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# **J. Lynn Case**

## **Case Summary Sample Report**

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## Issue List

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### Negligence - Failure to Maintain Adequate Airway

- Failed to mobilize secretions

  - Failure to Order Childlynn to be suctioned every 4 hours

  - Failure to Order CPT every 4 hours

  - Failure to Order CPT every 4 hours - Failure to suction

  - Failure to Order Therapist to wake Childlynn for CPT treatments to assure mobilization of secretions

  - Failure to Order Therapist to wake Childlynn for CPT treatments to assure mobilization of secretions - Failure to perform CPT

- Failure to Adequately Hydrate Patient

  - Discontinuation of IV maintenance fluids 15 hours before Childlynn left Memorial Hospital on transport

  - Failure to order adequate volume of IV maintenance fluids based on Childlynn`s weight

- Failure to Contact MD of Significant Chg in Pt. Status

  - Failure to notify MD re continued labored breathing

  - Failure to notify MD re retractions

  - Failure to notify MD re RR > 40

  - Failure to notify MD re significant HR increase

- Failure to report symptoms indicating Childlynn`s unstable condition

### Negligence - Failure to Maintain Adequate Ventilation and Oxygenation

- Failure to assess Childlynn`s respiratory status

- Failure to assess Childlynn`s status

- Failure to assess Childlynn`s cardiovascular status

  - Failure to assess Childlynn`s neuro status

  - Failure to assess Childlynn`s respiratory status

  - Failure to Consult with Pediatric Intensivist or Pulmonary Specialist

  - Failure to Order ABGs

  - Failure to Order Continuous Pulse Oximetry

  - Failure to Order Repeat ABGs

Failure to report O2 Saturation level equal to or < 90% to Physician  
Negligence - Failure to Stabilize Childlynn`s Condition Prior to Transport  
Failure to assess Childlynn`s cardiovascular status - prior to transport  
Failure to assess Childlynn`s neuro status - prior to transport  
Failure to assess Childlynn`s respiratory status - prior to transport  
Failure to assure staff transporting Childlynn were certified in Pediatric ACLS or PALS  
Failure to expedite transfer of Childlynn  
Failure to recognize necessity to transfer by air with skilled medical and nursing staff  
Failure to stay with Childlynn on 8/12/92 to personally assess her status and prepare her for safe transfer

## Players (Cast of Characters)

Beard County Ambulance Service		Provided Ground Transportation for J. Lynn from Memorial Hospital to BCH
Beard County Coroners Office		Performed Autopsy on J. Lynn
Beard County Hospital		Receiving Hospital for J. Lynn
Beard State Hospital		Receiving Hospital
B. Tony M.D.	Beard State Hospital Dr.	Receiving physician at Beard State Hospital
D. Lewis RT		RT 11pm-7am Shift 8/10/92 and 8/11/92 at Memorial Hospital
F. White RT		RT on 7am-3pm Shift 8/11/92 and 8/12/92 at Memorial Hospital
H. Brown M.D.	Dr.	Primary MD for J Lynn
J. Jones EMT		Paramedic for Beard County Ambulance Services
J. Lynn		2-year old patient at Memorial Hospital
L. Smith RT		RT on 3pm-11pm Shift 8/11/92 at Memorial Hospital
Memorial Care Flight Services		Air Transport Services available but not used to transport J. Lynn
Memorial Hospital		Hospital facility initially caring for J. Lynn
M. Green RN		RN on 3pm-11pm Shift 8/10/92 at Memorial Hospital
M. Johnson VPN		Vice President of Nursing (Nurse Administrator) at Memorial Hospital
N. Joseph RN		RN on 11pm-7am Shift 8/10/92 and 8/11/92 at Memorial Hospital
P. Lynn		Father of J. Lynn
R. Lynn		Mother of J. Lynn
T. Trahan RN		RN on 7am-3pm Shift 8/11/92 and 8/12/92 at Memorial Hospital

W. Henry M.D.

Dr.

