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Dr Ben Covac
Coffs Harbour Base Hospital
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Dear Doctor,

RE: Stephen Cotter
DOB: 08/01/1954

Thank you for referring Mr Cotter. I recently reviewed Mr Cotter in my outpatient clinic in follow up of biopsy of vocal cord lesion. Mr Cotter underwent flexible laryngoscopy to investigate recent vocal change, odynophagia and otalgia. The histopathology report indicated the lesion was likely a squamous cell carcinoma.

I have referred Mr Cotter for a staging CT, following this he has another appointment booked in the outpatient clinic on the 18th of September.

As you know Mr Cotter is a retired police officer living in Armidale with his wife, Stacy, and two sons. He is a heavy smoker with a 30-pack year history and has significant alcohol intake. He also has a history of well-controlled gastro-oesophageal reflux disease and is on pantoprazole 40mg once daily. He has no other significant medical or surgical history.

Please continue your care of Mr Cotter. I will provide further correspondence following Mr Cotter's CT and follow-up appointment.

Kind regards,

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