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Subject: Does JPS Have a Plug-Pulling Problem?
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To whom it concerns,

Regarding this story:

- 1) The provider's name is Therese Duane. She was the Chair of the Department of Surgery. She should be named
- 2) She wasn't involved in inappropriate withdrawal of care of 10 patients. That is not accurate. There were however three patients during that month that she withdrew care on without appropriate discussions with family or consent. The patients were uninsured and I believe at least one was an undocumented immigrant. I doubt their families have the resources to seek justice. What she did is beyond reprehensible. There were other questionable instances in the months preceding. She seemed to have become more reckless which prompted the ICU nurses to go to Robert Early
- 3) She had multiple, repeated bad outcomes in the operating room. The surgical residents had been protecting patients from her since she arrived in fort worth. She would not infrequently attempt to begin surgical procedures on her own while the surgical residents were involved in another procedure or care for a patient in the emergency room. The nurses knew to call us repeatedly if and when she did that because she was dangerous. For example, she performed below the knee amputations so incorrectly that they would later need to be revised to an above the knee amputation. This was purely a technical misjudgment on her part that resulted in patients receiving a much more morbid amputation which would make it considerably more difficult for them to be ambulatory with a prosthesis. This is just one example of many.
- 4) Her agreement with the hospital was that she was dismissed in lieu of a formal complaint being placed to the Texas Medical Board. Without a formal complaint she is now free to seek to practice elsewhere and be dangerous elsewhere. The hospital is complicit in any further malpractice she performs elsewhere by sweeping it under the rug. I myself have tried to report it but it is difficult to do so anonymously.

Anonymous Surgical Resident

Exhibit 5