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Dear Chris

Re Jessica Hill dob 10 11 88  
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Diagnosis - Ventricular septal defect

Jessica attended on the 3rd March for 2D echocardiography. This confirmed the presence of a mal-alignment VSD with about 50% over-riding of the aorta. The VSD is unrestrictive and colour flow shows dominant left to right shunt. Pulmonary artery is somewhat dilated and has turbulent flow at its root, in keeping with excess pulmonary blood flow. The rest of the cardiac anatomy looks normal.

Jessica has had a bad bout of diarrhoea recently and she is therefore not thriving on that account and because of her heart lesion. Now that she has recovered from the diarrhoea, I think she should increase her Frusemide to 4 mgs bd in an attempt to control her underlying heart failure and allow her to grow. She returns for review at the Joint Cardiac clinic in Exeter in two months time, after which a decision will be taken regarding the need for more detailed catheter assessment with a view to possible surgical correction.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

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