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DEAR Dr Shaban,

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Re: Mr Arthur CUNNINGHAM **Code A**
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I would be most grateful for your assistance of this elderly gentleman who is asking whether he could have a lumbar support.

He suffers with weakness in his legs following a spinal injury sustained in an aircraft crash during the last war. This required bone grafting to his lumbar spine. Since then he has had weakness in the muscles of his lower back and particularly his left leg and walks with a left foot drop. In the past he has had periodic sessions of physio and hydrotherapy which have improved his back, although recently he has been getting increasing discomfort in it.

I have in the past been reluctant to refer him for a back support fearing that it would further encourage the muscles to become weak but as he is again asking I would be grateful for your assessment and advice.

He also suffers with Parkinsons disease for which he takes Levodopa which unfortunately is benefiting him less and less. Any efforts to increase the dose causing dystonic movements.

He is also a diabetic on diet and Tolbutamide.

Yours sincerely

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