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Dr Mark Hamilton
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Dear Dr Hamilton

Re : **Mark Antony WARD – d.o.b GRO-C 69**
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Diagnosis: **Severe Haemophilia A**
HIV infection on HAART treatment
Hepatitis C type 1 never treated
Previous left knee replacement
Renal impairment

I would be grateful if you could see this gentleman who has an eight-week history of abdominal pain. His main symptoms are left sided loin pain radiating down to the groin, but also symptoms of bloating, particularly after eating and generalised abdominal pain. He had a loss of appetite and has lost about half stone in weight. There has been no improvement with Omeprazole and at time the pain is so bad that he is requiring prn Oramorph. Physical examination is essentially normal with only occasional mild left sided abdominal tenderness. In terms of investigation a CT scan of his abdomen on the 14th June showed mild splenomegaly with a spleen measuring 9.5cm. Of note in May 2004 an ultrasound showed a spleen of 11cm. The CT also showed multiple small volume lymph nodes in the para aortic region, but no larger than 1.5cm. He then went on to have a barium meal on the 30th of June, which was normal. He had a previous history of renal stones, which was apparently a complication of one of his HIV medications. However, the CT scan this time reported normal kidneys and no stones were identified. The patient has also been reviewed by Dr Bhagani's team and they are unable to explain this abdominal pain. I would be grateful if you could review him in terms of further investigations and consideration of a colonoscopy. Of note he is on the list as being at risk of exposure to nvCJD, therefore biopsies at colonoscopy will be a problem.

Current medications: Tenofovir 245mg once a day, Abacavir 600mg once a day, Kaletra 399mg bd, Cotrimoxazole 960mg od, Ondansetron 4mg bd, Colpermin 2 tabs tds, Cetirizine 10mg at night, Omeprazole 20mg once a day.

Yours sincerely

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