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Dr. Logan, Elderly Medicine Dept. QAH

Dear Bob,

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Thank you for asking me to see this charming 87 year old lady who came to the haematology clinic today for the first time accompanied by her daughter.

Her only complaint is of bilateral leg oedema extending to her sacrum. The swelling has been present for one year, causes her legs to ache and impedes her mobility. Frusemide has made little impact on her leg swelling which is best controlled by elevation. She had no other complaints on direct enquiry.

On examination the only significant abnormality was bilateral pitting oedema of the legs extending to her sacrum.

Your investigations have shown her to have nephrotic syndrome and a small IgA lambda paraprotein. There has been no other evidence to suggest multiple myeloma, lymphoproliferative disorder or amyloidosis. Skeletal survey showed generalised osteoporosis which, although present in some cases of myeloma, is most likely due to her age.

I have performed a bone marrow test. I will see her again in two weeks to review the results.

Yours sincerely,

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