Gender: Male
Age: 42
MRN: 768771
Diagnosis: Hepatocellular Carcinoma
History and Physical:
Doctor:
Hello, how have you been since your last visit?
Patient:
I have been feeling some pain in the right hypochondriac (RHC) and epigastric region. It's been
bothering me for a few months now.
Doctor:
I see. Last time, we discussed a potential hepatic mass. Based on your CT scans, the lesion could
be indicative of a gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST), though there was a possibility of an atypical
hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). How are you managing with the medications?
Patient:
Im still on the medications you prescribedTres Orix, Tramadol for the pain, and Laxoberon for
constipation. I havent had any major issues, but the pain persists.
Doctor:
That's good to hear that you're managing well with the medications. How is your weight? Any
significant changes lately?
Patient:
Ive lost about 5-7 kg in the past year. Its been gradual.

Doctor:

Noted. Have you noticed any other symptoms like fatigue, jaundice, or changes in your appetite?

Patient:

No, no jaundice or anything like that. I do feel tired at times, and Ive been having some bloating and discomfort in my stomach.

Doctor:

Alright, lets go over some of your investigations. Your CT scan from May 8th showed a large heterogeneously enhancing mass in the right hypochondrium, and the findings are more consistent with GIST, not HCC. The lesion is quite large, and it appears to involve the posterior wall of the pylorus and antrum. Its likely causing the pain and discomfort you mentioned.

Patient:

That sounds like a pretty serious issue. Whats next?

Doctor:

Yes, its important we proceed carefully. Your liver biopsy from June 5th confirmed the presence of an epithelioid-type GIST. This type of tumor can sometimes be difficult to treat, but we have options. We are planning a resection of the tumor with a left hepatectomy.

Patient:

What exactly does that mean for me?

Doctor:

Essentially, well need to surgically remove the tumor. The liver will also need to be part of the

resection, so it's a more complex procedure. The team will be monitoring you closely throughout the process. Well also need to discuss the approach further with a multidisciplinary team (MDT) to make sure all options are considered.

Patient:

Okay, that makes sense. Is there anything else I need to be aware of before the surgery?

Doctor:

Before we proceed, well do a few more things. We'll make sure your blood levels are stable, especially your hemoglobin. I see that it was quite low during your last visit (6.6), so well need to ensure you're getting the necessary blood transfusions. We may need to give you another round of packed red blood cells. We also need to address the weight loss and the low grade fever you've been experiencing.

Patient:

Yes, I had 2 PCV transfusions before, but the hemoglobin hasn't gone up much since.

Doctor:

Well continue monitoring your hemoglobin and make sure you get the right support. Lets also keep your liver function under close observation. I'll arrange a referral to the coordinator for further steps and ensure everything is lined up for the surgery.

Patient:

Thank you, Doctor. Im a bit anxious, but I trust your plan.

Doctor:

I understand your concern, but we will take good care of you. It's important that we proceed with

caution and make sure all steps are thoroughly planned. After the surgery, well continue monitoring
your recovery closely.
Patient:
Sounds good. Ill follow up with all the appointments.
Doctor:
Perfect. Well see you again in two weeks for a follow-up. In the meantime, make sure you're staying
on top of your medications and any further instructions. If you have any issues, dont hesitate to
reach out.
Doctor:
Lets now review your medical history. You mentioned that youve had no decompensation symptoms
and you havent had a history of significant liver problems before this. Youve been feeling some
low-grade fever lately, which is something we will monitor.
Patient:
Yes, its been a bit of a concern for me, but its not too bad.
Doctor:
Good to note. You've also mentioned some psychological stress due to your current health
condition, and I want to assure you that well help you manage this. You're not alone in this journey.
Patient:
I have been feeling a bit down with everything going on. Its just been a lot to handle.
Doctor:

It's completely understandable. Well ensure you have support during this time, both physically and

emotionally. We'll keep an eye on your mental health and offer resources as needed.

Patient:

I appreciate that, Doctor. Its reassuring to know you're keeping track of everything.

Doctor:

You're welcome. You're in good hands. Well work together to ensure the best possible outcome. I'll

make sure we have everything in place for your surgery, and well discuss the next steps once we

have all the results.

Doctor:

Finally, let me go over the lab results from your last test on May 24th. Your liver function tests were

as follows:

Bilirubin: 0.24

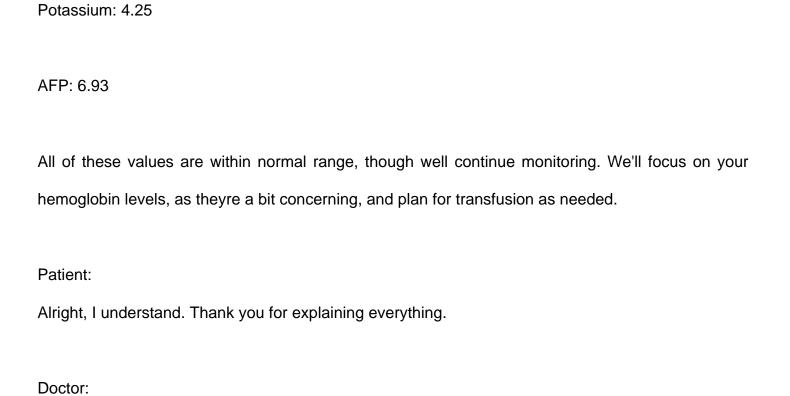
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ALP: 126

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Creatinine: 0.64

Sodium: 140



You're welcome. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. See you in two

weeks for your follow-up.