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**ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL & MEDICAL SCHOOL**  
**ETHICS COMMITTEE**

c/o Maureen Carrol,  
Administration Corridor

26th February 1998

Prof J Walker-Smith,  
Dept of Paediatric Gastroenterology,  
RFH.

Dear Prof Walker-Smith.

Re: 22-98

This application was discussed at the last meeting of the ethics committee. We would like to clarify some points:

- 1) Please could you supply the DDX.
- 2) We thought that the definition of 60mls in the patient information sheet could be improved. One tenth of an adult blood donation seemed a bit cumbersome to define blood taking in a child. Why not 6, ten mls spoons. Parents are presumably familiar with 10mls spoons for giving medication so would better understand this volume.
- 3) Is there a control group. If not do you not think that the hope engendered in the patients by a "new" treatment could somehow beneficially affect their child.

Yours sincerely,

**Dr Michael S. Pegg**  
**Chairman, Ethics Committee**