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Concerns : MIHAI Alexandru, born Jan. 24, 2004.

Dear Mrs Hogas,

Thank you very much for your previous letters regarding the condition of your child MIHAI Alexandru, who is suffering from cholestasis and cirrhosis. His condition could be related to biliary hypoplasia, biliary atresia or cryptogenic cirrhosis : a precise diagnosis is not available currently since he never had a laparotomy. However, his current clinical condition is a clear indication for considering liver transplantation. I believe this is the only curative management we can propose.

Liver transplantation for this liver condition is now very successful when children are transplanted in a relatively good clinical condition. By that I mean that the survival rate is above 90 % for those who are coming for a transplantation in an elective condition (up to 95 % with the use of living donors for liver transplantation). When children are coming later, with an end-stage liver disease, when they are hospital-bound or need intensive medical report, the results may be slightly less (80 to 90 % survival rate). It is thus important to maintain the child in the best conditions before transplantation and also considering the transplantation early enough in the evolution of the liver disease.

We started our liver transplant program 20 years ago and the many children who are now surviving up to 20 years show that liver transplantation in children is a very successful long-term treatment and allow children to have a new chance for starting a normal life. You may found this type of information on internet since this has been shown in many other transplant centers and programs.

If you need more information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely Yours,


Prof. J. de VILLE de GOYET.