

Witness Name: Royal Free Hospital (Debra Anne Pollard)  
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Dear Mrs Hirsch

Thank you for your letter of 13th August. We have not used the Alpha factor VIII which has transmitted hepatitis A. This is a solvent detergent sterilised product and it is known that hepatitis A can break through this kind of sterilisation process.

We vaccinated all our patients with severe haemophilia who were at risk from hepatitis A over two years ago. Nicholas has consistently shown antibody to hepatitis A and I think he had natural immunity, which means that he would have had an infection at some time in the past. Some 50-60% of the adult population show antibody to hepatitis A. Thus, he has a protection and he does not need to worry about this infection. Furthermore, the factor 8Y that he has been using for treatment, is sterilised by a long dry-heat process at 80° for 72 hours and has not been associated with any transmission of hepatitis A. I do not think it is of any advantage for Nicholas to move from one plasma-derived product to another at this stage but ultimately, I would hope that all our patients will be treated with recombinant factor VIII. At the present time, this is not possible but, it may become possible over the next years.

With regard to treating his hepatitis C with combination therapy, I have written to a number of patients this week, offering an appointment and I hope we will soon see him.

I hope that answers all your questions.

However, I am quite happy for you to contact me by phone about the generalities of treatment but I think you must appreciate that now that Nicholas is over 18 years of age, it is not right for me to discuss specifics of his medical condition with you. I would however, hope that he shares what we talk about with you.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

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Christine A Lee