

Expert Review

Victor Abbatt

No. BJC/01A

Date of Birth: Code A

Date of Death: 30 May 1990

Mr Abbatt was admitted to the Gosport War Memorial Hospital on 29 May 1990 as an emergency. Dr Barton requested this as his wife could no longer cope with him at home.

On admission he was diagnosed as having a chest infection with mild heart failure. He was noted to be cyanosed by the nursing staff when they put him to bed at 21.20 on the day of admission. He was then administered 10mgs Temazepam apparently which had been written up for him.^{VAI}

The experts criticised the use of a small dose of Temazepam in a patient who is cyanosed. They note, though, that Mr Abbatt was already very unwell.