

12/14/74

Mrs. Porcaro:

When I called Dr. Santos in regard to C. Ruggeman dying, she questioned as to whether I was sure as she had been called in twice already and Candy was much improved by the time she got here. I told her that she wasn't breathing. I couldn't get a Blood Pressure or pulse either apical or radial also that we had suctioned and resuscitate to no avail. At that time she agreed to come in.

After coming in and pronounced Candy and take care of paper work she began telling us that she didn't feel that it was necessary to call her for Quiet Room orders during the night. Said that we were present and knew what was necessary, that we should put the resident in the Quiet Room and call her in the morning for the order. We told her that we were not permitted to do this she said that when she is on call she would back us if anything happened. We also asked, if a child strangled himself or seriously injured himself while in the Quiet Room without an order, what would happen to us as we would be responsible, she again stated she would back us.

J. Sims, R.N.

12/14/74 continued

12/20/74 Re: G. Zugell
Friday-Sat.
11-7:30 shift

12:35 G.M. seizure last 40 seconds involved entire body,
slept after no cyanosis

2:35A.M. G. M. seizure - same as above lasted 20 sec.

I notified my supervisory, Nurse in charge,
Mrs. Sims. I was told to call Dr. Bartos of
notification of seizures and if Greg was to have
anything for them.

Dr. Bartos informed me it really wasn't
necessary to call her. I only had to call for
status epilepticus or continual seizures. I told
Dr. Bartos that we were directed to inform the
doctor-on-call of any one taking 2 seizures or
more per shift or close together.

Mrs. Carol Pennos, R.N.

2/2/75

When I'm on Duty -

A resident who has become uncontrollable on his living unit may be place in the Quiet Room for no longer than 12 hours. Reporting of this action to the doctor should occur at 9:00 P.M. or 9:00 A.M. if reporting would come during doctors sleeping hours.

If Thorazine is needed in addition then doctor should be called.

Sidney Kaplan, M.D.

2/8/75

At 11:30 P.M. Mrs. Mack (3-11:30) Nurse called Dr. Bartos for Quiet Room Orders for Max Demczyk. Dr. Bartos requested to speak to the night nurse (myself) Mrs. Gregory.

Dr. Bartos asked that if any resident needed isolation in Quiet Room that they be placed in the Quiet Room and that she be called in the morning about above. (Unless medication is required and then she wanted called at that time.)

I told Dr. Bartos that I could not do this. Nothing further was said.

2/9/75

3:40 A.M. I called Dr. Bartos in regard to Harold Smith - he had received Epinephrine 1:1000 3 cc at 11:30 P.M. and at 3:00 P.M. --Relief obtained from the first injection but very little from second one. Dr. Bartos told me to continue to observe Harold and if his condition deemed necessary to send him to Canonsburg Hospital for Aminophylline drip and treatment, on consult state that no doctor was on grounds and that he needed treatment.

7:00 A.M. Dr. Bartos again called and sent Harold Smith to Canonsburg Hospital via ambulance for treatment.

Mrs. Joyce Gregory, R.N.

2/10/75

12:30 A.M. I called Dr. Partos for sleep medication for two patients. She asked me again to place in the Quiet Room any resident who required isolation without medication and to inform her of above in the morning. I told her I could not do this - according to our standard procedure a doctor has to be called when someone goes in a Quiet Room. She then asked to speak to my supervisor Mrs. Zepko - and put her through to speak to Mrs. Zepko.

Mrs. Joyce Gregory, R.N.

2/11/75 discussion with Dr. Betty Bradley

On 2/8/75 at 11:00 P.M. Dr. Bartos called Mrs. Gregory, R.N. in Pine Lodge. She told Mrs. Gregory that anyone who needed to be placed in a Quiet Room, she was to put them in and to call Dr. Bartos at 7:00 A.M. to inform her of who was put in during the night. Mrs. Gregory told her that we could not do this. Dr. Bartos did not pursue the issue we made several calls to her during the night. At 12:15 we called her for Eddie Cuthbertson who was hyper and noisy. Medication was ordered and placed in Quiet Room. We then called her at 3:00 P.M. concerning Harold Smith and again at 6:50 concerning Harold Smith.

On Sunday night at 11:30 P.M. we called Dr. Bartos for Jean Conway in Cedar Lodge. She ordered her sent to Children's Hospital. At 12:30 A.M. Mrs. Gregory, R.N. called her concerning Richard Malpassi, he apparently had a seizure earlier in the evening, at this time he was noisy and hyper and c/o severe headache.

Dr. Bartos again repeated her order of the previous night, concerning the Quiet Rooms.

Mrs. Gregory again told her that we could not do this.

Dr. Bartos then called me concerning this.

I informed her that according to our Quiet Room Procedure an order must be obtained from a doctor before they can be placed in a Quiet Room and a blanket order would not cover this. She stated that this was senseless and she was very upset because the previous night she only had 3½ hours sleep and she was on call for 48 hours and had 8 hours to work tomorrow. I told her I was sorry that she was disturbed, but we had our orders from Nursing Office, who in turn received their orders from Administration and we had to follow through with their orders. Also that until procedure was changed we had no alternative but to carry it out. Dr. Bartos then stated that if Nursing Office makes the rules and they are never here at night, then they should be called too. She also stated that tomorrow there would be a meeting and she would take care of the matter. If it was not changed she would not be on call anymore.

T. Zepko, R.N.

2/27/75

If it becomes necessary to place the resident in the Quiet Room between the time period of 10:00 P.M. today and 10:00 P.M. today and 10:00 A.M. tomorrow morning this is the order - place note in nurse report book the time period it is necessary to use the order.

M. Kaplan, M.D.

(On visiting Spruce Lodge I found this note at 4:45 P.M. on 2/27/75. I shared this information with Mr. Hiltner at 5:05 P.M. same date.)

Ruth L. Scott