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Dear Dr Brennan

RE: Blood donors confirmed to be anti-HCV positives

I would be pleased to assess anti-HCV positive patients for you to determine whether they have significant liver disease. Because of the observation that patients with hepatitis C virus infection often have fluctuating abnormalities of their liver function tests, I think initially, until we gain more experience, it would be wise to see all anti-HCV positive patients. I would suggest that they attend the Monday afternoon Liver Clinic at St Mary's. All that you will be required to do is to write my secretary with the patients to be seen and they will be sent an appointment from our clinic. The patients will be seen within two weeks at the clinic and we will discuss with them the problem and the possible routes of further investigations. It will be important to collect the data in a systematic way so that we can establish for the future how best to deal with this problem.

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