

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

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The Director, Select Committee on Off-Protocol  
Prescribing of Chemotherapy in NSW  
Parliament House  
Macquarie Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir/Madam

SUBMISSION TO CANCER DOCTOR ENQUIRY  
INVOLVING DR KIRAN PHADKE REPORTED IN  
THE ST. GEORGE AND SUTHERLAND LEADER  
NEWSPAPER DATED 5 OCTOBER 2016

After 3 failed emailed attempts I now write to you to place on record my personal experience involving Dr Kiran Phadke, the enclosed copy of my email sets out my situation including expression of my very high regard that I have for Dr Phadke.

I would appreciate receiving an acknowledgement of your safe receipt of my submission to this enquiry.

Yours truly,

Encl. 1. Copy of Newspaper article dated 5/10/16.

# Cancer doctor inquiry begins

BY EVA KOLIMAR

THE community is invited to participate in a Parliamentary inquiry into the oncology practices of Lilli Pilli haematologist Kiran Phadke. Dr Phadke is under investigation after he was accused of under treating patients.

A legislative council committee was established in August to inquire into and report on off-protocol prescribing of chemotherapy in NSW including at George and Sutherland hospitals.

The committee will examine the efficacy of prescribing systems, dose adjustment for patients, and informed consent for medical interventions.

Dr Phadke was suspended in June this year after a nurse raised concerns. The inquiry is calling for public submissions to hear from patients and their families who have been affected.

Cheryl Hingerty of Woollooware, who was diagnosed with stage 4 ovarian cancer and is now "virtually cancer free", said she had nothing but praise for Dr Phadke, who supervised her treatment.

Medical professional Michael Symons of Miranda says Dr Phadke is a caring, skilful and compassionate medical practitioner.

"I have never heard any of my patients who also have seen Dr Phadke make any

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negative comments about him or his medical approach," he said. "Although I do not have any knowledge of the individual cases being questioned, I am sure his patients who have heard reports would have been unnecessarily alarmed. Chemotherapeutic agents can be quite toxic. The treatment of patients requires individualising treatment so that the patient's needs are paramount."

Patients or families who have concerns about their treatment under Dr Phadke can contact the helpline on 1800 875 526. People can lodge written submissions by email to [chemotherapy.inquiry@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:chemotherapy.inquiry@parliament.nsw.gov.au), by post to The Director, Select Committee on Off-protocol Prescribing of Chemotherapy in NSW, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000.

Attn: Director, Select Committee on Off-protocol Prescribing of  
Chemotherapy in NSW,

From my personal experience I wish to attest to the competence of  
Dr Phadke, my treating practitioner when I contracted bladder  
cancer in 2003. I am very grateful for his attention and care as  
bladder cancer is an insidious form of the disease and for that  
reason I have biannual checkups and thankfully I remain clear of  
the disease.

On a general note I have always found Dr Phadke to be very  
caring, compassionate and dedicated to his profession, so much  
so I would not have any hesitation in recommending my friends  
and associates to his care.

For your consideration please as I believe that Dr Phadke has so  
much to offer those suffering cancer in the future.

Yours truly,

Grateful patient