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**31/08/2022**

Dr Melanie Stephenson  
Cabrini Malvern Emergency Department  
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Dear Melanie,

**RE:**

**Mr Francois Clark DOB: 03/12/1951**  
**13 Spring Street, MALDON VIC 3463 0414 789 448**

I had the pleasure of following up with Francois via a face-to-face consultation today on 31 August 2022 whilst he remained in the Cabrini Hospital Neurosurgical Ward.

Francois's pain has been much better controlled today. He has currently been seen by Dr Peter Keogh, Pain Physician. He has also been well looked after by our physician team, Dr Lani Shochet.

Francois continues to complain of neck pain, right shoulder pain, numbness in the right deltoid region (Sergeant's patch, C5) and numbness around the thumb (C6). He otherwise does not have any significant neurological deficit with stable findings, as per my prior correspondence.

He has had his MRI cervical spine and right shoulder as well as CT SPECT study performed. This demonstrates multilevel cervical stenosis secondary to his OPLL and spondylosis. This is stable in comparison to his scan from 2021. There is advanced foraminal stenosis which is also stable. His right shoulder MRI has demonstrated multiple pathologies including bone spurs, muscle tear, and labral tear. He was very tender to palpation previously and as such I have offered him a radiologically guided shoulder block/joint injection. He is on Aspirin. He understands that there is a potential risk of infection, haematoma, no benefit or exacerbation. He is keen to give that a go and as such, I have given him a form for that. He has also been referred to Dr. Ash Chehata, Orthopaedic Surgeon, who has kindly spoken to him and will follow up in an outpatient setting.

With regard to his lumbar spine, he does have some facet joint arthropathy with some osteoblastic activity at the L3/4 facet joints bilaterally. The formal report is still pending. Francois is known to Dr. Leon Lai and Dr. Ivan Bhaskar, Neurosurgeons. I have recommended that he follow up with them in regard to further treatment.

At this stage, I haven't made any further appointments for him. Francois will be discharged from Cabrini once his pain is optimised and will follow up with his usual clinicians.

Kind regards,

Mr Reece Sher

cc:

A/Prof Leon Lai, Sir John Monash Private Hospital , 1/212-220 Clayton Rd, CLAYTON VIC 3168

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Dr Hussein Rabia, Lyttleton Street Medical Clinic, 64 Lyttleton Street, CASTLEMAINE VIC 3450

Mr Francois Clark, 13 Spring Street, MALDON VIC 3463

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