

**The Liver Unit**

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Dr Orla McNulty  
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Dear Dr McNulty,

RE: MR GRO-B D.O.B.: GRO-B 1980  
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**Diagnosis:** Severe haemophilia A / Chronic Hepatitis C (genotype 1) / 48 week combination therapy with Pegylated Interferon and Ribavirin finishing July 2006 / Remains PCR negative more than 6 months after completion of treatment.

**Comments:** I reviewed Mr GRO-B along with my SHO on the 11/06/07. He seems to be keeping very well and I was pleased to note that he remained PCR negative 6 months after completion of therapy when tested in January 2007.

I explained to Mr GRO-B that patient's who remain PCR negative 6 months after completion therapy usually remain PCR negative long term. We would recommend that he should have a Hepatitis C PCR test done once a year and I would be very happy for you to carry this out at the haemophilia centre as part of his regular follow up. He says that a previous ultrasound of his liver was unremarkable and therefore I do not see any need for follow up ultrasound of liver.

**Review:** No further review planned at the liver clinic but please do not hesitate to contact me again in the highly unlikely event that his PCR test became positive in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Dr N McDougall MD FRCP (Ed)  
Consultant Hepatologist & Gastroenterologist

Cc: Dr GRO-B

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