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Dear Ms. Windapo,

Holy Cross Hospital has produced, under court order, the [pharmacy records](#) that they were withholding. These records suggest a very significant underdosing of the antibiotics that my father was depending on to save his life.

Although there are dosage discrepancies between the Physician's Progress Notes, the Physician Order Forms and the nurses' Cardex, my father was clearly supposed to be receiving Levaquin and Rocephin each day of his hospitalization; a total of 34 individual doses. The pharmacy records however, appear to indicate that only 20 doses were dispensed. **Fourteen doses are missing, including 3 days (March 13, 19 and 26) with no antibiotics listed at all.** This would seem to explain my father's unrelentingly high WBC, which in-and-of-itself caused his death.

Also of interest: each and every medication is listed clearly by name and dosage, with the exception of the antibiotics. Other than the first dose delivered to the emergency room, all the others are listed as "IV Meds From Pharmacy" with no dosage given. Does this make any sense?

I trust your investigation is progressing satisfactorily and I thank you again for the time and effort you've invested. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Alexander H. Neustadter

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