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Dear Doctor,

Surveillance of Kaposi's sarcoma

Following the outbreaks of Kaposi's sarcoma and opportunistic infections in homosexual males in the USA we wish to establish an effective surveillance system in England and Wales. The enclosed report describes the inadequacies of existing surveillance systems and suggests a trial clinical reporting system of Kaposi's sarcoma to meet this need.

I am writing to ask for your cooperation in this trial reporting system and should be most grateful if you would be kind enough to report to the Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre cases of Kaposi's sarcoma proven by skin biopsy and diagnosed after 1st January 1982 on the enclosed report form.

We should like to continue the trial reporting system until 31st December, 1983 when it would be reviewed. An interim report and final reports on the surveillance system will be sent to you.

Dr. Brendan O'Connor will be responsible for this trial. Please do not hesitate to contact me or him at CDSC if you have any queries.

Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely,

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