأس مولودة عن جسدها) أثناء الولادة، التي عُرفت بـ(طفلة شرورة)، وإحالة الموضوع للجنة المخالفات الطبية للبت فيه. وأشارت مديرية الشؤون الصحية إلى أن إيقاف جاء بعد تشكيل لجنة طبية عاجلة للتحقيق مع الكوادر الطبية التي باشرت الحالة. وتعود تفاصيل حادثة (طفلة شرورة) إلى أنه عندما حضرت سيدة تبلغ من العمر 18 عاماً وهي حامل في شهرها السادس إلى المستشفى تشكي من آلام بالبطن تمت معاينتها، والتضح أن وضع الجنين مستعرض، وأن المشيمة أعلى الرحم مع زيادة في السائل الأمني حول

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IOM Report

- * Estimated 48,000-98,000 deaths per year in US due to medical errors
- * Randomly selected hospital discharges
 - * from New York (30,000 cases) and Colorado/Utah (15,000 cases)
- * Adverse events occurred in 2.9-3.7% of all hospitalizations
 - * 50% were minor, temporary injuries
 - * 7-14% resulted in death
 - * 26% resulted in permanent disabling injury
 - * 2.6% resulted in permanent disabling injury
 - * 53-58% were preventable
 - * 28% were due to negligence, i.e., failed to meet reasonable standard of care



Leading causes of death

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH¹

Diseases of the Heart	726,974
Cancer (malignant neoplasms)	539,577
Cerebrovascular Disease	159,791
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	109,029
Medical Errors²	44,000–98,000
Accidents and Adverse Effects (motor vehicle accidents = 43,458; all others = 52,186)	95,644
Pneumonia and Influenza	86,449
Diabetes	62,636
Suicide	30,535
Kidney Disease	25,331
Liver Disease	25,175

SOURCES: 1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1997. 2. IOM, *To Err Is Human: Building a Safer Health System*, 2000.

(Courtesy, Dan Masys, MD)

Criticism to the IOM report

* **Some challenged the numbers**

- * Reliability and reproducibility for these subjective assessments not measured (Sox, 2000)
- * Overstated due to sampling problems and underlying illness (McDonald, 2000)
- * In another sample, preventability of death from avoiding error estimated to be much lower (Hayward, 2001)

* **Others assert the attention was misguided**

- * Patient safety is one of many problems in health care to address and should not detract attention from larger health care problems (Woolf, 2004)
- * Errors of omission (i.e., too little care) is a larger threat to health care quality than errors of commission (e.g., medical errors) (Hayward, 2005)

Other sources of medical error

- * **Multi-tasking and interruption** (Laxmisan, 2006)
- * **Communication deficits**
 - * during patient transfer (Kripalani, 2007)
 - * and handoffs (Singh, 2007; Horwitz, 2008)
- * **Surgical error**
 - * mainly in routine operations on complex patients (Regenbogen, 2007)
- * Failure to **order** or **follow-up on test results** in ambulatory setting (Gandhi, 2006; Whals, 2007)
- * **Patient misunderstanding** directions from clinicians (Davis, 2006; Tarn, 2006)

Other sources of error –IT

- * Wrong bar code on patient (McDonald, 2006)
- * Errors introduced into non-locked fields of Excel spreadsheet (de Wildt, 2007)
- * Joint Commission Sentinel Event Alert (2008)
 - * Added as one of many safety alerts
 - * Cite US Pharmacopeia data indicating 25% of all medication errors related to IT, including barcodes, dispensing devices computer displays and order entry
 - * Calls for monitoring safety of IT implementation and usage, i.e., cannot assume IT will only improve safety

Other sources of error – working conditions

- * Increased staffing levels of nurses in hospitals will likely improve patient outcomes (Hickam, 2003)
- * Nurses working longer shifts and overtime more likely to make errors (Rogers, 2004)
- * Interns made substantially more errors (Landrigan, 2004) and reported more motor vehicle accidents (Barger, 2005) when working 24+ hour shifts; reducing such shifts increased sleep and decreased attentional failures (Lockley, 2004)
- * A systematic review of other studies assessing work hours on patient safety did not find a benefit for reducing work hours (Fletcher, 2004)

