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Dr. GRO-B

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Dear Dr. GRO-B

Re: GRO-B - do GRO-B 54.  
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- Diagnoses :-
1. Chronic hepatitis C
  2. Interferon therapy - 1997, break through and relapse.
  3. Interferon induced hypothyroidism

I was very pleased to review GRO-B at the Hepatitis Clinic today. She completed a 48 week course of Alpha-Interferon in December 1997. She had a very good initial response to the therapy with clearance of the virus at 12 weeks, but unfortunately had a break-through by 24 weeks and further increasing dose of Interferon at that time, which unfortunately hasn't cleared the virus. She had a repeat liver biopsy in December 1997, which again showed very mild chronic hepatitis with no real change from the initial biopsies.

Current drug therapy consists of Thyroxine - 100 micrograms daily and her thyroid function tests are now entirely normal. She has lost the extra weight that she gained as a consequence of the underactive thyroid. The natural history of Interferon-induced hypothyroidism is not known. I think it is important to keep an eye on her thyroid function tests, and would be grateful if you could check them in a couple of months again. I think we should aim to keep her on Thyroxine meanwhile.

She will be reviewed back in June 1998.

Yours sincerely,

DM - T<sub>4</sub> 100 µg/d.  
Alcohol v. occas.  
Would consider further  
tx.

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