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Dear Dr IGWE

Re: MRS KATRINA MARGERY - DoB: 24/05/1967
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Background: Ex-smoker - ? COPD

I had a telephone consultation with this lady today. She continues to be breathless on exertion and told me that she had had several fractured ribs after coughing. She is going to have a DEXA scan in a few weeks and should really be on a bisphosphonate if this confirms osteoporosis.

I have been investigating her for her breathlessness. Her high resolution CT thorax from the 4th November last year is entirely normal. There is no evidence of emphysema or fibrosis. Her echocardiogram from the 2nd March this year has been reported as normal, although they were unable to estimate her pulmonary artery pressure. Her lung function test from November was not good as the report says that she found it difficult to do it and therefore the results are not reliable. In fact, this does not show that she has airway obstruction as her FEV1/FVC ratio was 99% and her FEV1 was 1.75 litres (61.6% predicted), FVC of 1.76 litres (53% predicted) with TLC of 53.2% predicted and a KCO of 74.7% predicted.

She has now been put on Trimbrow inhaler (without any evidence of severe COPD) which she is using through a spacer twice a day, but she is also using her Salbutamol reliever many times a day.

It was difficult to have a consultation on the telephone. I will arrange to see her in person so I can examine her and we may have to repeat the lung function test at some point.

Yours sincerely

Letter electronically verified by clinician
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