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Dear Dr Hill

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I saw this patient in the clinic today after a telephone call from the Haemophilia Clinic yesterday. It seems that he has developed gross ascites whilst on a visit to America. His Spirolactone tablets had run out shortly before he went and he had not taken a supply with him. He apparently put on 24 lbs in weight but has now lost 13 lbs with diuresis due to Omeprazole 20 mgs a day and Frusemide 40 mgs a day.

On examination in the clinic today he still had gross ascites and pitting oedema. I gather that his last liver function tests showed no gross deterioration and there was no obvious clinical precipitating cause for his ascites. I have asked him to continue on his present dose of diuretics and to keep on a salt free diet. We will see him next week to see how he is getting on. I advised him that he is unlikely to be fit to go on his trip to Italy in a fortnight's time.

Yours sincerely

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Registrar