

**Response to the Penrose Inquiry to the request of
21st December 2011 concerning the reports of
Dr Hay and Dr Nathanson
by
Professor Philip Cachia**

I have read the documents from Drs Nathanson and Hay.

I agree with the report from Dr Nathanson and have no additional comments.

Much of Dr Hay's report deals with issues and decisions that pre-date my personal involvement in managing Haemophilia care so I cannot comment on their veracity although the arguments presented in the report are logical and generally make good sense. I have the following specific comments:

Para 54: I agree with Dr Hay's comments but would also include the counselling skills of the doctor and/or nurse as an additional variable which may impact on the patient's memory of HCV counselling. Good practice would also include an ongoing process at successive routine reviews to reinforce the information and issues.

Para 63: I presume '1982/3' should be '1992/3'

Para 68: I not comfortable with the statement '*....partly because they had enough on their plate....*' which can be interpreted as justifying the paternalistic rather than patient centred model referred to by Dr Nathanson

Para 69: I presume the first sentence should end '*.....co-infected with HIV and hepatitis C*'

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