

remember being shown a picture of what to expect and the effect and nature of the drains, catheters, ventilator, drips and monitors were explained. It was very good to have the opportunity of being warned what to expect and that did prepare us.

39. Upon being allowed to look in to see Richard we were encouraged to stay as long as we could with him.
40. Mr Dhasmana came to see us at Richard's bedside that evening. He said we would have to wait and see how things went.
41. Nursing in the ITU ward was on a one to one basis. The nurses were without exception, pleasant, friendly and efficient. If anything needed to be explained they were happy to do so and spent time with us and with Richard.
42. Some two or three days after Richard's operation, when he was being weaned off the ventilator, problems arose with his breathing and Mr Dhasmana and Doctor Masey came to see him. Mr Dhasmana explained to me that he did not think that there was any particular problem and that the ventilator should continue at a reduced level. That happened and after a few days Richard was successfully taken off the ventilator.