Radiologist at Memorial Hospital

X. Argent

Z. Mu M.D.

Dr.

Expert

Pathologist for Beard State Coroner's Office

## Case Chronology

Wed..12.Aug.1992 - 10:00:00 AM	Trahan notes indicate Lynn's Mother and Father clearly identified the need for immediate transfer.	Strongly for Us	High	Stipulated true	100%
Wed..12.Aug.1992 - 09:30:00 AM	Trahan notes Lynn was Flaccid and Jerking behavior, RR of 50 and HR of 166.	Strongly for Us	High	Stipulated true	100%
Wed..12.Aug.1992 - 09:15:00 AM	Trahan's documentation clearly indicates Dr. Brown is aware that Lynn's condition was getting worse. Record clearly indicates a prolonged delay in expediting transfer. Dr. Brown documented HR in 120s. Dr. Brown did not document assessment of circulatory status. Did document a repeat ABG in Progress Notes but no other ABGs to be done prior to transport.	Strongly for Us	High	Stipulated true	100%
Wed..12.Aug.1992 - 09:10:00 AM	Dr. Brown document presence of coarse rhonchi and basilar rales. Dr. Brown also documented increased HR in 120s.	Strongly for Us	High	Stipulated true	100%
Wed..12.Aug.1992 - 09:10:00 AM	Dr. Brown order D5W IV 30cc/hr	Strongly for Us	High	Stipulated true	100%
Wed..12.Aug.1992 - 09:10:00 AM	Dr. Brown ordered O2 via mask at 6 liters/min. and O2 Saturation, Pulse Oximetry and ABG in 30 minutes if O2Sat < 90%. Dr. Brown ordered IV started with D5W at 30cc/hr.	Strongly for Us	High	Stipulated true	100%
Wed..12.Aug.1992 - 09:10:00 AM	Per Dr. Brown's orders, D5W IV 120cc to be delivered.	For Us	High	Stipulated true	100%
Wed..12.Aug.1992 - 09:10:00 AM	Trahan documented HR 166. No indication that Dr. Brown was contacted.	Strongly for Us	High	Stipulated true	100%
Wed..12.Aug.1992 - 09:10:00 AM --> Wed..12.Aug.1992 - 12:40:00 PM	Trahan does not document D5W IV delivered.	Strongly for Us	High	Stipulated true	100%
Wed..12.Aug.1992 - 09:02:00 AM	White documented ABG revealed severe hypoxemia.	Strongly for Us	High	Stipulated true	100%
Wed..12.Aug.1992 - 08:45:00 AM	Trahan's late entry indicates Dr. Brown was contacted. Documentation does not include what was communicated to Dr. Brown or if any new orders were given.	Strongly for Us	Medium	Stipulated true	100%
Wed..12.Aug.1992 - 08:00:00 AM	Trahan late entry noted indicates Dr. Brown called	Strongly for Us	High	Stipulated true	100%



regarding O2Sat of 74%. No new orders noted.

