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Dear Dr Kirby

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I reviewed Mark on 17.07.98. At that time his complaint was one of a recent eye infection on the right. He maintains that a week prior to his review this was swollen and weepy with a swollen cheek on this side. Although the swelling and pain subsequently reduced he was left with a feeling of blurred vision in this eye and he himself had noticed some pupil dilation on that side. At the time of review my concerns were centred mainly around his continued rifabutin and ethambutol which can both cause an anterior uveitis, and ethambutol can also cause an optic neuritis.

Our ophthalmology colleagues have kindly reviewed him for us and believe that this is an anterior uveitis only with no evidence of CMV retinitis, and are treating him with Maxidex (steroid eye drops) and cyclopentolate to keep the pupil on this side fully dilated at all times. In the interim I have discontinued his ethambutol and plan to review him in the near future. I have discussed him with our HIV team who feel that we should substitute ciprofloxacin for his ethambutol, but should his anterior uveitis continue and we are considering stopping his rifabutin that he should be admitted for a five day course of amikacin prior to his maintenance on double therapy. I plan to see him in the near future to review the above.

Yours sincerely

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