

# The 9 Questioned Deaths

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Following are the nine patients at Riverdell Hospital whose deaths are the focus of the investigation reopened by Joseph C. Woodcock Jr., the Bergen County prosecutor:

CARL ROHRBECK, 73 years old, admitted Dec. 12, 1965, for repair of ventral hernia scar. Operation canceled, pronounced dead 7:55 A.M., Dec. 13, 1965. Stated cause of death: coronary occlusion.

NANCY SAVINO, 4, admitted March 19, 1966, for acute appendicitis, operated on for removal of cysts affecting small intestine. Pronounced dead 8:15 A.M., March 21, 1966. Stated cause of death: undetermined physiological reaction. Surgeon: Dr. Stanley Harris.

MARGARET HENDERSON, 26, admitted April 22, 1966, with abdominal pain, exploratory incision revealed no abnormalities. Pronounced dead 8:45 A.M., April 23, 1966. Stated cause of death: acute hepatic necrosis. Surgeon: Dr. Harris.

EDITH POST, 62, admitted May 15, 1966, operated on for repair of ruptured diverticulum. Pronounced dead 9:55 A.M., May 17, 1966. Stated cause of death: paralytic ileus. Surgeon: Dr. Robert Briski.

IRA HOLSTER, 64, admitted July 12, 1966, operated on for removal of diseased gall bladder. Pronounced dead 9:55 A.M., July 29, 1966. Stated cause of death: acute coronary occlusion. Surgeon: Dr. Harris.

FRANK BIGGS, 59, admitted August 20, 1966, operated on for bleeding peptic ulcer. Pronounced dead 9:30 P.M., Aug. 28, 1966. Stated cause of death: ventricular fibrillation. Surgeon: Dr. Briski.

MARY MUENTENER, 80, admitted Aug. 25, 1966, operated on for removal of diseased gall bladder. Pronounced dead 1:40 P.M., Sept. 1, 1966. Stated cause of death: acute cholecystitis. Surgeon: Dr. Briski.

EMMA ARZT, 70, admitted Sept. 18, 1966, operated on for removal of diseased gall bladder. Pronounced dead 2 P.M., Sept. 23, 1966. Stated cause of death: acute circulatory failure. Surgeon: Dr. Harris.

EILEEN SHAW, 36, admitted Oct. 19, 1966, operated on for Caesarean section. Pronounced dead 9:20 A.M., Oct. 23, 1966. Stated cause of death: massive fat embolism from fat imbibation to liver. Surgeon: Dr. Harris.