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Dear Dr MacKelvie

Eileen O'Hara, d.o.b. 9.10.30, Unit No 93961
56 Menzies Road, Glasgow, G21

I reviewed this 52 year old lady at Dr Dunn's medical out-patient clinic on 15 February 1984. She is feeling well today and assesses that the breathlessness she has been experiencing in the past is now improving. She has the occasional episode of palpitation occurring approximately once per week, describes orthopnoea but no paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnoea.

Current medication is Propranolol 40mg b.d., Digoxin 0.25mg b.d. and Diumide-K one tablet in the morning.

On examination she had a mitral facies. Her pulse was 64 beats per minute in A.F. and blood pressure 115/70. She had a thrusting apex displaced laterally in the fifth intercostal space. Heart sounds I and II were audible, II being loud at the pulmonary area. A systolic murmur was heard at the apex which radiated into the axilla and a rumbling diastolic murmur was heard at the apex. An opening snap was heard close to the second heart sound. There was mild pitting oedema of both ankles. Examination of her chest revealed coarse creps at the left lower zone and fine crepitations at the right base.

I have taken blood off for a full blood count, biochemistry screen and Digoxin level, and have organised for a chest x-ray to be done. I would be grateful if you could increase Mrs O'Hara's diuretics to two Diumide-K tablets per day. I have arranged to review this patient in a further three months.

Yours sincerely

Eileen A. Matear

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Senior House Officer

P.S. Results of the blood test done revealed a normal full blood count, normal urea and electrolytes. However, an AST of 51, ALT of 67 and Gamma GT of 85 may suggest that there is a degree of hepatic congestion. The chest x-ray revealed an enlarged heart with a suspicion of an enlargement of her left atrium, which indeed would be in keeping with/...