



The Royal Victoria Infirmary & Associated Hospitals NHS Trust

ROYAL VICTORIA INFIRMARY

Queen Victoria Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4LP.
Tel: 0191 232 5131

MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, Ward 52 - Ext: **GRO-C**

Direct Line: **GRO-C** Fax: **GRO-C**

Project-97/385
Sent-18-12-97
BF-8-1-98

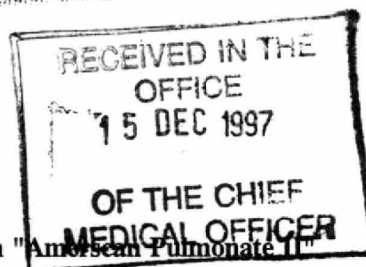
RALB/LJP
11 December 1997

Sir K Calman
Chief Medical Officer
Department of Health
Richmond House
79 Whitehall
London SW1A 2NS

15.12.97

Dear Sir Kenneth

Withdrawal of Nycomed Amersham "Amersham Pulmonate II"



I am writing at the request of the Trust Executive Group of this Trust to ask you to consider issuing a national statement with respect to Pulmonate (macroaggregated albumin, technetium labelled, batches derived from a pool contributed to by a nvCJD subject). I enclose a copy of the paper prepared for the Trust Executive Group. The focus of attention in the Trust has been of whether or not to recall and counsel those who have received the product. The proposal in the paper (not to recall and counsel) was supported by the Trust Executive Group. We feel that for this sensible policy to work there needs to be complete national coherence and it was felt that (i) you might like to have this local support for non-recall and (ii) you would be in a position this as a general policy for the arguments summarised in the paper.

Many thanks for your attention.

Yours sincerely

GRO-C

R A L Brewis
Medical Director

Enc.