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Dr Kathleen Gibson
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Dear Dr. Gibson:

Is there something in the VA computer system that is preventing my medicine from being sent? If so, would you please tell me what it is so that it can be addressed?

My present medication, unless some one has changed it without my knowledge, is:

Morning

- (1) Metoprolol Tartrate, ¼ of 50mg tablet
- (2) Aspirin, 81mg, enteric coated
- (3) Warfarin (Coumadin) NA(?), 1mg. I take 3 (mistakenly written as "5" in my May 28, 2004, letter to you) tablets for five days and 2 ½ tablets for two days each week. My present INA(?) or blood anticoagulant level is 2.9

Evening

- (1) Metoprolol Tartrate, ¼ of 50mg tablet
- (2) Simvastatin, ½ of 40mg tablet
- (3) Tamsulosin HCL, 2 of .4mg tablets

As needed

- (1) Lorazepam, .5mg tablet (I am taking 1 to 2 tablets a day now)

Would you please send me a 90 day supply of the above? If not, would you please tell me why? Running out of medicine is an unnecessary stress.

Sincerely,



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From: "Anthony OConnell" <amo@commspeed.net>
To: "Thomas Bast" <Thomas.Bast@med.va.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2004 9:13 AM
Subject: Would you please explain

Dear Mr. Bast,

I hope you are well and I thank the VA for saving my life.

Did you put anything in the VA internal computer information system that questions my competency or credibility?

Would you please explain the following entry and send me a more complete copy of it?

[?]DATED: 10/03/2003 16:22 COTTONWOOD CBOC TELEPHONE CONTACT
 [?]: 10/03/2003 16:16 COTTONWOOD TELEPHONE
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 [?]icilitate prompt continuous care an Oncology consult is requested t 
 [?]n Va today for eval of two melanoma (by pnt History).
 [?]asis in not authorized IAW Dr Melvin, Chief of P & SC and Dr Jackson
 [?]dvised pnt where he should seek care for this diagnosis.
 Signed by: /es/ THOMAS A BAST
 APN 10/03/2003 16:38
 Receipt Acknowledged By:
 /es/ GARY R MELVIN
 10/06/2003 07:35

"[..?]TE DATED: 11/05/2003 15:03 COTTONWOOD CBOC RN
 [..?] SIT: 11/05/2003 15:03 COTTONWOOD TELEPHONE
 [re?]ceived verbal orders from Tom Bast, NP, to cancel upcoming appts scheduled for
 [co?][ttonwood cboc as pt has now been assigned to orange team physician.

[?]LL notify orange team to schedule f/u appts for pt.

Signed by: /es/ CLAUDIA M. SHIMKUS
 REGISTERED NURSE 11/05/2003 15:05
 Receipt Acknowledged By:
 /es/THOMAS A BAST
 APN 11/06/2003 17:17
 /es/ JEAN M CUNNINGHAM
 RN 11/05/2003 15:22

Who is Dr. Melvin? What are "notification alerts"?

I was told by one of the VA employees who work in the trenches, day after day, often under difficult conditions, often going beyond that required to make things work, that "pnt" was a code word that the veteran was not supposed to see. This makes it impossible for the veteran to defend himself against what ever it is.

I don't understand why I could never see Dr. Gary Melvin diagnosis. Does it appear that t he element in the VA has 100% control and 0% accountability? If these percentages are not accurate, what percentages would be accurate?

What would Dr. Kathleen Gibson at the Tucson VA have seen in the VA internal computer information system on May 12, 2004, that prevents her from sending me my regular supply of medicine?

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Is there anything in the VA internal computer information system that would show why the Prescott VA (NAVAHCS) stopped sending me my regular supply of medicine about May of 2004? Veteran 116
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Thank you.

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From: "Anthony OConnell" <amo@commspeed.net>
To: "Gary Melvin" <Gary.Melvin@med.va.gov>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2004 8:04 AM
Subject: Would you please explain

Dear Dr. Melvin,

I hope you are well and I thank the VA for saving my life.

Has Tom Bast or anyone else put anything in the VA internal computer information system that questions my competency or credibility? If so would you please send me a copy? Would you please explain the following entry and send me a more complete copy?

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From: "Anthony O'Connell" <amo@commspeed.net>
To: "Dr Gibson" <Kathleen.Gibson@med.va.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2004 2:14 PM
Subject: Are you my primary care provider?

Dear Dr Gibson,

Are you my primary care provider?

Thank you.

Sincerely, Anthony O'Connell

I don't understand why I could never get a yes or a no to the question "Are you my primary care provider?"

(a) If yes, why did Dr. Gibson never examine me and why was my medicine stopped?

(b) If no, why was I led to believe she was?