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Dear

**ANTI-HCV TESTING**

Further to my memorandum dated 22nd January 1991 I have had a meeting at the Department of Health concerning the financial arrangements for performing this test.

It is proposed that the costs for the implementation testing will have to be charged on products issued from RTCs and be borne by the users. This will likely apply to the supplementary in addition to the screening tests.

The Department intends to issue an Executive Letter on this subject to RGMS.

Until the cost of the test is finalised between the various companies and the DH Procurement Directorate it will be difficult to produce definitive costs. However, this should be resolved well in advance of implementation of the test.

With respect to commencing routine screening for anti-HCV at the RTCs. We can perhaps agree on a date after I have been able to speak to everyone about their response to my request. However, I cannot see this taking place before June 1991.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

H.H. GUNSON,  
National Director

c.c. Mr. J. Canavan ✓

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