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Dr. S. Sweet,
The Surgery,
Ann's Place,
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GUERNSEY.

Dear Dr. Sweet,

GRO-A

Mrs. GRO-A tells me that you are looking after this young lad's bleeding problems.

When this child was just over a year old we made the diagnosis of haemophilia, which I am sure is right. At that time we made his Factor VIII less than 1%. During the last two years he has had on average four bleeds a year. This is inconsistent with someone so severely affected, though it does rarely happen. I did not want to poke needles into the lad unnecessarily so I have not this year reassessed his Factor VIII level, and think perhaps it could wait until next year when he is a little larger.

You will, however, be aware that there has recently been some concern that haemophiliacs in receipt of a lot of treatment develop abnormal liver function tests and indeed chronic liver disease. It has become my policy in this Centre to check their liver function tests and also look for the Australia antigen at three to six monthly intervals. I think if when you set up a transfusion in this lad you could take a small sample to have these tests done it would be a wise move.

It has become the custom since my predecessor's time for Mrs. GRO-A to trek across to Bournemouth once a year. You are obviously treating the lad highly successfully and I am not sure what benefit she derives from coming to see me. I would be entirely happy to leave his treatment wholly in your hands, referring him to me if you feel there is anything I could usefully do. However, I will rely upon your opinion.

Yours sincerely,

GRO-C

P. J. GREEN
Director, Haemophilia Centre