

Letter to GP from Consultant

Chest Hospital
Newbridge

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Dr Robert Walker
4 St Bede's Road
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Dear Dr Walker

Samuel Lister (M) 27 1947, 32 Park Terrace, Newbridge

Yes, I agree with you that the patient's trouble is smoker's bronchitis with airways obstruction. His peak expiratory flow rate is not as bad as I thought it would be, 245, but of course it is grossly reduced. The chest X-ray film shows minimal dust change which, in my opinion, is not sufficient to qualify him as a case of pneumoconiosis. There is, of course, no objection to his putting in a claim.

Mr Lister can expect slow deterioration in his breathing as long as he continues smoking. It may help him to clear his chest in the morning if he has a salbutamol inhaler. I have explained to him the correct dose is one puff, repeated if necessary, and then no more for at least three hours. Please let us know if you would like him to be seen again in the future.

Yours sincerely

John Hamilton
Consultant Physician