Classification of Medical Errors and ADEs



		Adverse events		No adverse event
		Preventable (non-intercepted)	Non-preventable	
Errors	Adverse outcome			
	No adverse outcome ("near miss")			
No error				

Medical Errors and ADEs

- * First documented by Bates (1995)
- * 6.5 ADEs and 5.5 potential ADEs per 100 hospital admissions
- * Of all ADEs:
 - * 1% were fatal (none preventable)
 - * 12% life-threatening
 - * 30% serious
 - * 57% significant
- * 28% of ADEs were associated with error
- * Errors more likely to occur at ordering (56%) vs. administration (34%)

Related topic “abbreviations”

Official “Do Not Use” List¹

Do Not Use	<i>Potential Problem</i>	Use Instead
U (unit)	Mistaken for “0” (zero), the number “4” (four) or “cc”	Write "unit"
IU (International Unit)	Mistaken for IV (intravenous) or the number 10 (ten)	Write "International Unit"
Q.D., QD, q.d., qd (daily)	Mistaken for each other	Write "daily"
Q.O.D., QOD, q.o.d, qod (every other day)	Period after the Q mistaken for "I" and the "O" mistaken for "I"	Write "every other day"
Trailing zero (X.0 mg)* Lack of leading zero (.X mg)	Decimal point is missed	Write X mg Write 0.X mg
MS	Can mean morphine sulfate or magnesium sulfate	Write "morphine sulfate" Write "magnesium sulfate"
MSO ₄ and MgSO ₄	Confused for one another	

¹ Applies to all orders and all medication-related documentation that is handwritten (including free-text computer entry) or on pre-printed forms.

***Exception:** A “trailing zero” may be used only where required to demonstrate the level of precision of the value being reported, such as for laboratory results, imaging studies that report size of lesions, or catheter/tube sizes. It may not be used in medication orders or other medication-related documentation.

Human error

- * **Two general types of errors (Leape, 1994)**
 - * Slips – “Unconscious glitches in automatic activity,” usually due to diversion of attention
 - * Mistakes
 - * Rule-based –wrong rule chosen due to misperception or misapplication
 - * Knowledge-based –
novel situation with no preprogrammed solution; lack of knowledge or misinterpretation of problem
- * **Approach to human error (Reason, 2000)**
 - * **Person:** Individual blamed, improve by blaming, litigation, retraining, etc.
 - * **System:** Put systems in place to capture and correct human fallibility
 - * In most complex systems, system approach more effective

Programs for improving safety

- * 10 Safety Tips for Hospitals (AHRQ, 2007)
 - * Assess and improve your patient safety culture
 - * Build teamwork
 - * Limit shifts for hospital staff, if possible
 - * Insert chest tubes safely
 - * Prevent central line-related bloodstream infections
 - * Make good use of senior ICU nurses
 - * **Use reliable decision-support tools at the point of care**
 - * Set up a safety reporting system
 - * Limit urinary catheter use to 3 days
 - * Minimize unnecessary interruptions

Programs for improving safety (cont.)

- * Institute for Safe Medication Practices (www.ismp.org)
 - * All medications should be checked for the “five rights” (1999)
 - * Right patient
 - * Right drug
 - * Right time
 - * Right dose
 - * Right route
- * High-Alert Medication List (2007)

What can be done about medical error?

- * Better detection to identify causes and solutions, especially through use of EHR data (Sauer, 2007)
- * Voluntary reporting systems (Garbutt, 2008)
- * “Systems” approach and thinking (Shortell, 2008)
- * Apology (Lazare, 2006)
- * Technology
 - * Barcoding (Poon, 2006)
 - * Computerized decision support (CDS) and computerized provider order entry (CPOE) – *next lectures*

