

Transcription of Doe Case Letter 2

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Dear Lorne,

Thank you for the reprint of the Brandes schedule paper. It reads very well. Since I last wrote to you I have bad news about [Mr. Doe]. His disease has, in a few weeks, become highly aggressive with collapse of several more dorsal vertebral bodies and severe pain so that he is now almost bed bound. He has received further radiotherapy to a rather large field to cover most of the upper dorsal spine. As he must have had no erythropoietic reserve, this treatment will certainly lead to a fall in his Hb. It is now 10.4 g/dl. His myeloma appears to have broken through the weekly cyclophosphamide/prednisolone control very rapidly, and I have given no further injections in the past 3 weeks. He is receiving 6-hourly diamorphine elixir (10 mg per dose) which controls the pain (I don't know what to expect from the radiotherapy; he ought to have responded by now). I don't know what to do now, but may try interferon. I am not at all keen on trying any form of intensive therapy. Although his future is bleak, there is no question at all that he derived great benefit during the 14 months he was on the Brandes schedule.

With best wishes to family and friends.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature: David]

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