



"Hepatitis C payments."

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Subject: Hepatitis C

Problems, problems! I have spoken with Hugh about this - according to him it's feasible that this guy has spontaneously cleared the virus, even after 20 years. This presents us with a bit of a dilemma. Our original thinking was that 'spontaneous clearance' meant suffering only from acute hep C, which would clear up completely after a couple of months. I think we'll need to change the eligibility criteria to clarify this, and leave the way open for those who have cleared the virus way down the line, such as this gentleman.

Hugh's suggestion is that evidence of a previous infection (coupled with the risk that the infection may only be dormant) be presented to the scheme's medical panel for a decision. This sounds sensible - but we will have to clarify what we mean by 'spontaneous clearance'. There may be others in a similar situation.

David

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Richard Gutowski

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David

Please deal with this. Thanks

Richard

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To
Richard Gutowski
Head of Blood Policy

I Suffer from Haemophilia A and I was infected with Hepatitis C in the mid seventies from NHS treatment.

I have now cleared this virus without treatment, but I carried this virus in its chronic active state for some 20 years, mid seventies to late nineties, (medical records to prove this) and suffered all the nasty effects this virus brought with it.

All its illnesses, the loss of income, the loss of the possibility of gaining any kind of life insurance, the loss of company pension, the stigma that surrounds this infection, The mental stress and worry that came with it for both myself and my family, and the fact that I had to move home because of my fears for my families safety.

All doctors in this field who I have spoken with have stated that it is most likely that the virus has just dropped below detectable levels at this time and also that it is likely that because of the long period of time I was carrying this virus in it's active form, I am likely to have sustained some liver damage.

Could you clarify, if someone like myself will be included or excluded from this payment?

Or must we continue to fight on.

I await your urgent reply.

GRO-A