

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

Name: Group of general practitioners in the Sutherland area
Date received: 25 October 2016

**Attn: Rebecca Main
Committee Director**

chemotherapyinquiry@parliament.nsw.gov.au

**Upper House NSW Inquiry into off Protocol Chemotherapeutic
Claims Prescribing.**

Ref: Dr Kiran Phadke.

Below please find below 27 doctors in support of Dr Kiran Phadke

1. Our submission

"Dr K Phadke has been an oncologist/ haematologist in the Sutherland Shire for over thirty years. During this time, he has been a great supporter of General Practitioners. He has supplied an essential service with excellence of care of his patients. He is empathetic to patients, willing to see patients promptly and always willing to answer general practitioner enquiries.

This service he has supplied, is personal and our support will be reduced if we lose Dr Phadke.

Many patients have been upset by the media reports implying incorrect cancer treatment by Dr Phadke. General practitioners have been at a loss to explain how such a popular, respected doctor could suddenly be suspended by the local hospital.

We, General Practitioners now realise that if someone in the health system has a grievance against any doctor, the doctor can be referred to the Disciplinary Board. The doctor can be publicly named and shamed and their reputation ruined - before any outcomes are known and finalised.

We note that there has been no errors shown in Dr Phadke's oncology treatments. We are assured that there has been no patient complaints against Dr Phadke and his outcomes are as good as any other specialist in his field.

We as General Practitioners support Dr Phadke and the right of every doctor to treat each patient as an individual taking into account each person's circumstances. Guidelines are just that a guide. No treatment is mandatory for any patient and this includes Stem Cell Therapy.

Yours sincerely

Dr Robert Favaloro (GP, Engadine)

2. Dr Leanne Corbett

From: leanne corbett

Date: 19 October 2016 at 2:39:16 PM AEDT

I would like you to add my name in support of Dr Phadke. I agree with all the points you made and thank you for organising the submission.

Dr Leanne Corbett

3. From: "Craig Nelson"

Date: 19 October 2016 at 2:45:41 PM AEDT

This entire situation is a disgrace.

Skinner has intervened and caused another practitioner I look after to be summarily suspended from clinical duties at a teaching hospital – and nothing to do with the doctor's clinical performance

Their reputation is similarly looking sullied and the whole process has been done illegally, with no warning or right of reply before it was actioned!!

Craig

Dr. Craig Nelson

4. Dr Kit Lim

From: "Kit Lim" <

Date: 19 October 2016 at 4:26:38 PM AEDT

I would like you to add my name in support of Dr Phadke, I agree with all the points you made and thank you for organising the submission.

5. From: Catherine Pratten

Date: 19 October 2016 at 7:04:31 PM AEDT

To the Medical Board of NSW

I would like pledge my support of Dr Kieran Phadke. I have referred many patients to him over the last 6 yrs and find him to be knowledgeable and professional. He is always ready to provide advice to myself and my colleagues. His patients have been universally grateful both for his manner and treatment.

I trust his clinical judgement implicitly and he has helped me diagnose several of my patients with difficult conditions.

Please deal with this matter justly and do not deprive St George - Sutherland area of an

excellent clinician

Yours sincerely
Dr Catherine Pratten
South Cronulla Family Practice
Family Planning NSW
NCAT Guardianship Division

6. From: Jill McLelland
Date: 19 October 2016 at 7:48:42 PM AEDT

I would like you to add my name in support of Dr Phadke . I agree with all the points you made and thank you for organising the submission.

Dr Jill Newth (McClelland) MBBS (Syd)

I first met Dr Kiran Phadke at St George Hospital in the 1970s when I worked as a Medical Resident, then Registrar. I subsequently worked in **General Practice** in Hurstville for several years and then Gymea for 30 years.

Throughout those almost **45 years I have always respected his compassion and clinical knowledge.**

He was always accessible, promptly returning my phone calls requesting advice. This was always practical and I felt always had my patients' best interests at heart.

He has cared for many of my patients over the years and I can't recall any occasion on which I heard anything but praise for his care.

I am a member of the **Continuing Education Committee** (initially called Shire GPs, then subsequently under SESML and CESP HN), which provides Continuing Professional Development and Quality Assurance for General Practitioners. On the occasions when we have requested that Dr Phadke present one of these lectures, his advice has always been clearly presented, precise, practical and patient focused.

Dr Phadke is a specialist that I hold in high regard.

Yours faithfully

Jill Newth MBBS (Syd)

7. From: bigpond
Date: 19 October 2016 at 7:58:39 PM AEDT

Please add my support to the submission I endorse the comments.
Dr Gary Franks

8. From: Medhat Melek
Date: 19 October 2016 at 8:04:48 PM AEDT

This email is to support Dr Phadke position
He is a great doctor and a wonderful human being
I fully support him
Regards Dr. Melek

9. From: Sharon Galvin
Date: 19 October 2016 at 9:50:23 PM AEDT
Dr Sharon Galvin
Gymea

10. From:

Dr William Tierney
Gymea

I would like you to add my name in support of Dr Phadke . I agree with all the points you made and thank you for organising the submission.

