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TO ALL UK HAEMOPHILIA CENTRE DIRECTORS

Dear Colleague

Dr. Philip Mortimer of the Central Public Health Laboratory at Colindale has written to say that Ortho are making available to him their new test for the non A non B marker, anti hepatitis virus C. From unpublished US data it seems clear that hepatitis C is the main, not the only parenteral non A non B virus and it would be very interesting to find out to what extent the British haemophiliacs have been exposed to it. Dr. Mortimer expects to receive enough kits to test several hundred haemophiliacs and would be grateful for the help of the Haemophilia Centre Directors in this study. He would particularly like to examine fresh sera from haemophiliacs

(a) only NHS product as opposed to commercial products and

(b) only 8Y NHS product

If you would like to participate in this study please contact

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Kind regards

Yours sincemely

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