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**QUEENSLAND PUBLIC HOSPITALS COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
PETER LECK**

CHRONOLOGY

Date	Incident
23.11.1992	Mr Leck commences employment at Mt Isa Regional Health Authority as Executive Officer
06.02.1995 to 05.05.1995	Mr Leck Acting Regional Director Northern Regional Health Authority
28.06.1996	Mr Leck appointed District Manager, Mt Isa Health Service District
25.05.1998	Mr Leck engaged as District Manager, Bundaberg Health Service District Acting District Manager at time of Mr Leck's appointment was David Rowlands Director of Medical Services at this time was Dr Brian Theile
23.12.1998 to 03.01.1999	Mr Leck on Annual Leave
04.1999	Dr John Wakefield appointed Acting Director of Medical Services BBH
04.2000	Dr Wakefield appointed permanent Director of Medical Services BBH
24.05.2000	Minister Edmond's visit to BBH to mark completion of redevelopment
29.05.2000 to 01.09.2000	Mr Leck on extended Annual Leave
12.09.2000	Premier's tour of BBH and meeting with union officials in Bundaberg
01. 2001	Dr Sam Baker commences as surgeon at BBH
06.2001	Dr Wakefield ceases as Director of Medical Services BBH
28.06.2001	Commencement Mr Leck's current employment contract
24.12.2002	Dr Patel offered position of Temporary Full Time SMO, Department of Surgery
24.12.2002 to 05.01.2003	Mr Leck on Annual Leave
01.04.2003	Dr Patel commences employment as staff surgeon at BBH
14.04.2003	Dr Keating commences employment
27.06.2003 to 08.07.2003	Mr Leck on Annual Leave
21.08.2003	Visit by Dan Bergin – Zonal Manager
25.08.2003 to 28.08 2003	Accreditation of BBH
09.09.2003	Email Ms Hoffman to Ms Goodman re Mervyn Smith Ex 4 TH6
25.09.2003	Farewell afternoon tea for Ms Goodman's (the District Director of Nursing (DDON)) retirement
06.11.2003	Email Ms Hoffman to Dr Keating regarding Dr Qureshi

25.11. 2003	Dr Patel formally offered position of Director of Surgery BBH
11.12.2003	Dr Patel formally accepts position of Director of Surgery
22 .12.2003 to	Mr Leck on Annual Leave
02.01.2004	Mr Leck returns from Annual Leave
06.02.2004	Discussed meeting of 02.02.2004 with Dr Darren Keating and the Finance Manager
10.02.2004	Nurses Druce and Pollock (the persons who carry out the Catheter Audit Exhibit 18) have meeting with Mr Martin, the ADON, re concerns. Mr Martin ADON emails Ms Pollock stating he has raised concerns raised in their report with Dr Keating and will also speak to Mr Leck
13.02.2004	10 am - Teleconference Dr John Scott, Mr Dan Bergin and Central Zone District Managers regarding elective surgery
About a week after 10.02.2004	Ms Pollock meets with Mr Martin ADON and is told Dr Keating wants more data regards to the catheter complications. She asks why and what more proof does he need
27.02.2004	Patient Complaint – Geoffrey Smith (local anaesthetic used instead of general for minor procedure)
09.03.2004	Meeting Mr Rob Messenger Shop 7 Bagara Plaza
09.03.2004	Letter from Medical Board of Queensland to Dr Patel granting “Special purpose registration as a Medical Practitioner in Queensland” pursuant to section 135 of the <i>Medical Practitioners Registration Act 2001</i> (practice in area of need) valid 1.4.2004 – 31.3.2005. Again states in bold that Dr Patel is not registered as a specialist
14.03.2004	Dr Qureshi dismissed from employment at BBH
03.2004	Ms Hoffman acting as District Director of Nursing and provides Mr Leck with letter of complaint regarding Dr Patel (NB Ms Hoffman’s evidence that this is February)
17.03.2004	Ms Linda Mulligan commences as District Director of Nursing
20.04.2004 to 27.04.2004	Mr Leck attends ANZHLP Leadership Conference in New Zealand
01.07.2004	Meeting with Dr Mark Waters regarding Mental Health Review
09.07.2004 to 16.07.2004	Mr Leck attends ANZHLP Leadership Conference in Northern Territory
27.07.2004	Death of Desmond Bramich
02.08.2004	Ms Hoffman completes Adverse Event and Sentinel Event Reports in relation to death of Desmond Bramich
09. 2004	Daisy (P52) operation
14.09.2004	Meeting scheduled with Mr Messenger – cancelled by Mr Messenger’s office Dr Keating sends Mr Leck brief for Mr Bergin regarding agreement with Baxter for catheter placement Mr Leck requests that Fraser Coast patients included in agreement
18.09.2004 to	Mr Leck attends ANZHLP Leadership conference Sydney and

