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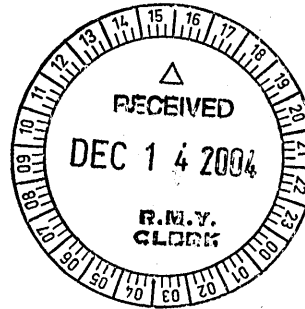
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Ms. Marjorie Hankins
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Dear Ms. Hankins:

Thank you for your letter to the minister, concerning your request to increase the use of Hyperbaric Oxygen chambers for treating certain medical conditions. We appreciate the work you have done in researching this form of therapy and in your efforts in leading the Newmarket Diabetic Support Group.

I note your suggestion that Southlake Regional Health Centre (SRHC) consider establishing a Hyperbaric Oxygen Chamber program. I also see that you provided the Chief Executive Office at SRHC, Mr. Dan Carriere, with a copy of your letter.

I feel sure that Mr. Carriere and medical staff at SRHC will consider your suggestion. As you can appreciate, there are many demands for needed services in the health care system. In hospitals there has been an increased demand for existing priority services such as cardiac care, cancer care, joint replacements, dialysis, cataract surgeries, treatment of strokes, etc. (and the need to reduce waiting times). Mr. Carriere and his staff will have to consider these competing demands and the availability of resources in their discussions.

Thank you again, for sharing your concerns with us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael Klejman".

Michael Klejman
Regional Director
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