

Emotions run high at RNS inquiry

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It has been a day of high emotion at a parliamentary inquiry looking into Sydney's Royal North Shore (RNS), with both doctors and patients giving evidence.

Jana Horska, who waited two hours for treatment before eventually miscarrying in the emergency room toilets, was visibly upset as she relived her episode to the inquiry.

"The nurses were overlooking me all the time. They were very cold, very cold," she said.

She was alongside her husband Mark Dreyer, who said the events have had a devastating effect.

"We will always be left wondering whether the outcome would have been different had we been treated with priority," he said.

"Regardless of what might have been done to save our child, something could have been done to spare us from this ordeal.

"There have been a number of inquiries into this matter, each with strict deadlines. There is no deadline that applies to our ongoing grief and suffering."

'Filthy beyond words'

The wife of a former patient blamed doctors and nurses there for her husband's intense suffering when she appeared before the inquiry.

Therese Mackay says her husband Don, a quadriplegic, was admitted for a simple procedure to drain fluid from his lungs but contracted an infection in intensive care.

Mrs Mackay says he was treated as though he was an imbecile and the place was filthy beyond words.

"One time when a nurse was suctioning Don a part of the equipment fell onto the floor. We saw that nurse pick up that bit and put it back in my husband's mouth, bold as brass," she said.



Jana Horska was left to miscarry in the toilet at Sydney's Royal North Shore Hospital. (ABC)

- [Audio: RNS care under fire at inquiry \(PM\)](#)