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Dear Frank,

Many thanks for your letter and for your suggestions about AIDS. This question has been discussed several times amongst those concerned with haemophilia treatment and was the subject of a special meeting of the Haemophilia Reference Centre Directors recently. Most of the recommendations which you suggest have in fact been incorporated by the Haemophilia Reference Centre Directors. We have not laid down hard and fast regulations since the data of treatment will depend upon local circumstances. I do not think that anyone is complacent about the situation but I think that we all agree that it would be counter-productive to ban the importation of blood products at this moment. We are however taking steps to recommend that imported products from the U.S.A. at least meet with the new E.D.A. regulations. Your comments about the use of cryoprecipitate and N.H.S. factor VIII concentrate have been incorporated into our advice although at the moment we are not rigidly differentiating between cryoprecipitate and N.H.S. concentrate as far as severely affected patients are concerned at any rate. I think that this is implied in your recommendation number 2. With regard to deterrence of home treatment for new patients this is a matter for further discussion. The Haemophilia Society have expressed concern that we are not expanding the home treatment project with sufficient vigour and this whole question will no doubt be on the agenda of the next Reference Centre and Haemophilia Centre Director's meeting. No doubt you are already aware of the recommendations made at the recent meeting of the blood Transfusion Centre Directors.

With all best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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