

CONSULTATION REPORT

ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL
MEDICAL CENTER

Lewiston, Idaho

PATIENT: McRae, David
HOSPITAL #: 03-95-54
DATE: 10-15-89
ROOM NUMBER: 4806
FROM DOCTOR: T. W. Hill, M.D.
TO DOCTOR: C. A. Moreno, M.D.

HISTORY:

This 21 year old, Caucasian, male who was involved in a motorcycle accident and rendered unconscious at the scene. He apparently had some decerebrate posturing and occasional decorticate posturing on the left with unequal pupils. He was transported to SJRMC and intubated there. He has been breathing spontaneously after the muscle relaxant wore off.

No past history available.

NEUROLOGIC EXAMINATION:

HEENT: head revealed a small contusion in the right side of the head, otherwise no trauma of the head. There is a small amount of blood from his nose. Eyes - pupils are equal, small but reacting to light. Doll's eyes was present. Fundoscopic did not reveal any hemorrhages or papilledema. Ears - intact membranes with no blood accumulating behind them or in the external canal. LUNGS: clear to auscultation. HEART: regular rhythm which was increased. EXTREMITIES: reveal some lacerations in the anterior thigh on the right. CEREBRAL FUNCTION - the patient was comatose and responded to stimulation noxious or tactile with persistent decerebrate posturing as well as spontaneously posturing. PERRL. He did not follow any commands. He did not respond in any way to verbal stimuli. He had bilateral Babinski's.

IMPRESSION:

The patient has suffered a severe closed head injury.

PLAN:

In the ER his head was shaved and while Dr. Moreno was doing a peritoneal lavage I placed an intercranial pressure monitor on the right side by shaving the head, prepping it with Betadine and then making a small incision 3 cm to the right of the midline about the level of the coronal suture and using Camino ICP kit I drilled a small hole in the skull, opened the dura and then twisted the bolt into the skull, calibrated the fiberoptic monitor and passed it through the bolt and secured it in position as initial intercranial pressure was reading 17 to 18. Betadine ointment was then placed around the monitor and a head dressing applied and he was transported to the radiology department for CT scan of the head. This revealed only diffuse edema. There was no intercranial hemorrhage.

I then contacted his parents in Hawaii by phone and explained the critical nature of his injuries and recommended that they fly to Lewiston as soon as possible. I explained to them that this was a life threatening injury. They appeared to understand the discussion.

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