Wed..12.Aug.1992 - 07:00:00 AM	Entry appears to have been written by 7a-3p nurse Trahan and does not include respiratory assessment or notification of D. Brown.	Strongly for Us	High	Stipulated true	100%
Wed..12.Aug.1992 - 07:00:00 AM --> Fri..01.May.1992 - 09:10:00 AM	Trahan did not document D5W IV delivered due to Dr. Brown's order to DC IV fluids 8/11/92 at 21:10.	Strongly for Us	Medium	Stipulated true	100%
Tue..11.Aug.1992 - 09:10:00 PM --> Wed..12.Aug.1992 - 09:10:00 AM	No IV Fluids delivered, due to Dr. Brown DC of IV Fluids 8/11/92 at 21:10.	For Us	Medium	Stipulated true	100%
Tue..11.Aug.1992 - 08:00:00 PM	Dr. Henry reported CXR reveals worsening pneumonia.	Strongly for Us	High	Stipulated true	100%
Tue..11.Aug.1992 - 03:00:00 PM --> Tue..11.Aug.1992 - 09:10:00 PM	Green documents D5W 90cc IV delivered.	For Us	Medium	Stipulated true	100%
Tue..11.Aug.1992 - 03:00:00 PM --> Tue..11.Aug.1992 - 09:10:00 PM	Per Dr. Brown's orders D5W IV 180cc to be delivered.	For Us	Medium	To decide	100%
Tue..11.Aug.1992 - 01:40:00 PM	Trahan documented, RR 60 with retractions. No documentation of respiratory status in nursing notes noted.	To decide	To decide	Stipulated true	100%
Tue..11.Aug.1992 - 12:20:00 PM	Dr. Brown ordered Solu-Medrol and ordered Lasix	To decide	To decide	Stipulated true	100%
Tue..11.Aug.1992 - 11:20:00 AM	Trahan documented, Lynn with Labored Breathing with retractions on 30% O2 per Mist Tent.	To decide	To decide	Stipulated true	100%
Tue..11.Aug.1992 - 10:50:00 AM	White documented, Lynn continues retracting.	To decide	To decide	To decide	90%
Tue..11.Aug.1992 - 10:00:00 AM	Trahan stated in notes, Lynn continues retractions with 30% O2 per Mist Tent.	To decide	To decide	To decide	90%
Tue..11.Aug.1992 - 07:30:00 AM	Dr. Brown ordered Solu-Medrol (p. 4)	Strongly for Us	High	Stipulated true	100%
Tue..11.Aug.1992 - 07:01:00 AM --> Tue..11.Aug.1992 - 03:00:00 PM	Per Dr. Brown, 240cc of D5W IV was to be delivered	Strongly for Us	High	To decide	90%
Tue..11.Aug.1992 - 07:00:00 AM --> Tue..11.Aug.1992 - 03:00:00 PM	IV delivered	Strongly for Us	High	To decide	90%
Tue..11.Aug.1992 - 06:59:00 AM	Trahan documented D5W 150cc IV	Strongly for Us	High	Stipulated true	100%
Tue..11.Aug.1992 - 05:00:00 AM	Joseph documented ChildLynn still retracting even	To decide	To decide	To decide	90%

	with RR 32 and with 30% O2 per Mist Tent.				
Tue..11.Aug.1992 - 04:00:00 AM	Joseph documented Lynn still retracting even with RR 32 and with 30% O2 per Mist Tent.	To decide	To decide	To decide	90%
Tue..11.Aug.1992 - 03:30:00 AM	Lewis indicates Mist Tent started at 03:30.	To decide	To decide	To decide	90%
Tue..11.Aug.1992 - 03:00:00 AM	Lewis noted Mist Tent ordered to be started after Nebulizer treatment was completed at 02:15.	To decide	To decide	To decide	90%
Tue..11.Aug.1992 - 02:05:00 AM	Documented post nebulizer treatment originally documented at 90% O2Sat.	To decide	To decide	To decide	90%
Tue..11.Aug.1992 - 02:00:00 AM	Joseph noted RR at 48 with retractions and O2S at 82% post nebulizer treatment documented at 100%.	To decide	To decide	To decide	90%
Tue..11.Aug.1992 - 01:00:00 AM	Joseph documented Lynn placed in warm tub.	To decide	To decide	To decide	90%
Tue..11.Aug.1992 - 12:00:00 AM	Joseph documented RR 84 with retractions.	To decide	To decide	To decide	90%
Mon..10.Aug.1992 - 11:21:00 PM	Joseph documented IV infiltrated. Does not document IV restarted.	To decide	To decide	To decide	90%
Mon..10.Aug.1992 - 11:20:00 PM	Green's notes indicate a delay starting IV for 2 hours 10 minutes.	To decide	To decide	To decide	90%
Mon..10.Aug.1992 - 11:00:00 PM --> Tue..11.Aug.1992 - 07:00:00 AM	Joseph documented zero D5W delivered	To decide	To decide	To decide	90%
Mon..10.Aug.1992 - 11:00:00 PM --> Tue..11.Aug.1992 - 07:00:00 AM	Per Dr. Brown's orders D5W IV 240cc to be delivered	To decide	To decide	To decide	90%
Mon..10.Aug.1992 - 05:00:00 PM --> Mon..10.Aug.1992 - 09:10:00 PM	Green documented D5W 90cc IV delivered	For Us	High	Stipulated true	100%
Mon..10.Aug.1992 - 05:00:00 PM --> Mon..10.Aug.1992 - 09:10:00 PM	Per Dr. Brown's orders D5W IV 150cc to be delivered	To decide	To decide	To decide	90%
Mon..10.Aug.1992	Dr. Brown ordered D5W IV 30cc / Hr. Lynn weight was 9.8kg	To decide	Medium	To decide	90%

