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Dear James

Re: Mr Ivor Catt DOB: 19/12/1935 Tel: 01727 864257
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I saw Mr Catt in my clinic in St Albans today. As you know he has had a long history of oesophageal problems since a spontaneous rupture in 2007. He was under the care of Jeremy Livingstone for a long time and has now drifted over to be looked after by myself and Tony Leahy in Watford. He has had numerous oesophageal dilatations and steroid injections and a couple of weeks ago we inserted his second biodegradable stent.

I saw him in clinic today to check how he is doing and I am pleased to report his swallowing is now perfect since the stent went in. One could be very optimistic and suggest that this might represent a cure to his 6 year long problem, and I certainly hope that that would be the case, but we do have to bear in mind he has had a stent before and numerous dilatations and he often experiences short-term relief of his symptoms before his swallowing deteriorates again.

I have arranged to have another look down just before he goes on holiday to Italy for 6 weeks with a view to dilatation him if necessary, but if he is completely well before then he can cancel his appointment.

Yours sincerely

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