

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

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Hello,

In 2004, my wife was very sick having lost nearly 25kgs in less than a year, even though she wasn't on a diet.

We were referred by our GP to Dr Phadke at Sutherland Hospital and after a few tests over 3 days, including two blood transfusions and lower body scans, she was scheduled by Dr Phadke for removal of her spleen by surgery. The spleen appeared on the scan as twice the normal size. A diagnosis of non-Hodkinson's lymphoma was made by Dr Phadke.

When the registrar, or perhaps it was a resident doctor, came to get details on the afternoon before the surgery, I asked why a scan of the upper body had not been done. The doctor was surprised that I asked the question, but she went through the case notes and discovered that no upper scan had been done. My wife was then quite promptly scheduled for the upper scan.

The results came back from the upper scan that it was obviously a problem with her lungs that was causing the other symptoms. The Registrar cancelled the spleen operation and my wife was referred to a lung specialist who correctly diagnosed Sarcoidosis as the problem.

I write this to tell you that had we gone with Dr Phadke's diagnosis my wife would have had no spleen, been on compensating medication for the rest of her life, and the problem would still have been missed!!

We could not recommend anyone to Dr Phadke for treatment.

Thankyou,