24.09.2004	Melbourne
12.10.2004	Dr Keating provides Mr Leck with answers to Mr Bergin's questions regarding the Agreement with Baxter to have peritoneal catheter placements done off site
14.10.2004	Educational seminar conducted by Audit and Operational Review Branch at Bundaberg Hospital Mr Leck advises Mr Bergin of answers to his questions regarding Baxter Agreement and Mr Bergin agrees to arrangement and Mr Leck advises awaiting further advice from LALU
18.10.2004	Meeting with Mr Leck, Dr Keating and Ms Mulligan regarding ICU services
20.10.2004	Meeting between Ms Mulligan and Ms Hoffman when Ms Hoffman makes allegations about Dr Patel's clinical skill 3.30pm Meeting Ms Hoffman, Ms Mulligan and Mr Leck regarding Ms Hoffman's allegations 5.15pm Mr Leck sends email to Ms Leonie Raven asking her to see him urgently relating to adverse events concerning Dr Patel
21.10.2004	Ms Raven responds to Mr Leck's email advising had found letter from Ms Hoffman and incident report where wound breakdown where doctor not named
22.10.2004	Ms Hoffman emails her written complaint Mr Leck forwards Ms Hoffman's email to Dr Keating
25.10.2004	Hard copy of Ms Hoffman's written complaint arrives with complaints from Karen Stumer, Karen Fox, Vivian Tapiolas, Kay Boison and Karen Jenner
29.10.2004	Dr Keating and Mr Leck meet with Dr Dieter Berens to discuss complaints about Dr Patel
11.2004	Dr Keating investigation into Daisy
02.11.2004	Dr Keating and Mr Leck meet with Dr David Risson to discuss complaints about Dr Patel
05.11.2004	Dr Keating and Mr Leck meet with Dr Martin Strahan to discuss complaints about Dr Patel Mr Leck and Dr Keating meet to discuss investigation into Dr Patel
08.11.2004	Dr Miach sends letter to Dr Keating re P67 cc to Mr Leck
15.11.2004	Mr Leck at Zonal Forum and discusses investigation with Graeme Kerridge
16.11.2004	Tilt Train Accident
18.11.2004	3.30 – 4.30 quarterly meeting with Mr Messenger – declined meeting (train crash issue)
Late Nov/early Dec 2004	Mr Leck contacts Dr Mark Mattuissi to discuss candidates for investigation
01.12.2004	Meeting with Mr Messenger – cancelled by Mr Messenger

6-10 Dec 2004	Contact Andrew Johnson to discuss candidates for investigation
16.12.2004	Telephone conversation with Mary Montgomery regarding an Intensivist Telephone conversation with Rebecca McMahon to discuss candidates for investigation
17.12.2004	Email from Rebecca McMahon saying Dr Gerry Fitzgerald should conduct investigation Mr Leck telephones Dr Fitzgerald's office regarding review and told Dr Fitzgerald aware of matter and will do review
20.12.2004	Mr Kemps undergoes oesophagectomy. He dies two days later. Two further operations occur where Dr Patel sews up patient with obvious internal bleeding still occurring caused by the operation
23.12.2004	P26 operated on by Dr Patel and not transferred to Brisbane after stabilisation
24.12.2004	Mr Leck on Annual Leave Dr Keating offers Dr Patel extension of contract from 01.04.05 to 31.03.09
25.12.2004	Adverse Event Report – Trevor Walter (staple in bellovac drain)
04.01.2005	Mr Leck returns from Annual Leave
First week Jan 2005	Mr Leck makes attempts to contact Dr John Scott Dr Keating tells Mr Leck he has spoken to Dr Patel about scope of practice Further complaints received from nurses
13.01.2005	Mr Leck emails Dr Scott regarding investigation 9.30 am - Meeting between Mr Leck, Dr Keating and Dr Patel regarding restrictions on surgery
14.01.2005	Dr Patel advises not renewing contract as Director of Surgery Letter of support for Dr Patel from Drs Athanasiov, Kariywasam, Gupta, Boyd & Dobinson
17.01.2005	Mr Leck telephones Dr Fitzgerald regarding investigation
19.01.2005	Mr Leck sends brief to Dr Fitzgerald
20.01.2005	Email Ms Hoffman to Ms Mulligan enclosing statement from Vivian Tapiolas (note that the incident referred to was 20.12.2004)
Late Jan 2005	Dr Keating seeks Mr Leck's approval to extend Dr Patel's contract to June/July 2005 and Mr Leck agrees
31.01.2005	Email Mr Leck to Joan Dooley (Mr Leck's secretary) instructing her to give Judith Wood (Dr Keating's secretary) access to the Dr Patel file
01.02.2005	Mr Leck brief's Mr Bergin, Zonal Manager, regarding Dr Patel review

