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Dear Dr. Sandford

RE: Philip Wellman

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I saw Mr. Wellman as a special patient on 22 August 2002. His appointment has been considerably delayed and I thought I would ...matters by calling him in. He is age 56 and is single with a partner. He is a company director. he presented a few months ago with tiredness. This does however go back some years. In the past he had used alcohol to an excess, drinking 5/6 pints a day but has not had alcohol for several months. His hepatitis C was found to be positive. Of interest, he had a blood transfusion 30 years ago. He also dabbled once or twice with needles about 18 years ago. He had jaundice in Morocco in the 70s. He has not had other past serious illnesses. I believe an ultrasound has shown gallstones. He had a laparotomy for an appendix abscess. He smokes.

On examination of blood pressure it is 130/70. There was no clubbing, cyanosis, jaundice, polyp or oedema. His chest was normal. His heart was normal. There was no hepatomegaly or splenomegaly. There was a laparotomy scar. His extremities were normal. I know from the tests that you did at the Royal Free that his serum aminotransferases have been elevated. For today, I checked his genotype viral load and checked a number of other tests that would be required. He requires a liver biopsy and I will book this. I have also requested interferon treatment and I am sure that he is likely to turn out to have active hepatitis C given his transaminases and past alcohol history. He is due to see me again shortly.

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