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Dear Doctor

Re: Norma WINDSOR Code A  
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I would be grateful if this patient could be offered a priority appointment in your Gosport clinic or in Portsmouth if the wait for Gosport is too long. She came to see me on the 9th February rather concerned as she had noticed some lymph nodes above her clavicles in the neck. She was rather concerned as her mother had had carcinoma of the lung which was discovered when lymph nodes were found. As she has pharyngitis I prescribed her an antibiotic but she returned on the 20th February saying that she had still more lymph nodes and by that time there was some present in the axillae as well.

I sent off for a chest X Ray which was reported as normal, but the blood test has come back with the enclosed observations that she has probable chronic lymphocytic leukaemia. She is very concerned about this but I have told her the prognosis as I recollect it for CLL is reasonable but that she will require treatment if the diagnosis is correct.

In her past history she had vagotomy and pyloroplasty in 1979 for duodenal ulcer, and has had some problems with post-vagotomy diarrhoea since then. She also has had a certain amount of eye irritation and attended Mr Tudor the Ophthalmologist at your hospital in 1984. She is not on any current medication.

I would be very grateful if she could be seen for your expert help regarding the above findings.

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