

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

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Hallo ,

I have known Dr Kiran Phadke as a Health Care colleague over a 25 year period in my capacity as a Registered General Nurse , Clinical Nurse Specialist Emergency Nursing and eventually as one of Dr Phadke's patients when I was diagnosed with cancer myself.

I have personally witnessed his genuine care and concern for his patients and his ongoing battles with administration to gain better funding and conditions for these patients over this quarter of a century.

My form of cancer is extremely rare and I had a 50% chance of death at 5 years post diagnosis. Indeed I had multiple very hard decisions to make . There were 3 to 4 different types and classes of chemotherapy (intravenous and oral) with different dosages and regimes within each . Plus positive and negative outcomes of surgery . Nothing was " straight forward " , all had possible good and bad outcomes and this is the crucial point . I was guided through this maze with care , skill and clinical acumen by Dr Phadke at a very low point of my life.

Dr Phadke is one of the few Oncologists / Haematologists with experience treating and managing this rare form of cancer and I am now almost 7 years post diagnosis and living a productive community involved life . I am in no doubt this is due to Dr Phadke's management and treatment on a background of decades of experience , skill and compassion.

Nothing is static in the fields of Medicine and Nursing , dosage requirements change with increased knowledge , clinical experience and ongoing research . Each patient has a myriad of preexisting complications , combined medical conditions , premorbid factors and life style choices in regards to possible ultimate outcomes of the chosen treatment . As always there are multiple options that you have eventually to choose from . I can assure you , not an easy task .

The treatment of cancer is a fluid non static environment, no one person is exactly the same as the next. Thank you for Listening.

Yours sincerely

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