

Case Study Discussion

Scenario One

Priti's* father took his daughter, to the children's emergency department of a large acute hospital. She presented with symptoms of a headache and vomiting. Her father felt the visit was precautionary as he believed his daughter had a sickness bug. On taking her history there was no previous fall or head injury. Her observations were stable and she appeared a healthy eight-year old girl. After a couple of hours, Priti was examined by a doctor who identified problems with vision and ordered an MRI scan. This showed a bleed on the brain requiring immediate surgery.

Consider:

How well was Priti treated?

How do you think her father felt when hearing the news?

How do you think Priti was feeling?

If you were the nurse in this situation, what would you have done?

[NB * Priti is the patient's first name and her preferred name by which she is called by staff]