

Dr. Scithies

See attached correspondence
has come into the Unit
while Dr. Piddler is on A/H.
Dr. Bloom is of course an
EAGD member.

In view of the subject matter
can I pass Dr. Bloom's letter
to you for a response.
could you copy your reply
to Dr. Piddler for information.

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cc Dr. Piddler/file



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12th August, 1986.

Dr. Hilary Pickles,
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Dear Dr. Pickles,

Further to my last letter regarding iatrogenic aids, a number of other points have come to mind. I think that Alison Smithies is considering factor VIII products at the moment, but I must admit that I am quite worried about the fact that the backlog of unscreened (HTLV III) plasma held in stock at Elstree is still being processed for heat-treated factor VIII concentrate. Although the process is very severe, this had been the virological opinion with regard to the Armour product, apart from one or two notable exceptions. I know that this matter is under discussion in which I may be involved and whilst I would not wish to anticipate the decisions at the moment, I am worried about the inclusion of unscreened plasma for fractionation.

My second point is merely to the effect that I have on my desk a protocol concerning the Immuno product called Tissucol. This fibrin foam is currently being used all over the place and is only heat-treated for 30 hours at 60° (days), This would do nothing to NANB and is the same temperature exactly used by Armour for their withdrawn batches of factor VIII. I do not know if individual donors are screened* I would not use this material on myself without a lot further information and especially as it is used for comparatively trivial indication in general and specialised surgery on uninfected patients.

* They are

Yours sincerely,

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A.L. Bloom.