

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

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To The Committee,

I am writing in support of Dr Kiran Phadke.

In 2014 my husband, Robert was diagnosed with colorectal cancer. After two rounds of surgery he was referred to Dr. Phadke by his surgeon,

Our understanding was that had discussed my husband's case, his surgery and his prognosis with Dr Phadke prior to the referral being made.

I attended my husband's initial and subsequent consultations with Dr Phadke. He took a detailed history of my husband medical conditions but also took an active interest in my husband as a person, an active sportsman and engineer. He took into account my husband's interests and skills prior to prescribing his course of chemotherapy. When my husband had a number of adverse reactions to the drugs the program was reviewed, discussed and fine tuned. As a result my husband was able to complete the chemotherapy course and continue to participate in his sporting interests. Today Robert is a healthy and active husband, father and grandfather as well as being an active community member. This positive outcome is due in no small measure to the high level of professional and compassionate care he received from the medical team who cared for and supported him and in particular Dr Phadke.

I would always refer to Dr Kiran Phadke as an exemplary professional and compassionate doctor. He is involved in the total care of his patients and never treats them as a list of symptoms matched to a course of treatment but as people who are under his care for a stressful and dreaded period of their lives. He obtains positive outcomes for the patient as a whole person as well as their illness.

Mrs. Susan Green