

I am a Registered Nurse at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria, Oregon. I am writing to express my support for the adrenal insufficiency bills that are currently being presented to the senate by Kirsten Norgaard. I have cared for Tristan several times in the Emergency Department, and recognize the need to develop protocols in both hospitals and in the pre-hospital setting. I have seen Tristan in adrenal crisis, where rapid life-saving Solu-Cortef was required. Unfortunately the healthcare team wished to see expert consultation from a pediatric endocrinologist. This consult could be potentially fatal for children with adrenal insufficiency as the medication must be administered in a timely fashion. Since this experience our Emergency Department has worked with Kirsten to develop an agreement and unofficial protocol to standardize his care. Although our relationship with this family has allowed him to have the individualized care that he requires, there are many children out there who do not get the proper emergency care that they both need and deserve.

Thank you,
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