

Witness Name: Michael O'Doherty  
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Exhibits: None  
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## INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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### WRITTEN STATEMENT OF MICHAEL O'DOHERTY

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I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 16 April 2019.

I, Michael O'Doherty, will say as follows: -

#### Section 1: Introduction

##### 1. Name, Address, Date of Birth and Professional Qualification

**NAME:** Michael Jonathan O'Doherty

**DATE OF BIRTH:** GRO-C 1951

**ADDRESS:** GRO-C

**MEDICAL DEFENCE ORGANISATION:** Medical Defence Union

#### **EDUCATION:**

1970 – 1973 St John's College, University of Cambridge.  
1973 – 1975 Kings College, University of London.  
1975 – 1978 Kings College Hospital Medical School, London.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

1973 BA Natural Sciences  
1976 MA Cambridge  
1978 MBBS London  
1980 MRCP (UK)  
1984 MSc London, Nuclear Medicine  
1991 MD London.  
1996 FRCP  
2006 FRCR without examination

**MEDICAL SOCIETIES:**

British Nuclear Medicine  
Society British Medical  
Association British Institute of  
Radiology  
European Association of Nuclear Medicine

**2. Positions held as a physician, the organizations in which these positions have been held and roles and responsibilities in these positions.****PRESENT APPOINTMENT:**

2013 Retired from Medical Practice.

**PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS:****A. Pre-registration**

July – Dec 1978 House Physician to Dr P Hugh-Jones and  
Dr V Parsons. Kings College Hospital, London.

Jan – August 1979. House Surgeon to Mr R Collins.  
Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Canterbury.

**B. Post-registration**

Oct 1979 – Mar 1980 SHO in Neurology to Dr J Rees and Dr S Nurick.  
Hurstwood Park Hospital, Haywards Heath.

April 1980 – Sept 1980 SHO in Renal and General Medicine to Dr J A P Trafford.  
Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton.

Oct 1980 – Mar 1981 SHO in Cardiology and General Medicine to Dr D Chamberlain  
and Dr R Vincent. Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton

April 1981 – Sept 1981 Registrar in General Medicine to  
Dr J A P Trafford and Dr J R Spurrel.  
Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton.

Nov 1981 – Oct 1982 Registrar in General Medicine and Gastroenterology  
to Dr M O Rake and Dr I Roberts.  
Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Canterbury.

Nov 1982 – Nov 1983 Registrar in Chest, General Medicine and  
Nuclear Medicine to Dr D N Croft and  
Dr N T Bateman. St Thomas' Hospital, London.

Nov 1983 – Dec 1984 Research Registrar in Nuclear and Chest  
Medicine to Dr D N Croft and Dr N T Bateman.  
MSc Nuclear Medicine. St Thomas' Hospital, London.

Jan 1985 – Oct 1987 Registrar in General Medicine and Chest Medicine  
to Dr N T Bateman. St. Thomas' Hospital, London.

Oct 1987 – Jan 1988 Senior Registrar in General Medicine to Dr  
D N Croft. St Thomas' Hospital, London.

- Feb 1988 – Jan 1989. Acting Consultant Haemophilia and HIV, Nuclear Medicine and General Medicine, St Thomas' Hospital, London under Prof G Savage Director of Haemophilia Centre and Dr D N Croft
- Feb 1989 – Sept 1992 Senior Registrar in General and Nuclear Medicine to Dr D Croft, Dr T O Nunan and Dr A J Coakley, St Thomas' Hospital London and Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Canterbury, Kent Attachment for Clinical Trial supervision, Haemophilia Centre and Outpatient Review of patients who were HIV positive.
- 1992 – 2006 Senior Lecturer / Consultant Physician, Guys & St Thomas Hospital, London and Kings College, London and Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Canterbury, Kent
- 2006 – 2010 Senior Lecturer / Consultant Physician, Guys & St Thomas' Hospital, London and Kings College, London.
- 2010 - 2013 Professor in Nuclear Medicine and PETCT Kings College London and Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

#### **EXPERIENCE IN GENERAL MEDICINE**

My general medical experience was acquired from posts at busy district general hospitals (as a medical SHO and registrar) and at a teaching hospital (as a registrar and a senior registrar).

At all levels of training I provided on call cover for ward patients, acted as the primary admitting physician and was the medical member of the crash team. At the teaching hospital (St. Thomas') as a registrar and as a senior registrar the on call commitment was a 1:3 rota. The duties were resident in the hospital. I saw all patients with medical problems referred to hospital by general practitioners and other casualty staff prior to the house staff. I provided overnight cover for all the medical and surgical patients in the hospital with medical problems. My junior hospital medical posts have all provided general medical experience, both in inpatient and outpatient care and have been complemented by specific training in neurology, nephrology, cardiology, gastroenterology and a period providing cover for an intensive care unit and acute cardiac emergencies requiring cardiac pacing and cardiac pressure monitoring.

At St Thomas' Hospital, my specialist interests in Respiratory Medicine and Nuclear Medicine were developed whilst maintaining general medical patient care. My training in Respiratory Disease coincided with the period during which the incidence of AIDS increased hugely. I received formal training in the management of acute and chronic respiratory diseases as well as instruction in both rigid and fiberoptic bronchoscopic techniques. With the increase in patients with AIDS and the burden on the respiratory services, I helped establish protocols for the management of this patient group including ways in which radionuclide scanning technique could be used to investigate these patients. Due to my interest in noninvasive methods of investigating patients with HIV related diseases and my respiratory / HIV medical experience, I was employed by the Haemophilia Centre to establish follow up protocols for haemophiliac patients with HIV disease and coordinate various trials in this patient group.

