

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

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## Submission into Dr John Grygiel treatment

My mother born was diagnosed in early 2010 with cancer of the plura (lung lining)

She had a procedure at RPA under the care of Dr Grygiel and another Dr/specialist whom I cannot recall his name at this time

This procedure, as we was told, was to seal the lung because the cancer had eaten a hole in the side of one lung. The procedure seemed to work for a while.

We went to see Dr Grygiel in Orange regularly in Orange at the cancer support house on the south side of the old Orange Base Hospital. The staff was always very supportive.

My mother in mid 2010 deteriorated and we when back to see Dr Grygiel in Orange. He had ordered scans which one set was carried out in Parkes - he was not happy with the quality of the scans. We had to have more done in Orange Base. These scans were not good for mum - it showed the cancer has spread into both lungs

She was sent for radiation treatment at St Vincents at their hospice.

In approximately June 2010, Dr Grygiel offered mum some tablet form of chemo treatment which he said was of a low dose so it would not knock mum around so much.

She tried this for a short time but it made her sick and with the cancer and the tablets - either way she was unable to cope.

She passed away in August 2010.