## Documents by Type

### Medical Records

#### Lab Reports

11.Aug.1992 08:00:00 PM	Beard County Hospital	Theirs	CXR reveals worsening pneumonia.
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#### Medication

12.Aug.1992 09:10:00 AM	H. Brown M.D.	Theirs	D5W IV 120cc delivered
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12.Aug.1992 09:10:00 AM	H. Brown M.D.	Theirs	D5W IV 30cc/hr
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12.Aug.1992 09:10:00 AM	H. Brown M.D.	Theirs	IV with D5W at 30cc/hr. O2 via mask at 6 liters/min. and O2 Saturation, Pulse Oximetry and ABG in 30 minutes if O2Sat < 90%
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11.Aug.1992 03:00:00 PM	H. Brown M.D.	Theirs	D5W IV 180cc delivered.
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11.Aug.1992 07:01:00 AM	H. Brown M.D.	Theirs	240cc of D5W IV delivered
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#### Nurses Reports

10.Aug.1992	T. Trahan RN, N. Joseph RN, M. Green RN	Theirs	Nurses Reports
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#### Physicians Orders

12.Aug.1992 09:10:00 AM	H. Brown M.D.	Theirs	D5W IV 30cc/hr
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12.Aug.1992 09:10:00 AM	H. Brown M.D.	Theirs	IV with D5W at 30cc/hr. O2 via mask at 6 liters/min. and O2 Saturation, Pulse Oximetry and ABG in 30 minutes if O2Sat < 90%
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10.Aug.1992	H. Brown M.D.	Other	Various orders from 10 Aug 1992 to 12 Aug 1992
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## Documents by Date

12.Aug.1992 09:10:00 AM	Medication	H. Brown M.D.	Theirs	D5W IV 120cc delivered
12.Aug.1992 09:10:00 AM	Medication Physicians Orders	H. Brown M.D.	Theirs	D5W IV 30cc/hr
12.Aug.1992 09:10:00 AM	Medication Physicians Orders	H. Brown M.D.	Theirs	IV with D5W at 30cc/hr. O2 via mask at 6 liters/min. and O2 Saturation, Pulse Oximetry and ABG in 30 minutes if O2Sat < 90%
11.Aug.1992 08:00:00 PM	Lab Reports	Beard County Hospital	Theirs	CXR reveals worsening pneumonia.
11.Aug.1992 03:00:00 PM	Medication	H. Brown M.D.	Theirs	D5W IV 180cc delivered.
11.Aug.1992 07:01:00 AM	Medication	H. Brown M.D.	Theirs	240cc of D5W IV delivered
10.Aug.1992	Nurses Reports	T. Trahan RN, N. Joseph RN, M. Green RN	Theirs	Nurses Reports
10.Aug.1992	Physicians Orders	H. Brown M.D.	Other	Various orders from 10 Aug 1992 to 12 Aug 1992