

TABLE OF CASES

Tab	Name	Problem	Negligence	Causation	Conclusion
1	Elsie Devine	Renal failure	Wilcock: excessive doses of diamorphine Black: palliative care appropriate	Wilcock: possible entered terminal phase naturally Black: entered terminal phase naturally Dudley: entered terminal phase naturally	No negligence No causation No gross negligence
2	Leslie Pittock	Bronchopneumonia and other conditions (admitted for terminal care)	Wilcock: excessive doses Black: excessive doses, but allowed to die peacefully	Wilcock: No doubt entered terminal phase naturally; can't exclude possibility life shortened by medication Black: No doubt entered terminal phase naturally; drugs may have shortened life by hours/days, but could not be proved	No negligence No causation No gross negligence
3	Elsie Lavender	Spinal cord injury	Wilcock: excessive doses	Wilcock: possible entered	Possible negligence

			Black: excessive doses	terminal phase naturally; drugs shortened life Black: little doubt entered terminal phase before syringe driver commenced; drugs may have shortened life in minor fashion	No causation No gross negligence (n.b. Black's comments re 'very complex problem in geriatric medicine'
4	Arthur Cunningham	Bronchopneumonia	Wilcock: doses appropriate Black: some doses excessive	Wilcock: naturally entered terminal phase Black: naturally entered terminal phase; could not prove drugs shortened life	No negligence No causation No gross negligence
5	Ruby Lake	Fracture of neck/ bronchopneumonia	Wilcock: syringe driver not appropriate; doses excessive Black: syringe driver probably reasonable	Wilcock: may have entered terminal phase naturally Black: could not be proved drugs shortened life	No negligence No causation No gross negligence
6	Enid Spurgin	Fracture of hip/infection	Wilcock: excessive doses Black: syringe driver appropriate; excessive dose	Wilcock: potentially reversible; drugs would have contributed to death Black: no doubt dying; cannot be proved drugs shortened life by more than hours	Possible negligence No causation No gross negligence

7	Robert Wilson	Fracture of arm; heart, liver and renal failure	Wilcock: excessive doses Black: excessive doses Baker: excessive doses Marshall: excessive doses	Wilcock: death in keeping with natural causes and can't say with certainty drugs contributed Black: death almost certainly result of drugs Baker: death hastened by morphine and may well have been initiated by same Marshall: morphine likely to have hastened death	Negligence No causation No gross negligence
8	Geoffrey Packman	GI bleed	Wilcock: failure to transfer; doses excessive Black: palliative care appropriate (range of reasonable clinical decisions); doses not excessive	Wilcock: potentially reversible condition; drugs contributed to death Black: died of natural causes; drugs made very little difference	No negligence No causation No gross negligence
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