

Re: Info needed -- risks on general anesthesia for coma survivors

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Or possibly getting a 2nd anesthesiologist opinion? Actually ... this sounds like a perfect reason to have it done at a major medical institution who may have dealt with this situation before.

Larry E.

Sam Libowitz wrote:

> J <day@example.net> wrote in message news:<412D465C.F6DA2946@execulink.com>...

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>> Sam Libowitz wrote:

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> <snip>

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>> Hello Sam,

>> I'm not a "medic".

>> Some ideas what I might try.

>> Book an appointment with the name of the anesthesiologist who will be overseeing her care during the surgery and ask his/her opinion. It might be helpful to find out which anesthetic is planned. (s)he may even decide, given enough information, a different type of anesthetic or may have encountered similar and may be able to allay your concerns. (or not).

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>> Ask the anesthesiologist on about.com

>> His email is at the bottom <http://anesthesiologyinfo.com/>

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>> Try news:sci.med (longshot).

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>> I would think all three would want to know (in brief) what caused or led up to the coma, what tests (in brief) have been recently run on her brain or elsewhere. (or what was ruled out as a cause and how).

>> Some causes of coma are listed here

>> <http://www.neurologychannel.com/coma/symptom.shtml>

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>> Let us know how she's doing and how things go.

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>>*Best wishes,*

>>*J*

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> *There's some chance that the exact etiology of the coma is lost (it*
> *was 20+ years ago and followed an auto accident), but the idea of*
> *telling the proposed anesthesiologist what our concerns are, and*
> *asking him what tests he'd like to have run to tell what the risks*
> *are, is a good one. Thanks much, J.*

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> *Sam L.*