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Ms. D. Strain



Dear Debbie,

I had a look at Adam's first set of notes, he now has six sets, as you probably know. It is true the original note from the Ulster says he had bilateral multicystic dysplastic kidneys so in a way you were right about the fact that he had cysts in his kidneys. However there is a careful distinction that needs to be made between dysplastic kidneys with cysts on them and Polycystic Kidney Disease.

Polycystic Kidney Disease can be inherited, as I said to you the other day, so that there would be a risk to subsequent children of the same partners having other children with the same condition. The risk is usually about 1 in 4. With a different partner the risk would probably not exist at all. However what Adam appeared to have were dysplastic kidneys with cysts on them. These cysts are different and are just because the kidney has not formed properly. There is no increased risk of recurrence of this type of dysplastic kidney with cysts in it.

I thought I would write and just make that clear. I will get the hold of his old Ulster X-rays and scans just to have another look at them myself.

Yours sincerely,

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