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Dear Doctor

Patient name: XXXXXXXXX

DoB: XX/XX/XXXX

Address: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Title of Study: Palliative Long-term Abdominal Drains Versus Repeated Drainage in Untreatable Ascites Due to Advanced Cirrhosis: A Randomised Controlled Trial (REDUCe 2)

Sponsor: University of Sussex.

I am writing to inform you that your patient is participating in the above study. The study has been approved by the South Central – Oxford C Research Ethics Committee.

This study is a randomised controlled trial comparing the current standard of care (repeated ascites drainage in hospital) versus insertion of long-term abdominal drains and subsequent management in the community for the patient's ascites.

Your patient has been randomised to the (insert which drain)

Each participant will remain in the study for a maximum of three months. Any findings of individual significance will be highlighted to you. I have enclosed a copy of the Participant Information Sheet for your information. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes

Insert Principal Investigator Contact Details

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