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Dear Dr Rizza

The Department was telephoned yesterday by a representative of Ortho-Diagnostics who sought a current list of Haemophilia Centre Directors (HCDs) and Centres. Their interest is in promoting the non A, non B hepatitis (Chiron) test they have developed, and I write to ask if I may give them your name as Chairman of HCDs please?

This does not in any way reflect Departmental endorsement of the Chiron test, which will be the subject of further advice from the Advisory Committee on the Virological Safety of Blood when considering the need for NANB testing.

However, Ortho have already contacted many Regional Transfusion Directors, and you may think it undesirable for them to contact individual HCDs in their promotion; Ortho clearly hold the outdated (1978) list of Haemophilia Centres and are likely to pursue that course as an alternative.

I would be grateful for your advice.

Yours sincerely

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