

29th May 1995

Mr. & Mrs. GRO-B

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Dear Mr & Mrs GRO-B

As you know we are now routinely testing patients' blood for evidence of exposure to hepatitis C and we did mention to you some months ago that we were taking a sample from GRO-B to test.

Unfortunately the results do show that GRO-B has been exposed to hepatitis C virus in the past and carries antibodies to this virus. This means that GRO-B is likely to be a carrier of the virus.

Many patients who are treated with Factor VIII in 1987 and prior to 1987 have been exposed to this particular virus and are positive for antibodies to it. Many patients who carry the virus are perfectly well and are totally unaware. In some patients, however, over a lengthy period of time the virus can cause some evidence of liver damage. I appreciate this finding may be a shock to you and I would be happy to talk to you both about GRO-B and the implications of this for him. If you would like to come to see me at 2.00 pm on the afternoon of Tuesday 6th June I would be happy to talk to you then. I do not think that GRO-B needs to be involved directly at this stage. I should say that there is no evidence of any problem with the HIV or AIDS virus when we tested GRO-B and, of course, he has been immunised against hepatitis B in the past.

If you are able to keep this appointment for 2.00 pm on Tuesday 6th June I would be grateful if you would confirm this with my secretary, Margaret, GRO-C (this is a new direct line into the office.)

Yours sincerely

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