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To Dr McEvoy

RE: Arthur Ryan
DOB: 08/10/1953

Thank you for referring Arthur Ryan to me. As you described, he has worsening intermittent left leg claudication when walking and is now developing rest pain. Symptoms began 12 months ago when he noticed an ache in his left thigh when going for a long walk. This has gradually worsened over time with him now only being able to mobilise a few metres before the aching commences. The aching gets worse the further he tries to walk. The only thing that will relieve the pain is to rest.

As you indicated, his left ankle brachial index (ABI) and a toe brachial index (TBI) are 0.50 and the 0.25 respectively. These results with history above are indicative of quite advanced peripheral vascular disease (PVD) and will likely require operative management.

Prior to discussing the operative management options with Mr Ryan, I have arranged for an angiogram to further assess the extent of the disease. In the meantime, I have commenced regular aspirin 100mg mane and recommended cessation of smoking. Thank you for your current management of his hypertension and dyslipidaemia. Smoking cessation, hypertension and dyslipidaemia management are vital to ongoing management of his PVD.

I will see him again after the angiogram and discuss further management at this time.

Kind regards,

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