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Dear Sam,

RE: Mr. William Murphy: dob

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Thank you for your letter concerning this man who was very ill with severe portal hypertension and oesophageal varices requiring endoscopic sclerotherapy. We seem to have got his varices under control, but he still remains quite an ill man, with the ascites and Hepatitis C antibodies and haemophilia.

He has of course undergone major surgery including a total knee replacement in 1992, but I would be most reluctant to advise inguinal herniorrhaphy, particularly in view of the co-existent ascites, unless there was evidence of impending obstruction or he had intolerable pain and discomfort.

Perhaps we can discuss him further.

Yours sincerely,

PROFESSOR SIR ROBERT SHIELDS,
PROFESSOR OF SURGERY.