

INQUIRY INTO OFF-PROTOCOL PRESCRIBING OF CHEMOTHERAPY IN NSW

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SUBMISSION TO PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY – DR KIRAN PHADKE

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FROM:

Mrs Judy Hills

Mr Adam Hills

Mr Brad Hills

Re: Robert Christopher Hills DOB: 1.9.42

In March 1995 my husband, and our father, Mr Robert (Bob) Hills, then aged 52, was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and was referred to Dr Kiran Phadke for treatment. Bob was found to have a football sized tumour in his abdomen. Dr Phadke was very kind and caring and gave us hope that there was a 90% chance of remission. As Bob was in a lot of pain, Dr Phadke admitted him into Sutherland Hospital to start his chemotherapy. He then arranged for Bob to have another 5 rounds of chemotherapy over the next 6 months at Sutherland Hospital after which he was then given radiotherapy at St George Hospital under Dr . After further tests it was found that there were still mild active cells in the core of the tumour. Dr Phadke then recommended Bob have an autologous stem cell transplant and referred him to Dr at St Vincent's Hospital, Darlinghurst. In 1996 Bob underwent a stem cell transplant at St Vincent's Hospital which was successful.

Bob then stayed under the care of Dr Phadke for the next 10 years having regular reviews, 3 monthly, 6 monthly and then yearly. During this time we found Dr Phadke to be kind, considerate and caring and trusted him implicitly in Bob's care.

In January 2012, at age 69, Bob was diagnosed with Leukaemia. He was treated at St George Hospital with chemotherapy and in May 2012 underwent a bone marrow transplant at St Vincent's Hospital from a kind donor in Germany. Bob passed in December 2012. Bob was very disappointed that he was unable to be under the care of Dr Kiran Phadke as his Oncologist during his last 12 months.
