

NATIONAL BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

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Dear Doctor,

re: Mrs. GRO-A

Your patient, as above, is a blood donor and routine testing has shown that she has a positive Australia-antigen ~~antibody~~ test at the present time. She has been told that tests have shown that in the past, unknown to her, she may have had an attack of hepatitis. She has agreed that we should give this information to you.

The implications for your patient of this test are not entirely clear at the present time, but it is known that, if her blood were transfused the recipient might develop hepatitis. She should not therefore, be a blood donor in the future and she has been told this.

May I suggest that it would be desirable to have liver function tests done as she may possibly be incubating the disease, and that you should consult the pathologist at your local hospital about these tests. If a specimen of blood is sent to the laboratory it should be clearly marked "Australia antigen positive sample" and be most carefully collected, handled and packed. If the liver function tests show any abnormalities suggesting some form of hepatitis, you might be interested to know that

Hospital who is specially interested in diseases of the liver, is willing to see such individuals should you think it necessary to refer your patient to him, or is willing as a matter of interest, to follow-up all such patients even though their liver function tests might be normal and to all intents and purposes they appear to be healthy individuals.

Yours sincerely,

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