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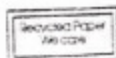
Dear Eric

RE: William Murphy  
94 Hilary Avenue, Liverpool 14

Diagnosis - Severe Haemophilia  
Hepatitis C  
Decompensated cirrhosis of the liver  
Oesophageal varices  
Hepatocellular carcinoma

I am just writing to you about this patient for information. Mr Murphy is one of 3 haemophilic brothers the other 2 of whom were HIV positive and died of AIDS. Mr William Murphy has been known to have cirrhosis for some time, and we have been injecting his varices quite successfully for the last 18 months. His ascites has developed over the last year, and was quite easy to control until very recently. Alpha-fetoproteins have been negative and an ascitic tap showed no abnormalities suggestive of underlying carcinoma. We have been considering hepatic transplantation with our hepatologists for 2 or 3 months in view of his deteriorating quality of life, and my general feeling that his prognosis was poor, and they had been dragging their feet a bit. He was admitted with his first episode of hepatic encephalopathy only 10 days ago and his ascites was even more difficult to keep under control, at which point (I was on holiday), they finally sent him up to Newcastle for urgent assessment for liver transplant. They have just sent him back and tell us that he has hepatocellular carcinoma. We are planning cytoreductive chemotherapy, following which they will reconsider him for transplantation. I am sure this is a complication we will see more of, but since the numbers are currently low I felt I should let you know.

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It is ironic that I received this bad news whilst going through Mike Makris' thesis!

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely



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