

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

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Thank you for the conversation in Orange, 2/11/2016, re Dr Grygiel.

I have been a patient of Dr Grygiel, and have become very angry at the proceedings.

My knowledge of the Enquiry is only from the media, TV and print media.

I was a patient of Dr Grygiel following surgery for Colorectal cancer in 2008.

Following surgery, I was referred to Dr Grygiel by surgeon,

I attended Dr Grygiel, along with my son, who is an Actuary well experienced in statistics, risks and probability. We had a full and frank discussion including the surgeon's report, the chance of reoccurrence, and the trauma and risk to my immune system of Chemotherapy, and we decided to reduce Chemotherapy to zero

It is now almost nine years since my surgery with no further problems in this area.

I am grateful to Dr Grygiel for helping us to decide to have no Chemotherapy, as it now clear it was not needed, and my immune system is undamaged.

Dr Grygiel is, for me a great, and considerate doctor.

My anger is that he is being abused and used for political opportunism.

It may well be that some good will come from this Enquiry, but it will be tragic to see Dr Grygiel drummed out of the Profession he loves, and in which he has done so much good. For twelve years he was the only Oncologist prepared to come out to this area to give service to many patients.

It will also be a great loss if Doctors are constrained from using their experience and judgement, and are constricted to become automatons, applying "one size fits all" medicine. The doctor/patient relationship is important and should always be respected.

Yours faithfully,