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Dear Dr/Mr Mokoka,

**RE: CONSULTATION SUMMARY FOR ANDRE DJELATOVIC**

I am writing to provide you with an overview of my recent consultation with Andre Djelatovic, who presented with significant neurological symptoms.

**CHIEF COMPLAINT**

Mr. Djelatovic's chief complaints included notable memory problems, difficulty walking—described as walking 'drunk'—stiffness in his legs, particularly at night, affecting his sleep, and a persistent cough.

**HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS**

The patient has a background of alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, with COPD diagnosed since 2015. He reported exposure to manganese at his workplace, claiming this contamination has progressed to affect his brain. Notably, he has been previously diagnosed with manganese depositions in the basal ganglia via MRI conducted by Professor Modi. His complaints include memory impairment, ataxic movements, and poor attention, which further complicate his clinical picture.

**BACKGROUND MEDICAL HISTORY**

- Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency
- COPD diagnosed in 2015
- Occupational exposure to manganese

**MEDICATIONS**

The patient currently has no listed medications.

**ALLERGIES**

No known allergies have been reported.

**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION**

Upon examination, Mr. Djelatovic presented with a thin and emaciated appearance, with a significant cataract in his left eye resulting in a disconjugated gaze. There were indicators of inappropriate affect, normal cranial nerve examination, significant ataxia during a finger-to-nose test, and extrapyramidal bradykinesia. Fundoscopy raised suspicion of possible papilledema.

**DIAGNOSTIC TESTS**

An MRI confirmed manganese depositions in the basal ganglia; however, there was no evidence of elevated manganese levels in his bloodstream.

ASSESSMENT AND PLAN

I suspect the patient may be experiencing encephalopathy, with differential diagnoses including metabolic or toxic forms. A lumbar puncture is planned to further investigate possible causes of his symptoms. We are currently awaiting further instructions from the Department of Health regarding his management.

I would appreciate any relevant past medical history or previous test results you may have for Mr. Djelatovic that could assist in his ongoing care. Should you require further discussion regarding his management or care collaboration, please feel free to contact me directly.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Dr P Rowji