

## INQUIRY INTO OFF-PROTOCOL PRESCRIBING OF CHEMOTHERAPY IN NSW

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I was treated by Dr Kiran Phadke for Non Hodgkins Lymphoma some 30 years ago. My treatment has obviously been succesful. The protocol for any treatment is a guide only. Medicine has always been an art as well as a science. The art of medicine has always been the knowledge and experience to alter the dose of any medication according to the patients response.

The majority of patients on chemotherapy are suffering from some form of cancer. It is not surprising that there will be some deaths as no medical treatment is 100% successfull.

I believe it would be wise to record the reason for off protocol treatment, as changing the dose in according to patient response is normal and common practice.