

Hugh Nicholas
19/10/2004 18:20

To: Zubeda Seedat/PH6/DOH/GB [GRO-C] Richard
Gutowski/PH6/DOH/GB [GRO-C]
cc:
Subject: RE: Skipton queries

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19/10/2004 18:12

To: Hugh Nicholas/PH6/DOH/GB [GRO-C]
cc:
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Thanks Hugh. I had not commented on the previous one from Zubeda (even though also forwarded). I'm not sufficiently knowledgeable to give a view on the changed wording you discuss to give an informed opinion. If others are also unhappy, then your suggestion seems the sensible option - if in doubt seek a hepatological opinion.

Mike

-----Original Message-----

From: Hugh.Nicholas@ [GRO-C] [mailto:Hugh.Nicholas@ [GRO-C]]
Sent: 19 October 2004 10:49
To: Simmons, Mike (HPID)
Subject: RE: Skipton queries

Mike

I don't know how much of this dialogue you have seen, as I have just noted your (e-mail) transposition to Scotland.

Hugh

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Hugh Nicholas

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19/10/2004 10:41

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Subject: RE: Skipton

queries(Document link: Hugh Nicholas)

Zubeda (et al.)

Bob has changed one sentence in my draft, and added another final one. I am content with the additional sentence, but wish to question the amendment to my draft. It concerns the likelihood of patients being symptomatic, or

asymptomatic, in the acute phase of the illness. Bob has replaced my "when they would most likely have been asymptomatic" with "when they would have been highly unlikely to be symptomatic". This may only seem a small point, but there does seem to be a change in emphasis here. Whilst I agree that those who experienced a 'flu-like illnesses would not have realised that this was due to hepatitis C at the time, there will be a few who developed jaundice. Some authorities have stated this may be up to 20% of cases (although I suspect it may be much lower - ? 5-10%). Nevertheless jaundice can occur, and my concern is that we may be seen as over-emphasising the asymptomatic nature of acute hepatitis C infection. Interested in others comments, and whether we need to take the views of clinicians on this.

Hugh

Zubeda Seedat

mike.simmons@ [GRO-C] Hugh
15/10/2004 09:15

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Mike/Hugh

Richard has asked me to check whether you are content with the revised wording from Bob. Can you please let me know by next Tuesday.

Thanks

Zubeda

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Zubeda

I have discussed this with Aileen and offer the following amendments. The
intention of the amendments is to make it more explicit what should happen
in situations where spontaneous clearance in the chronic phase is claimed
but the date of the PCR test does not allow a judgement to be made as to
whether clearance occurred before or after the 6 month time limit for the
acute phase.

"The general view is that patients would only be eligible for the first
payment if (i) there was evidence that they had developed chronic hepatitis
C infection but this had resolved spontaneously (thought to be a reasonably
rare situation) or (ii) had developed chronic hepatitis C infection but
subsequently cleared the virus as a result of treatment. Patients who had,
or were thought to have, eliminated the virus in the acute stage, when they
would have been highly unlikely to be symptomatic, would not be eligible
for this payment. It should be assumed that the virus has been cleared in
the acute phase unless robust medical evidence is cited that proves, on the
balance of probabilities, that the patient experienced chronic infection
i.e. infection that extended after the first six months of illness"

Bob

----- Message from <Zubeda.Seedat@[REDACTED] GRO-C on Tue, 12 Oct 2004
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