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Dear Dr Sopher

Re: **Mr Brian AHEARN - DOB** **GRO-C 1966**  
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Diagnosis: Severe Haemophilia  
Hepatitis C

I saw Brian for review today. He is having very regular bleeding in to both his elbows and his right (replaced) knee. For that reasons I am putting him on prophylaxis with 1500 units on a Monday and Wednesday and 2000 on a Friday and will review this in 3 months.

He sadly failed to respond to pegylated Interferon and Ribavirin, but I am pleased to note that since finishing this his LFTs have been normal and I suspect that the treatment has conferred some lasting benefit.

We also discussed variant CJD. We have recently been notified that several years ago, in the mid-90s, some of our patients used a batch of factor VIII concentrate manufactured from a plasma pool, which included a donation from a donor who subsequently developed variant CJD. Mr Ahearn was one of those patients.

He was offered the option of knowing or not and decided to wish to be told. We have therefore told him and put the risks in to context. The risk of transmission is considered extremely small, if not zero. However, in the absence of a blood test and a long incubation period there can be no absolute certainty of this. He seemed reasonably reassured and took the news quite well.

Yours sincerely

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