#### **EXPERIENCE IN HAEMOPHILIA AND HIV**

My experience in the management of patients with HIV infection was developed over a three year period working with Dr N T Bateman managing primarily inpatients with medical

medical problems associated with HIV infection. From 1988 - 1989 I was employed by the Department of Haemophilia to establish follow up procedures for this group of patients and co-ordinate clinical trials with regard to antiviral therapy. This management responsibility continued during my Senior Registrar post. During this period a multidisciplinary approach to the numerous problems associated with HIV was developed such that the Haemophilia Centre had combined clinics with orthopaedic surgeons, paediatricians, ophthalmologists and ready access to dermatology clinics. The counselling service for HIV was well established in the unit and expanded to give counselling to couples from other centres who wish to have children despite one partner being HIV positive. The Haemophilia Centre functioned through close liaison between the consultants dealing with the coagulation problems and myself.

During this period written protocols were developed concerning a standardised approach to various medical problems that affect the HIV positive patient. Information sheets for patients and their families on various therapies that are commonly used were generated along with nursing protocols.

Patients with haemophilia who required admission to hospital for other health problems were managed by the specific medical or surgical teams with appropriate cover from the haemophilia physicians and nursing staff.

**3. Membership, past or present, of any committees or groups relevant to the Inquiry's Terms of Reference which can be found on the Inquiry's website at [www.infectedbloodinquiry.org.uk](http://www.infectedbloodinquiry.org.uk).**

No committees or groups relevant to this inquiry.

**Section 2: Criticism of** GRO-B

**4. Response to Question 4 of the Rule 9 Request**

I am retired and currently in Japan with no access to clinical notes. I am keen to assist the inquiry but cannot respond to the question from memory due to the passage of time.

**5. Response to Question 5 of the Rule 9 Request**

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**Section 3: Other Issues**

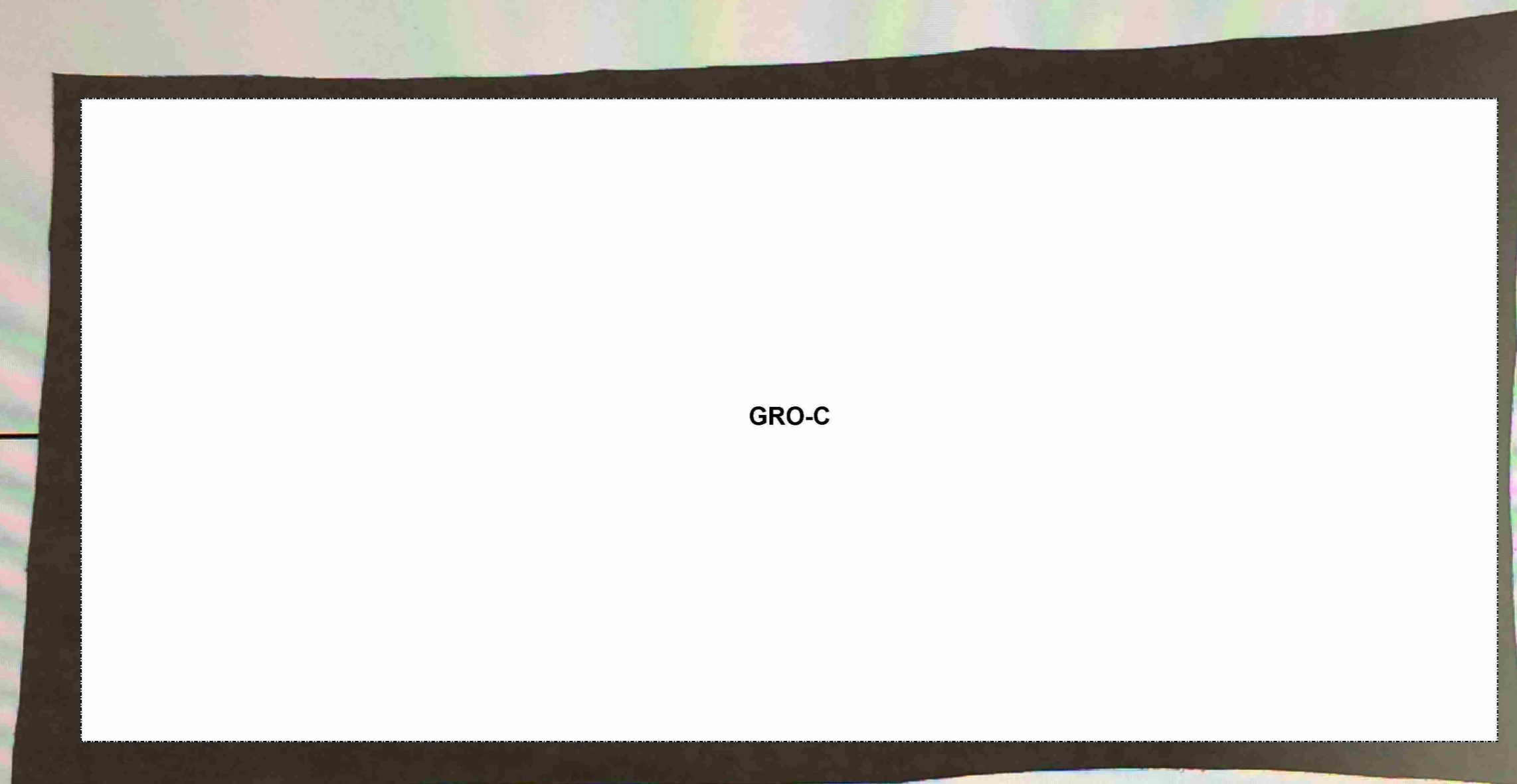
No other issues at this time.



**Statement of Truth**

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_



GRO-C

Dated 26.04.2019