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

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Around October, 2000 I was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma after a scan, needle biopsy and finally an operation to remove a small piece for pathology for testing. I was referred to Dr Kiran Phadke for treatment. He explained in detail the treatment he proposed to initiate as well as expectations of outcome. He prescribed Leukeran tablets daily for a period of three months. I coped well with the dosage and he gave regular checks at his consulting rooms in Kareena Road and later at Sutherland Hospital. About 12 to 18 months later another lump appeared and Dr Phadke suggested that I be referred to the St George Cancer Clinic for a course of radiation treatment. A course was decided on for a period of 5 days a week for 5 weeks. I was then referred back to Dr Phadke at Sutherland Hospital who organised regular blood tests and scans twice yearly and as the years passed, annually. I have complete confidence in his initial treatment and follow up procedures and my NHL has been in remission for 14 years now. Dr Phadke is a wonderful cancer specialist and a caring person. I feel privileged to have been treated by him.