

Victim's daughter upset at news

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State Medical Boards in Texas.

News that the Virginia hospital where Dr. Bradley currently performs surgery will not be notified of the action shocked the daughter of Fernando Carlo, who died at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital in April, 1993.

Susan McGowen said she was specifically told by the college that the information would be forwarded to the United States.

"This is absolutely bizarre to me," she said. "I intend to take it upon myself to take the information to the hospital. I'm not going to go away."

The college keeps a record of all disciplinary action in its registry, which can be accessed by the Canadian public as well as their neighbours to the south, Ms Hefley said. But the onus is on the seeker to acquire the information.

Alan Adkins, administrator of Patrick County Memorial Hospital in Stuart, Virginia, said the hospital board of directors would review the college's find-

ings upon official notification.

However, he added that doctors have an ethical responsibility to inform the hospital about any action against them without hesitation, which he said Dr. Bradley has not done.

Under contract, Dr. Bradley will be required to report the college's disciplinary action when he seeks renewal of hospital privileges, Mr. Adkins said.

The college found Dr. Bradley guilty in October of failing to maintain the standards of his profession. It ruled that he didn't visit his patient, Mr. Carlo, after initial surgery within a reasonable time, didn't give adequate orders, failed to make a proper diagnosis and didn't ensure his patient received proper treatment within a reasonable time.

Mr. Carlo, 68, went to Georgetown hospital to have part of his colon removed due to cancer on April 21, 1993. After the operation, Mr. Carlo was taken to the intensive care unit, where he was monitored. When the patient's

condition worsened, hospital staff had difficulty getting in touch with Dr. Bradley.

The disciplinary ruling by the college indicated that Dr. Bradley should have gone to see his patient by 3:15 p.m., when Mr. Carlo needed resuscitation, but the surgeon didn't arrive until 5:45 p.m. Mr. Carlo had two heart attacks later that evening and after he was resuscitated, Dr. Bradley performed an emergency operation. In spite of the attempt to save his life, Mr. Carlo died two days later.

A November coroner's inquest into the death recommended that numerous procedures involving patients in the intensive care unit be formalized into law.

Dr. Bradley acquired hospital privileges in Georgetown in 1978, but the main focus of his practice was in Milton and most of his surgery was performed at Milton District Hospital.

The surgeon moved to Virginia in the fall of 1993 to begin a private practice.



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Mommy see, Mommy do

Little Amber Chuchmach and mom Theresa took some time out Saturday afternoon to get some exercise and do a little clowning around at the Milton Winter Carnival. The annual event was held at Milton Memorial Arena.

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