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Interview with Dr Qureshi -- 20 Oct 03

I explained that I had a complaint about his behaviour and actions towards a patient on Saturday 18 Oct 03. I outlined the actions and asked if he had any explanation.

Initially Dr Qureshi was unsure which patient had referred the complaint. I noted that it was P23, a lady suffering from a right calf DVT. Dr Qureshi couldn't remember the examination, but believed that it was appropriate. He believed that he had examined the chest first, followed by the calf/popliteal fossa. The posterior chest examination was performed with the t-shirt/night attire pulled up; he was unsure if this was so for the anterior chest. He couldn't remember if he had examined the abdomen. He denied the inappropriate actions.

I outlined the seriousness of these allegations and explained I was seeking further information and that I may have to refer the matter to the Medical Board of Qld, in part based upon a previous complaint and the seriousness of this complaint. I outlined the conditions that he must follow when consulting a female patient, which was that he must have a chaperone whenever he was going to be alone with a patient, such as pulling a curtain around to examine a female patient. The nursing staff have been informed of this matter and should I hear that this practice wasn't happening, Dr Qureshi would be immediately dismissed.

I told Dr Qureshi that I would be in contact with him in the future.

  
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