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Dear Dr Boulton

I would be very grateful if you could clarify for me the situation regarding the tracing of HCV positive recipients. Am I correct in thinking that anyone who has had a blood transfusion since September of 1991 will be contacted by the Look Back for HCV program that is currently going on?

I, therefore, imagine that any patients who presents with a concern related to HCV and a blood transfusion date prior to this should be offered antibody screening. If this assumption is correct could you please identify for me the type of sample that should be collected and the destination to which is should be sent.

I am sorry to trouble you over this issue but the guidelines from the Chief Medical Officer are extremely confusing and obviously a number of patients are now trickling through requesting our specific advice on this subject.

Yours sincerely

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