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Dr Riddell

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Dear Dr Riddell

re: Nicholas Hirsch - dob GRO-C 76
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Nicholas was seen at the Haemophilia Centre on 5 June for six-monthly review. He had suffered approximately two to three bleeds a month in miscellaneous sites. He usually treats himself now and also keeps treatment at school where his parents have supplied a fridge and a sharps box for the disposal of needles. His general health had been good apart from eczema on his scalp which had been treated with Cortisone cream by Dr Atterton, the Dermatologist at Great Ormond Street. He tended to eat junk food but his teeth were good and he had no fillings.

We discussed the problems in the family and Nicholas's recent difficulties at school. An appointment was made for him to see Mr Robert Milnes, Head of the Children's School in the Royal Free Hospital for further advice on how to handle his school problems.

On examination his weight was 43.3 kg, height 164 cm. He had some eczema in both elbow flexures and over the occipital region. Blood pressure was 110/70. There was no lymphadenopathy. His chest was clear and there were no abnormalities on palpation of the abdomen. Full blood count, T4 lymphocyte count and liver function tests were normal.

We discussed the tests for antibody to hepatitis C; Mr and Mrs Hirsch and Nicholas are aware that the anti-HCV test has been performed. The result was positive, but they have not yet been told the result. Since this is the virus thought to cause non-A, non-B hepatitis, and since most haemophiliacs treated with factor VIII concentrate before screening and heat treatment have been infected with non-A, non-B hepatitis, the result was not unexpected.

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The urine was noted to have the presence of protein. A repeat sample has been sent this week for MC and S, but the result is not available yet. Nicholas does not complain of any symptoms of urinary tract infection, and I think it is quite likely this result was not significant. Please let me know if you require any more information.

Yours sincerely,

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Since dictating this letter, the result of the urine analysis has been received. There was no growth. Microscopy revealed only occasional red blood cells, no white cells.