

PJK/RCS

8th December, 1975

Dear Dr. Williams,

Re: GRO-A

Many thanks for your letter of the 17th September.

Due to the problems of hepatitis in haemophiliacs I have been asked by Dr. Rosemary Biggs to conduct a prospective hepatitis study. The essential criteria is that patients selected should receive only one type of factor VIII containing material during the 18 months of the study. As GRO-A would appear to receive only cryoprecipitate at your hospital I have selected him for this group and during this term he has received only this material. Should GRO-A attend for treatment during the holiday, would it be possible for you to try a pre-transfusion sample of blood (10mls. X 2 of clotted blood) and forward them to me? Should he develop signs and symptoms suggestive of hepatitis I would be grateful if you could notify me immediately and perhaps I could trouble you to complete a Sickness Record Form. Should you require this Form it is enclosed together with a Protocol for your information.

GRO-A seems to have settled in during his first term. I enclose a copy of his bleeds and treatment. With regard to haemarthroses, he would seem to respond to one transfusion of 7 bags of cryoprecipitate. At the beginning of the term he developed a right calf bleed; because of the dangers of equinus deformity, we tend to treat these very vigorously - normally twice daily transfusions until things are under control.

You will be pleased to know that he is negative for Hepatitis 'B' Surface Antigen and Antibody. His factor VIII level, as determined by our laboratory, is less than 1% and this would agree with his clinical severity.

Yours sincerely,

GRO-C

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