	<p>Email from Judith Woods to Susan Jenkins sending staff list</p> <p>Email from Susan Jenkins to Judith Woods requesting information</p>
02.02.2005	<p>Dr Patel offered position of Temporary Full Time Locum General Surgeon for period 01.04.05 to 31.07.05</p> <p>Dr Fitzgerald emails Mr Bergin regarding two investigations in his Zone (Dr Patel and one at Harvey Bay) and saying intends to be in District to interview in 14 & 15 Feb</p>
03.02.2005	Mr Leck emails Judith Woods regarding arrangements for Dr Fitzgerald's visit
04.02.2005	Susan Jenkins sends email requesting patient records for review and advising staff want to interview and Judith Woods responds
06.02.2005	Mr Bergin's visit to District
07.02.2005	<p>Dr Patel signs acceptance for position as Locum General Surgeon</p> <p>2.35pm Mr Leck sends email to Dr Fitzgerald advising that Dr Patel has not seen details of the allegations against him</p> <p>3.55pm Dr Fitzgerald responds that Dr Patel entitled to know allegations but not identity of complainants</p> <p>4.50pm Mr Leck responds requesting instructions as to what should be given to Dr Patel</p>
08.02.2005	Dr Fitzgerald responds to Mr Leck saying he has reviewed the material and too early to document particular concerns regarding individuals
14.02.2005	<p>Dr Fitzgerald and Sue Jenkins in Bundaberg to interview staff for investigation</p> <p>Meet with Mr Leck at 7.30am</p>
March 2005	<p>Clinical audit of general surgical services BBH</p> <p>Confidential audit report prepared by Dr Fitzgerald, Chief Health Officer, Mrs Susan Jenkins, Manager Clinical Quality Unit</p>
17&18.03.2005	Mr Leck at Zonal Conference and discusses progress of investigation with Dr Fitzgerald
18.03.2004	Mr Messenger meets with Ms Hoffman
22.03.2005	Mr Messenger tables Ms Hoffman's letter of 22.10.05 in parliament and questions raised in relation to it
23.03.2005	<p>First press in relation to "Dr Death"</p> <p>Mr Leck and Ms Walls have meetings with ICU staff (1.30 to 2.30 pm) and Level 3 Nurses (2.30 to 3.30pm) regarding breach of Code of Conduct</p> <p>Mr Leck writes to Bundaberg News re Dr Patel</p>

23 or 24 03.2004	Mr Leck meets with Dr Patel and Dr Patel resigns. Dr Patel later says he will take sick leave until contract expires on 31.03.2005
25.03.2005	Good Friday
28.03.2004	Easter Monday
29.03.2005	Mr Leck email Dr Fitzgerald to advise Dr Patel not extending contract and will leave country next week
01.04.2005	Mr Leck approves payment of Dr Patel's airfare to US Mr Leck writes to Medical Board advising Dr Patel no longer working and leaving country
07.04.2005	Visit by Minister for Health, Director-General, Michael Fiechtner and David Potter
08.04.2005	Ms Walls meets with L3 &L4 nurses
11.04.2005	Mr Leck emails Dr Fitzgerald regarding planned visit to Bundaberg and Dr Fitzgerald response
12.04.2005	Mr Leck faxes the brief originally sent to Dr Fitzgerald to the Director General Ms Walls sends copy of her notes of meeting of 8.4.05 to Mr Leck and he responds that he was not involved in audit of wound dehiscence Minister announces full Quality and Safety review by Dr Mattuissi et al
13.04.2005	Dr Fitzgerald in Bundaberg to meet with staff
14.04.2005	Mr Leck stands aside pending investigation
18.04.2005	Review of Bundaberg Hospital & Dr Patel commenced by Dr Mattuissi, Dr Wakefield, Woodruff and Hobbs

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