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RE: your file #22/03 (Dr. John N. Alport)

Ms. Dunlop,

Thank you for your initial response to my complaint. After carefully reviewing the copy of the doctor's letter you have provided, I am taking this opportunity to advise you that he has not addressed my concerns: his reply is completely unsatisfactory. It will not do.

As Dr. John N. Alport has stated, I have known him since he was a boy growing up down the street. Dr. Alport has always been a likable person, a charming lad. However his lighthearted charm is no substitute for professional competence — which he apparently does not possess in significant measure. Nor does his lifelong friendship with my brother, nor does his attendance to my mother, nor does the fact that his own mother, father, brother, uncles, and grandfather were or are doctors, compensate in the slightest for his mediocrity. *Can this person not read?*

Dr. Alport states that “by Morley’s own admission he has had problems most of his life with his health as you will see from reviewing my medical files.” Can we assume from this that doctor Alport would take special care to safeguard what he considers to be my fragile health? No. We can make no such assumption. What we can safely assume from this statement is that this is merely an attempt by doctor Alport to shift responsibility from himself to me, his patient.

And what have been my lifelong health problems? I have had allergies and asthma since I was a four-year-old. Such ailments are not uncommon today. Does doctor Alport not know this?

And what would we learn upon reviewing doctor Alport’s medical files? (copy attached) We would learn precious little about doctor Alport’s patient (me) or about doctor Alport’s activities related to his patient, unless one is *The Great Karnak*, or a patient who keeps a few records.

What we can see from his medical records is that doctor Alport has no idea now what he did then. We are left to wonder if Alport had any idea what he was doing when he did it. We might even

suspect that doctor Alport held his patient in contempt. The doctor breezily states that “I saw him occasionally in the late 1980’s and infrequently in the 1990’s.” By my own record I saw doctor Alport 42 times in the 36 months between 18 Oct. 1995 and 20 Oct. 1998. There is more: including over 100 referrals for *pain*. The Department of Health may have more detailed records of doctor Alport’s activities if he submitted bills for my visits.

The doctor states “I can find only one entry in my records, on April 16, 1992, in which I prescribed Zocor for him.” Strange: How very strange. In his very next entry, 5 August 1992, on the very same page, doctor Alport increased Zocor from 10-mg to 20-mg once-a-day and introduced Elavil 25-mg twice-a-day. Zocor was increased and Elavil was introduced to relieve my pain, he told me. Alport notes I reported to him that I was tired. He says: “Stuffed up.” (He recommended nose spray, dismissing the “rebound effect” that I cautioned him against. I soon paid the price for accepting his advice on nose spray.)

The doctor states that “... he [Morley Evans] learned that Hill avenue drugs [sic] had no record of ever dispensing them [statins] to him.” Yet, I have in my possession records from the Department of Health showing Zocor was prescribed for me by Dr. John N. Alport and dispensed by Hill Ave. Drugs who sold it to me. A forensic audit of the records of Hill Ave. Drugs and of Dr. John N. Alport is required as this indicates criminal malfeasance and worse.

To summarize the facts related to Dr. John N. Alport and my health:

On or about 10 December 1991, doctor Alport began this nightmare with a blood test for cholesterol. He prescribed Zocor on or about 7 January 1992 in his offices in the Pasqua Hospital, providing approximately three months of 10-mg tablets of Zocor from his stock of free samples. Dr. Alport assured me that statins have no side effects and that new benefits are being discovered all the time: Statins are being found to prevent Alzheimer’s Disease, he said. On or about 16 April 1992 Alport said I must start buying Zocor and he wrote a prescription. On or about 5 August 1992, Alport doubled the dosage of Zocor and prescribed Elavil to relieve the pain I continued to endure. I took — *for more than six years* — Zocor as it was prescribed by doctor Alport and dispensed by Hill Ave. Drugs. I discontinued Zocor the night I returned from my first visit to Dr. Cenaiko in Wakaw on 2 May 1998. The condition I acquired (*myopathy*) when I began taking Zocor began improving the night I stopped taking Zocor. I have never recovered fully and I have problems still. Dr. Annandale would later repeat this fiasco.

In his note of 26 March 1992, doctor Alport notes that I had the flu and was sick in January and February. I certainly was sick. I have never been so sick. But it wasn’t the flu — doctor Alport’s diagnosis. It was *myalgia* caused by the Zocor that doctor Alport had prescribed and provided early in January. Alport noted in March that my lifestyle needed adjustment. He and the Zocor he prescribed certainly forced a lifestyle change — they caused more damage in two months than the tobacco companies and cigarette smoking managed to accomplish in 32 years!

Something needs to be done with Dr. John N. Alport. A full investigation is required. I urge the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan to undertake one forthwith.

Sincerely,
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