

To whom it may concern.

We wish to put into writing how strongly we feel about the reinstatement of Professor Paddy Dewan to practice at the Royal Childrens Hospital.

We have been fortunate enough to have our son in Professor Dewans care over the last few months and have been horrified to discover that there has been question over his absolute dedication to the care and the improvement in care standards for his patients.

Our son had a circumcision performed due to recurrent Balinitis under the care of a surgeon practising at the Royal Childrens Hospital. Since the surgery our son has had a recurrent infection, denied by the surgeon, and therefore not treated. This is despite the insistence of the treating GP that the wound was infected. He has shown no interest in being involved in our sons care and we feel his archaic methods of wound treatment and dressing products are barbaric and border on malpractice.

Since handing over the care of our son to Professor Dewan we have seen immeasurable improvement in the wound, through a course of antibiotics, frequent monitoring, and an ultrasound to rule out any underlying abnormality. We have also been referred to a Paediatric Dermatologist. Professor Dewan is committed to our sons ongoing care.

What has impressed us most in relation to Professor Dewan has been how he has made us as parents of the child feel as though we are a part of the treatment equation. He has taken the time to listen to our concerns, and has also asked us for our input. This is in stark contrast to the aforementioned surgeon who disregarded what we had to say and ignored our concerns.

In addition to this Professor Dewan has also acknowledged the emotional and psychological impact that this experience has had on our small son who now breaks into tears at the site of a medical waiting room. Professor Dewan is patient and attentive to our sons emotional needs as well as treating the physical issue which makes the entire experience less confronting than what it has been previously both for parent and child.

The absurdity of a surgeon of the calibre, professionalism and knowledge of Professor Dewan to not be allowed to practice at the Royal Childrens Hospital defies belief.

To punish an individual whose only aim is to enact change based on evidence based practice for proven effective outcomes seems immature if not outright churlish.

It is imperative that we reinstate Professor Dewan and prove our medical system to be one of best practice, and one that evolves as knowledge grows. Based on the decision making so far, it must be regarded as nothing greater than a boys club.

Yours Sincerely

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