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Now, it occurs to me that the "gastric distress" may well have been part of a terminal phase in which this woman is said to have lost 20 pounds in a month, (weight on 11/14/86 is reported as 68 pounds), was dehydrated, had acetone breath, elevated blood sugar levels, confusion, coma, then death.

At this point, if these are facts, it appears probable to me that Ms. Duchene developed a fatal diabetic coma. I note that there was an apparent reduction in the insulin given after 10/23/86. Apart from four cans of Ensure a day up to 11/11/86, I see no orders relative to nutrition or hydration despite the alleged dehydration and rapid weight loss.

My concern is occasioned by the possibility this woman died of a diabetic coma and that the treatment outlined in these documents have a causal relation to her death.

If the terminal symptoms were those of inadequately treated diabetes and if Mrs. Duchene died of a diabetic coma occurring in a medical institution, is there not a situation of legal significance to be clarified?

I should state that it had not occurred to me a patient with diabetes in a medical or nursing institution could develop Ketosis progressing to a diabetic coma and death.

If the clinical course suggestive of Ketosis, acidosis and coma is confirmed and it is established that death resulted from a diabetic coma, such facts together with the two pages of "Physicians' Orders" really will necessitate official attention and an inquiry. I think.

There are issues ranging far beyond determining the pathological processes and mode of death of a single individual, involved in the death of Jane Duchene. I have been actively engaged in study of this case and its astounding ramifications for two years now. There is much that is unfinished and obscured peripheral to Mrs. Duchene's physical death. There is a necessity for facts documented by solid evidence. Opinion and assertion without supportive documentation has been a substitute for solid facts to a remarkable extent, while solid undeniable objective data has been ignored or circumvented.

I have no idea what, beyond the data reported after postmortem macroscopic and microscopic examinations, information you may have. If you are aware of some of the circumstances

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