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20/07/2025

Dear Dr Brereton ,

RE: Mr John McMullen  
61 Pioneer Road  
BELLAMBI NSW 2518  
0433213626

DOB: 05/04/1938

Appointment Date: 11/07/2025

**Wollongong Private Hospital Consulting Suites**

Thank you for referring Mr John McMullen. Mr John McMullen was reviewed with his son present regarding retching with meals, occasional vomiting and loss of weight 8 to 10 kg.

**Past Medical History**

1. Aortic stenosis awaiting TAVI procedure.
2. Ischaemic heart disease.

**Medications**

1. Isosorbide mononitrate
2. Atorvastatin
3. Mirtazapine
4. Esomeprazole
5. Trelegy inhaler

**Family History**

Nil GI malignancy.

**Social History**

Cigarette ceased 30 years ago. Alcohol one standard drink per day. Weight 66.9 kg.

**Clinical Assessment**

In the last 18 months, since his wife passed, he has experienced retching with meals and intermittent vomiting without overt blood. There is no significant dysphagia. He has made dietary modification including avoiding meat and experienced 8 to 10 kg weight loss during this time. I understand he has been taking Ensure Plus which has been recently increased to twice daily. He has never undertaken endoscopic evaluation. Clinically, there was no cervical or supraclavicular adenopathy. Abdominal examination was non-contributory.

**Impression and Plan**

Mr McMullen requires a further investigation to exclude structural inflammatory foregut pathology. A gastroscopy is planned through the public system to further investigate. It is likely that this will occur after he has undergone the TAVI.

Regards,



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