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Dear Dr Lynch

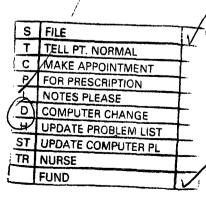
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Unfortunately the PCR is not back from the reference lab, and if it is is not in his notes. I reveiwed him today. His transaminasaemia is fairly mild on the previous blood tests but they were fairly high on the blood tests done by yourself. We now know that the long term outlook with hepatitis C is probably, in someone of this age group, fairly benign as it would probably be a significant amount of time before he produced enough chronic liver damage to creat ill health and my guess is that he will die of something other than liver disease. He is completely unphased by the whole thing but I do think we are due him a clearcut opinion as to the state of his liver and the only way to do this is with liver biopsy. I will try to get the PCR level back, because, if it is negative then we would not need to proceed with liver biopsy. I am delighted to say that his ultrasound scan showed nothing abnormal, in particular no evidence of metastasis from his previous Duke's C and I know that he is being reviewed by Ron Keenan shortly.

Yours sincerely

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