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Comments.

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Hyoscine used in cough mixtures etc. There used to be an antidiarrhoeal mixture I took when travelling in remote primitive sanitation areas in Pakistan, India, Ceylon, Thailand etc. in the 50's - cannot remember the name now - something like chloradeine - taken off the market – I believe also used in the war in Burma contained opiates to deal with pain. Told not to use it by Hospital of Tropical diseases after particularly bad bout in Egypt dealt with on return to the UK.

I hope Prof. Ferner is aware of licensing laws re. haloperidol, midazolam etc. in syringe drivers. See Prof. Livesley's report together with manufacturer's confirmation .

The most important point is that my mother was not dying either when she went to Gosport initially on the 11th – was not on oramorph - discharge letters and recommendations from Haslar totally ignored – two doses of oramorph within half an hour of admittance etc. Nor was she dying when she left Haslar on the 17th. The statements from Haslar staff, ambulance men, Brewer and Baldochino are crucial.

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Patients can live for months on palliative care - it does not mean that death is imminent. My husband was given three weeks to live in May 1984 – on transfer to the Royal Marsden within days given a 70% chance of life and total remission as per Bob Champion/Prof. Michael Peckham with chemotherapy, for testicular cancer, tumours in abdominal cavity (4) and tumour cutting off one kidney. All tumours disintegrated . one testicle removed. Due to rarity myelo monocytic leukaemia not spotted on first bone marrow test and this made itself manifest in 1985 – given two months to live August 1985 but “intended to live “ until it was known my daughter's results of scholarship exam February 1986 to Roedean – died April 1986. Had it been known before the chemotherapy it would not have been given – we had a two year bonus and time to say goodbye. My husband was 48. I believe in positive thinking.

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My mother was able to swallow – see fluid and food charts on Haslar file. She had breakfast before being re-admitted to Gosport on the 17th. Once unconscious and no hydration by drip she was not given the opportunity to swallow. Why drugs given by syringe driver ?

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