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Dear Dr Sinclair

MR ALEXANDER LAING (07/12/1923) 6 HILTON STREET, ABERDEEN, AB24 4QX

Diagnosis: End stage hepatitis C related cirrhosis secondary to contaminated blood transfusion
Psoriasis
Tremor

Mr Laing was admitted to ward 8 with decompensated liver disease. He described increasing abdominal distension, pedal oedema with nausea and vomiting. Ultrasound scan confirmed a cirrhotic liver with mild splenomegaly. Ascitic tap was successful and Mr Laing felt better following this. A CT of his liver revealed no focal lesion within the liver and that the portal and splenic veins were patent. He was allowed home on pass on one occasion and discharged on the 28th of July, with him returning on the 30th July. By this stage it was clear that he was deteriorating rapidly and becoming mildly encephalopathic. It was evident he would not be able to return home and plans were set in motion for his move to a nursing home. Following this a not for resuscitation order was completed. From then on treatment became mainly symptomatic. He had two further ascitic taps. This continued to keep him comfortable but gradually with time he began to fade. He became increasingly hypotensive and more withdrawn. Palliative measures were instigated and he was kept comfortable until he passed away peacefully with his family by his side.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Carter
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DATE OF Admission: - 30/7/03
DATE OF Death: - 4/7/03

1	FILE	
2	TELETYPE/SAFETY	
3	MAKE A DD/STENT	
4	FOR DESCRIPTION	
5	NOTE PLEASE	
6	COMPASSION	
7	HOUSE PAIN/CLIN	
8	NIGHT ATTEND	
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