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Recommendation 47/2011

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MATTER: THE CASE OF INNADEQUATE MEDICAL ATTENTION AT THE “DR. MANUEL GEA GONZÁLEZ” SECRETARIAT OF FEDERAL HEALTH GENERAL HOSPITAL COMMITTED AGAINST V1

AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE: SECRETARIAT OF FEDERAL HEALTH

The National Commission of Human Rights has reviewed the evidence contained within the file CNDH/1/2010/5577/Q, relating to the case of V1, of 62 years of age, who on the 9th of August 2010 went to the “Dr. Manuel Gea González” General Hospital of the Secretariat of Federal Health having been programmed for a hip replacement of the left hip. AR1, a medic working for the orthopedic department, on the 11th of the same month and year carried out the procedure where AR2 from Anesthesiology was also present. Said procedure was performed without valuation from the Hematology department and without the correct study protocol operated by AR3, AR4, AR5, AR6 and AR7, despite on the 5th of August 2010 it being reported by numerous personnel at the hospital that the individual suffered a decrease in the number of platelets – blood dyspraxia which would have ruled this type of operation out due to the risk of heavy bleeding. On the 11th of August then, at 19:00 hours, as the patient V1 returned to their bed after the operation, Q1 noted that the patient presented severe bruising over all their body, with their leg almost black in color, suffering from severe, unbearable pain. This situation prompted the patient to inform the nurse of these facts, to which the patient was told that there were no doctors present and that they would have to wait. With this, the medical attention received by V1 post-operation, by some of the public servants previously mentioned, along with AR8, AR9, AR10, AR11, AR12, AR13 and AR14, doctors working for Internal Medicine, Anesthesiology and Orthopedics respectively, can be judged inadequate, as despite the severe case of anemia that the patient presented, no blood transfusion was realized despite the urgent need to do so in order to stabilize their condition. These actions contributed to the deteriorating state of the patient who passed away on the 19th of August 2010. This National Organization has found evidence allowing it to accredit the violation of the right to the protection of health and life committed against V1 by the medical personnel of

the "Dr. Manuel Gea González" General Hospital of the Secretariat of Federal Health. The Commission has released Recommendation 47/2011 as a result.

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