

INQUIRY INTO OFF-PROTOCOL PRESCRIBING OF CHEMOTHERAPY IN NSW

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I have been extremely disappointed with the process that has led me to make this submission in TOTAL support for Dr K Phadke. The way it has been handled thus far has made it distressing for me, initially when I discover that my Doctor has been banned from working. I have nothing but total support and concern for Dr K Phadke.

I was diagnosed with a Large and aggressive B cell lymphoma late in 2013. Dr Phadke accepted me as a patient immediately. I researched into his background thoroughly and upon meeting him felt completely at ease that I was lucky enough to have my life in his hands.

I walked out of his consultation rooms after my first visit completely informed of all possible scenarios, treatment and details of this form of cancer. What a relief.

I started treatment 2 weeks later and Dr Phadke visited me on each of my 'chemo' cycles, checking on my wellbeing and explaining any questions about the treatment. After each treatment I would have blood tests and a consultation with Dr Phadke in his rooms. He did thorough checks and explained the treatment further.

One of the other most impressive things I found about Dr Phadke was that he treated me as an individual. He did not just go with the same old treatment for every person, so important as every individual has different genes, metabolism, body type, strength in dealing with medical issues and stages of their cancer.

It is essential that these all be considered and used as an integral factor when doses are decided and given and for the number of cycles they are given. The drugs used in Chemotherapy do and will always affect every person differently, so surely the dosage of the drug must be tailored to suit each individual case. Firstly to give the best change of stopping and destroying the cancer, secondly to give each individual quality of life, whether that is during treatment/ recovery or for support of quality of life in the final stages.

Dr Phadke has the training, experience, knowledge and manner that should not be withheld from cancer suffers as it presently is. He should be respected, we should be accessing he treatment plans and beliefs to pass them onto other Doctors still 'wet behind the ears' or with tunnel vision. This man, Dr Phadke is a visionary and as typical in our society, we want to shoot them down, not utilize them until it is too late. T

his man is a professional and knows his stuff when dealing with oncology matters. I hope and pray that this Parliamentary inquiry, all the associated press and stress on this man does come to an end quickly and does not effect Dr Phadke returning to the job he was born to do.