

**Submission
No 10**

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

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My name is Dr Tanya Phillips. I graduated from medical school at The University of Sydney in 1987. I have worked at many public hospitals and private general practices across NSW and QLD in my medical career.

It is with horror that I have read about the allegations against Dr Phadke.

I was lucky enough to meet Dr Phadke in the 1980's when I was a resident in the Emergency department at The Sutherland Hospital. I don't say this lightly, but the man was the pinnacle of Oncology. Many words come to mind when trying to paint a picture of this giant among doctors. Brilliance, sensitivity, astuteness, excellence, dedication, caring, compassion and kindness are just a few.

My own father was treated by Dr Phadke for prostate cancer in the 1990's. Dr Phadke was the only Oncologist that I wanted to care for my father at this very difficult time. His management plan was individualised and tailored specifically for my father, based on decades of experience and research. I will always be extremely grateful for Dr Phadke's tireless dedication, kindness and respect for our family.

It will be a monumental and senseless loss to the medical world and all cancer patients if this wonderful doctor and brilliant man no longer practices Oncology.

Sincerely,

Dr Tanya Phillips

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