

F I L E N O T E

MEETING WITH DR. A. ARONSTAM, DIRECTOR, LORD MAYOR TRELOAR HOSPITAL
AND CONSULTANT, BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT HOSPITAL

August 25th 1978

Tony Aronstam, one time Haematologist at LMT, returned from a spell in New York last summer, as Director in charge of the whole unit and also the Haematology/Pathology facility at Basingstoke.

All orders for the Wessex area are processed through the buying office in Winchester, but Aronstam makes the decisions, as he is by the far the biggest user. His first requirement is convenience of administration, since they can often have 15 infusions to give at a time. The six months study of all commercial concentrates last year showed Hemofil and Factorate to be better than Koate in this respect. In his opinion, solubility is slower with our product. It is worth going back, if we can provide evidence to the contrary.

He has 6 inhibitors from a total of 60 patients at present. One of the inhibitors desperately needs a polypectomy and Aronstam will be discussing the best method of treatment with his colleagues during the next few weeks. Hyate will now be included in their considerations and I have promised a sample for in vitro testing. I think it would be worth getting Jean Pierre to talk to him on the subject.

He was interested in the PE material and will look at it when available. He believes animal has a place in treatment, but has never used it.

He mentioned Rizza's theory for the treatment of inhibitors, by giving frequent low doses of human factor VIII. This is said to reduce the inhibitor level.

I referred to the hepatitis problem with Armour material, but this was discounted. Aronstam believes hepatitis is strictly a function of the number of doses given and said that 48 of his present patients

at LMT have had it and it frequently recurs.

PPF is not used in Basingstoke. Haemaccel (Hoescht) is used by the gallon. At £2 for 500 ml, this is a fraction of the cost of PPF. I was told that PPF is no longer considered to be the treatment of choice for burn cases and to be inferior to gelatin in many other procedures. Apparently its main use is in Immunopheresis.

DRW

31st August 1978

c.c. Mr. D. Heath