

January 16, 2013

Dave Price
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Dear Mr. Price:

Thank you for your letter of January 7, 2013. Although your letter was addressed to Dr. Bamidele Adeagbo, I thought I would answer you directly.

First, let me express my deepest condolences for your loss. Losing a son in these circumstances must certainly be extremely difficult and I can assure you that all the staff at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner sympathize with you and your family.

In your letter, you state that the swelling in the lower extremities was prior to the surgery. I reviewed the file and in the documents we have, it is written that the swelling was a result of the recent surgery. If you have in your possession documents that would prove the opposite, please send a copy of these documents to us. Although this information would not change the cause and manner of death, we could change the statement that you think is erroneous.

You also expressed disappointment that we did not investigate further on the possibility that the testicular cancer was already present for more than a year prior to Greg's death. It is not within the mandate of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to investigate the level and quality of care Greg received by the doctors and specialists in the year prior to his death. Our responsibility is to establish the cause and manner of death, duties which were fulfilled by Dr Adeagbo. In addition, your son's case will be reviewed by the Fatality Review Board. Once they have reviewed the case, you will be informed of their decision. If you have concerns with the quality of care provided by the doctors during your son's treatment, I would advise you to complain to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta.

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As for your request to obtain the totality of our file, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner is only authorized under the *Fatality Inquiries Act* to release the examination reports and the Certificate of Medical Examiner to the next of kin. To obtain a complete copy of the file, please address your request through the Alberta Justice and Solicitor General Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Office. You will find enclosed with this letter a Request to Access Information form. To make an application through the FOIP process, please complete this form and submit it to:

FOIP
Alberta Justice and Solicitor General
9th Floor, Brownlee Building
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Yours truly,



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