

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

Name : Mr Themis Theo

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Select Committee on Off-Protocol Prescribing of Chemotherapy in NSW

Dr Kiran Phadke has treated me at St George Hospital since I was first diagnosed with Non Hodgkinson Lymphoma almost seven years ago.

I consider myself extremely fortunate to have met and to have received treatment from such a brilliant and caring doctor. One is usually hesitant to completely trust one's doctor, however, I have complete faith in Dr Phadke. (My mother passed away as a result of a botched operation performed by an incompetent 'doctor' overseas,) so for me, earning my complete trust is indeed a mammoth task, and one which very few doctors, except for Dr Phadke, have achieved.

It is regrettable that doctors with the same ethos as Dr Phadke are a rarity.

I am certain sanity will prevail and overcome the unfounded fears currently held by some ministerial incumbents, all too eager to find scapegoats and crucify the least deserving amongst us.

1.Key Issues:-Treatment between patient and doctor should allow one's doctor to prescribe medication based on the individuals need and ability to withstand the strength and effects of such medication. The individual patient and their doctor should be permitted to assess the programme required, and not use a 'one size fits all' approach to prescription. Regardless if electronic or other system is used.

2. Case Study:- My treatment programme consisted of Chemotherapy medication of ten days medication on and ten days off. The medication drains one's strength from the body. I doubt that I would have survived had it not been for Dr Phadke's expert care and attention.

3. Informed Consent:- At all times I was informed by Dr Phadke in great detail regarding treatment options and progress. I understood the treatment proposed and consented to same.

4. I have no objection to the release of my medical record regarding Cancer treatment.

Kind Regards,