

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

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The Director,
Select Committee on Off-protocol Prescribing of
Chemotherapy in New South Wales
Parliament House, Macquarie St
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Sir,

Re: Patient of Cancer doctor Dr. Kiran Phadke

Owen Bruce JESSON-Deceased 21/5/13 Aged 68.

My husband, Owen, was diagnosed with Non Hodgkinson Lymphoma of the Bone Marrow in October 1999 and was a patient of Dr. Phadke for the following 13 1/2 years. In that time he underwent 6 treatments of Chemotherapy, including PEN, RCVP and CHOP plus numerous blood and platelet transfusions. He also had to undergo a hernia operation, 2 Turp operations, a double tooth extraction, a S.C.C. removal from his right ear and an infected finger. During all of this Dr. Phadke was right there beside us referring us to various Specialists, often urgently and making appointments for us, and always notifying them of Owen's illness and treatments. I feel he showed true professionalism, care and compassion not only to Owen but also to me, his wife, and our family. Before each Chemotherapy treatment the pros and cons were fully explained to Owen and in my opinion it was Owen who made the decision as to whether to proceed or not. I cannot fault, and I was present at most consultations, the oncology practices of Dr. Kiran Phadke. It is thanks to him and our local G.P., Dr [redacted], now retired, that I had my husband still with me for those 13 1/2 years. Even in Owen's final days, when the family requested that all treatment be stopped and Owen be kept comfortable and pain free Dr. Phadke showed true compassion and care. Owen's Death Certificate reads: Cause of Death:

1. a) Sepsis, likely chest source, days
- b) Febrile neutropaenia, days
- c) Non-hodgkin's Lymphoma, B-cell with bony infiltration, years.

Dr Kiran Phadke I can never thank enough and feel he deserves all honour and praise not suspension and investigation, a truly committed, talented and skilful cancer doctor and one which would be sadly missed.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. PAT JESSON