11. From: "Tung Pham"
Date: 20 October 2016 at 8:12:16 AM AEDT

I'm Dr. Tung Pham, a GP at Como Medical Practice, and I am 100% supportive of Dr. Phadke.

12. From: peter smythe
Date: 20 October 2016 at 9:31:55 AM AEDT
I endorse and support the above submission, and the sentiments expressed by the above mentioned, in regard to the maligned Dr Phadke.

Dr Bronwyn Powell

13. From: "Jennifer Davis"
Date: 20 October 2016 at 7:29:26 AM AEDT

I support the submission with regard to Dr Phadke

I am stunned that a patient cannot refuse treatment.
Surely a patient has a right to decide on or refuse any treatment – a fundamental human right?
Sincerely,
Dr Jennie Davis

From: Dr. Jack Ng
14. Dr Margaret Dowling
15. Dr Philip Moore
16. Dr Jack Hong Ng]

We fully support in the submission in regard to Dr Kiran Phadke's plight and his subsequent inability to practise until the enquiry outcome into the whole ridiculous situation. So myself Dr Jack H Ng, Dr Margaret Downing and Dr Philip Moore fully support Kiran Phadke. The situation where he is accused to have given incorrect Oncology treatment is wrong when he would have made the decision with the patient in consultation. He has been a very good Oncologist and has been very supportive of GPs including providing continuing medical education for all GPs at medical seminars. We hope the parliamentary enquiry will clear his name and change the basis of any further complaints against doctors from either the public or within the profession.

Yours sincerely,
Dr Jack Hong Ng.
Dr Margaret Dowling
Dr Philip Moore

17. **From:** peter chia
Date: 20 October 2016 at 4:44:24 PM AEDT

please add my support for Dr Phadke as per the submission.
kind regards
Dr P Chia

18. **From:** Patricia Goh
Date: 20 October 2016 at 6:40:53 PM AEDT

I support all as is described in the submission.

Furthermore I am of the opinion that Kiran Phadke is firstly a True Doctor and Physician who places his patient's interest and wellbeing foremost above anything else in his management. This is attested by the feedback from my patients who have been managed by him in their illness and who are forever thank full that they have been looked after by him.

I would without any hesitation say, the future medical undergraduates who come through to serve the community would do well to learn and follow the example set by Kiran Phadke in his care for our patients.

Dr. Paul Y. P. Goh (Cronulla General Practice)

19. **From:** "Lucy Bray"

Date: 20 October 2016 at 7:45:23 PM AEDT

Please add my name to the submission in support of Dr Phadke.

Regards,
Dr Lucy France

20. **From:** Richard Hurst

Date: 21 October 2016 at 12:11:30 PM AEDT

I support the submission for Dr Phadke, who has helped many of my patients over the years, and has always been available for advice and guidance.

Dr Richard Hurst

MB, BS, Dip Fam Med, Dip Av Med
General Practitioner

21. **From:** Phong Nguyen

Date: 21 October 2016 at 12:11:36 PM AEDT

I would like to add my support of Dr Phadke too, please add my name in your submission letter

Regards

Dr Jimmy Nguyen FRACGP

22. **From:** "Dr Martina Gleeson"

Date: 21 October 2016 at 2:14:39 PM AEDT

Thanks for writing a submission regarding Kiran Phadke for the parliamentary enquiry,

I would be happy for you to include my name as a signatory
Dr Martina Gleeson

23. **From:** Sutherland Medical Centre

Date: 21 October 2016 at 2:53:52 PM AEDT

Please add my support to the submission for Dr Phadke

thank you Dr Mona Mikhail

24. Dr Colin Glendinning Gynea Medical Practice

I would like you to add my name in support of Dr Phadke . I agree with all the points you made and thank you for organising the submission.

25. Dr Mark Coverdale Gynea Medical Practice

I would like you to add my name in support of Dr Phadke . I agree with all the points you made and thank you for organising the submission.

26. Dr Bill McConnell – Miranda

I would like you to add my name in support of Dr Phadke. I agree with all the points you made and thank you for organising the submission.

27. **From:**

Date: 22 October 2016 at 11:02:13 AM AEDT

I am writing to express my support of Dr Kiran Phadke. I have worked in General Practice for 28 years in the Sutherland Shire and during this time have had multiple patients treated by Dr Phadke. He has treated all these patients with expert care and skill. No patient or their families have ever expressed anything but high praise for his care.

Dr Phadke has always made himself available to answer questions by me about patient care, either about shared patients or concerns I may otherwise need help with any time of the day or night. He has contributed his time to my ongoing education as a general practitioner.

I have always felt Dr Phadke's treatment of these very complex patients to be excellent and would like to offer my full support to him.

Dr Eileen McGrath

