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Dear Dr Davda

This 61 year old lady was admitted for replacement of her failing Wessex mitral valve prosthesis. You will recall that she had undergone a mitral valve replacement with a Wessex bioprosthesis on the 7th of June 1985 and subsequently had an excellent symptom free period when she was fully active. Symptomatic deterioration began to occur approximately a year ago with gradually worsening shortness of breath, palpitations and general weakness. There were the overt clinical signs of prosthetic malfunction which were predominantly those of stenosis and this was confirmed by transthoracic and transoesophageal Doppler echocardiography. Cardiac catheterisation has shown her to have good left ventricular function with normal coronary arteries and no evidence of mitral incompetence.

Replacement of her failed mitral prosthesis was proceeded to on the 18th of October 1991 and she received a St Jude bileaflet mechanical valve size 29mm as a prosthetic substitute. Her recovery from this procedure was remarkably quick and smooth and she remained in controlled atrial fibrillation postoperatively. She mobilised rapidly and fully and her newly inserted mitral prosthesis was functioning well.

Having made satisfactory progress on the ward, she was allowed home on the 25th of October 1991 taking Digoxin 0.25mgs daily, Frusemide 40mgs daily, Slow K 600mgs tds, Warfarin according to INR testing and Dihydrocodeine for analgemia. She will be reviewed in the clinic in eight week's time.

Yours sincerely—

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