

Witness Name: Valerie White

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HAEMATOLOGY DEPARTMENT

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8th March, 1983
(Clinic 3.3.83)

Dr. Mathews,
Pentargon,
Waterhall Road,
Fairwater,
Cardiff.

Dear Dr. Mathews,

Re: Martin WHITE - d.o.b. GRO-C 70
GRO-C Cardiff.

I saw Martin in the Clinic this week. You may remember he is the young boy with severe haemophilia. It appears that four days ago he had a routine dose of Factor VIII concentrate as part of his normal twice weekly prophylaxis. During the evening he became unwell, shivering and the next day his mother noticed that he had a temperature of over 39°C. He was kept off school and was generally unwell, but with no specific symptoms. The temperature continued the next day but on the ~~Thursday~~, that is yesterday, he was more or less better and returned to school. He came up to the clinic this morning for additional review. He has had no other symptoms although he had headache at first, his micturition has been normal, his bowels were regular, no abdominal pain and no melaena.

On examination he looked pale and unwell, however, there was no lymphadenopathy, and in the abdomen the liver and spleen were not palpable, in fact I could find no abnormal physical signs. I took blood off for full blood count and liver function tests. The blood count results are now back, haemoglobin was 13.4 g/dl, platelets $191 \times 10^9/l$, the white cell count was only $2.3 \times 10^9/l$, 32% neutrophils, 47% lymphocytes, monocytes 11%, 1% myelocytes and 9% metamyelocytes. This is rather a worrying blood picture and does suggest in fact that he may have had a virus infection or possibly some form of serum sickness as a result of the Factor VIII treatment. I have asked the Haemophilia Sister to telephone his mother suggesting that she brings him into hospital if he is unwell over the weekend and we will see him again on Monday morning in order to repeat the blood count. We will take it from there. At the present time, there is certainly no evidence that he has developed the acquired immune deficiency syndrome recently reported in Haemophilia in the United States.

Yours sincerely,

A.L. Bloom
Professor