ACEM FELLOWSHIP EXAM 2010.1

*SCE 3*

**It is 2000hrs in your tertiary level ED in Sydney.**

**SCENARIO**

**You are managing Mrs Margaret Lee, a 65 year-old woman who has just been diagnosed with a massive intra- cerebral haemorrhage.**

**She presented via ambulance after being found unconscious at her home, where she lives alone. Her presenting GCS was 3 and she was intubated after arrival. CT brain revealed a large intra-cerebral haemorrhage. With consultation by Neurosurgery and ICU, her condition is deemed unsuitable for surgery and organ donation; it portends a grim prognosis. She is not sedated or paralysed in the ED, her GCS remains 3. She is being ventilated but is haemodynamically stable.**

**Mrs Lee’s daughter, Jenny Santos, has just arrived. She does not know the outcome of your assessment, and waits for you in the relatives’ room. There are no other members of staff available to accompany you.**

**Jenny, ROLE PLAYED by an actor, is waiting for you in the room for information regarding her mother. Examiners will NOT be interacting with you or the actor.**

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**SCENARIO**

**You are the consultant in charge of an urban district Emergency Department at 2300hrs. You overhear the junior medical officer - who recently commenced night shift - asking nursing staff to arrange the discharge of a 72 year-old man, diagnosed with renal colic. Nursing staff express their concerns with you, as they state that the patient has persistent right sided loin pain.**

**You have not worked with this junior medical officer before.**

***Q1. Outline your approach to this situation.***