

When profit enters any equation on health, good care goes out the window.

In a major North Sydney private hospital on a Saturday evening recently, a doctor inserted an intravenous catheter and gave IV antibiotics to a patient with post- op infection.

The next day, his relatives came to visit and the rubbish from that procedure was still on the floor at 1200.

Well, I can give you two reasons for this without a second thought.

1. Not enough nurses to supervise the doctors work habits.
2. Not enough appropriate rubbish bins in which to place his rubbish.
3. Not enough cleaning staff on a weekend to empty the appropriate rubbish bin which should have contained the contaminated stuff.

I can give you a bigger list on just this action but it's too tedious when you've been a Nurse for over 40 years and can see obvious solutions but know that time after time, no one will listen.

Profit should not be a part of healthcare. It's immoral and undemocratic. And listening to the same people telling the same lies makes you want to weep.

Why would we ever want to emulate the healthcare system of the USA.?

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