

Statement of Carolyn Gloria Waters of address known to the Queensland Nurses' Union of Employees

1. I am an Enrolled Nurse Advanced Practice employed in the Renal Unit at the Bundaberg Hospital. I gained my Advanced Practice position about 12 months ago. Prior to that I was employed as an Enrolled Nurse in the Renal Unit for approximately 4 years.
2. I am licensed as a Medications Endorsed Enrolled Nurse with the Queensland Nursing Council to practice as such in Queensland.
3. I recall that some time ago, maybe about 2 years ago, there was an incident in the Renal Unit when Dr Patel went to do an aseptic procedure without washing his hands. I was attending to one patient in the bay and another nurse, Joanne ^{Turner} Taylor, was attending to one of the other patients in the bay. I recall Dr Patel had stopped and talked to me at the chairside of my patient (seat 4) and then walked over to Joanne ^{Turner's} Taylor's patient (seat 6) where the aseptic procedure was to happen. I recall ~~him~~ ^{he did not} putting sterile gloves ~~on without~~ washing his hands first. I heard Joanne say something to him like "aren't you going to wash your hands". I didn't hear what he said in reply, possibly because he has an accent and I was on the other side of the bay and concentrating on my patient.
4. Joanne later came to me and Lyn Yeoman and asked if we had seen what had happened, and I said that I did; that Dr Patel hadn't washed his hands. Joanne appeared upset by the incident and I recall a suggestion being made that she report the matter to the Nurse Unit Manager(NUM). All three of us then spoke to the NUM, Robyn Pollock, at the end of the shift concerning the incident, and I recall she suggested that an incident form be

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filled out. I believe that an incident form had been filled out because I became aware that subsequently the infection control officer, Gail Aylmer, came to the unit to discuss the incident.

5. There is no further information which I would like to volunteer at this time.

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Carolyn Gloria Waters

21 June 2005

I, Carolyn Gloria Waters, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the content of this my statement for the Bundaberg Hospital Commission of Inquiry (this declaration being at the foot of the last page of the statement comprising 2 pages) is true and correct to my knowledge and belief and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the *Oaths Act 1867*.

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Carolyn Gloria Waters

Declaration Taken By

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Lawyer

Date: *21/6/05*