

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

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**The Director  
Select Committee on Off-Protocol Prescribing of Chemotherapy in NSW  
Parliament House  
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**My name is Keith Winstanley and this is my story...**

**I was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma Diffuse Large B cell in January 2007 and I was referred to Dr Kiran Phadke by my GP.**

**At my first meeting with Dr Phadke I was impressed with his kind manner and his ability to put me and my family at ease with the devastating news we had received.**

**He recommended that I start my treatment as soon as possible at St George Private Hospital KOGARAH. The type of chemotherapy was CHOP and administered over 5 hours in the day cancer center.**

**Within a day or two I became quite ill and my wife called the ambulance and I was admitted to Emergency at St George Public Hospital and transferred to St George Private Hospital under Dr Phadke's care. As I was in great pain it required about one week to manage the pain with strong pain medication (possibly Morphine).**

**Dr Phadke came by to see me several times and together we discussed my options for future treatment. It was decided that the new treatment was to be ICE Chemotherapy at two to three week intervals as I recall.**

**In all I had four cycles of ICE over the next few months after which I had a PET scan at the end of May 2007. Dr Phadke reviewed the PET scan and informed me that I was in remission and no further treatment was required.**

**I was distressed to hear that Dr Phadke was to be investigated for Off-Protocol Prescribing of Chemotherapy, as my results would indicate that the management of my illness was very successful as I am now nine years in remission.**

**I have nothing but praise for Dr Phadke and the decisions he made for my treatment. It has allowed me to welcome three more grandchildren and be part of their lives.**

**In addition, my wife and I have been able to have many caravan holidays around Australia and several overseas trips, all made possible by Dr Kiran Phadke who I believe saved my life. My family and I will be forever grateful.**

**Keith Winstanley**