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Nadine Hamadeesa

Dear Customs and Immigration Professionals:

I am very concerned about the well-being of one of my patients - Nadine Hamadeesa. Nadine is a 9 y/o girl who has been under my care for a mysterious bone tumor involving her right femur. I am an Orthopaedic Oncologist at Duke University who specializes in tumors of the bones and muscles. Nadine was sent to me for surgery to biopsy and remove the tumor in her femur. Her diagnosis is a rare tumor known as eosinophilic granuloma. I was recently notified that her father, Mosa Hamadeesa has been detained by Immigration officials.

It is vital that Nadine be monitored for several more years, as this is a highly unusual tumor. Eosinophilic granuloma is commonly associated with other syndromes and there can be multiple lesions. Mosa is the primary care giver for Nadine and her siblings, and the only person that can transport Nadine to Duke for her imaging and care. If Nadine returns to the Middle East, I can assure you that she will not have access to an Orthopaedic Oncologist.

On a personal note, I would mention that the Hamadeesa family are exactly the kind of people that we would want to immigrate to our country. Mosa is a very successful mechanic who works tirelessly to support his family. Mrs. Hamadeesa is a dedicated mother. The children are all bright, well-behaved, and speak excellent English.

If I can provide any additional information about this wonderful little girl and her medical condition, please do not hesitate to contact me. My email address is w.eward@alumni.duke.edu and my phone number is 919.681.6982.

Sincerely,



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