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INQUIRY INTO OFF-PROTOCOL PRESCRIBING OF CHEMOTHERAPY IN NSW

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To whom it may concern

I was diagnosed with multiple myeloma in late 2003, had chemotherapy and a stem cell transplant in March 2004, followed on with a clinical trial MM6 at St George Hospital.

Dr Phadke first came into my life when the doctor who treated me with chemotherapy and stem cell transplant moved on to another hospital.

The clinical trial I was on required monitoring for a few more years and Dr Phadke was the only haematologist available with the necessary experience and qualifications to do so at St George Hospital.

I have been under the care of Dr Kiran Phadke for over ten years.

During that time I have come to admire the brilliance and knowledge of this highly qualified specialist not only as a caring doctor but as a teacher as he imparted his knowledge on to junior doctors at St. George Hospital Cancer Care Centre.

I cannot speak highly enough of the professional care that I have received.

I have been thoroughly disgusted at the treatment dished out to Dr Phadke, a public hanging by a media kangaroo court.

Yours faithfully

Ray Butcher Age 72 years