

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL GRIEVANCE**

State of Alaska

Department of Corrections

**PRISONER GRIEVANCE**

Print Name	Institution/Module	OBSCIS Number	Log Number
Brown, Anthony L.	CCA/FCC/LH103	6555	05-0509

Date of Incident: 8/17/5	Describe the incident and your attempts to handle it informally <u>ONE</u> issue per grievance.
This morning, 8/17/5, I was given the wrong dosage of Pegintron - treatment for Hepatitis C.	
I was informed, by P.A. Green, that my original dosage was 126 mcg per week, based upon my weight of 230 lbs. This dose is given as a .4 ml injection, derived from a med package of 150 mcg / .5 ml.	
The medical department did not have my medication in-stock, so they "borrowed" medication from "Hall." This med package was 120 mcg / .5 ml. When I questioned how I was going to get 126 mcg from a 120 mcg package, the nurse left to find a calculator to get the proper dosage. She returned shortly, stating that P.A. Green had adjusted my dosage to 90 mcg. (Meaning, that I had been over-medicated for the previous month.) I balked, and the nurse went to get P.A. Green.	
P.A. Green then attempted to show me on his calculator that my proper dosage should have been 96 mcg with an injection of .8 ml., getting flustered when I continued to question the calculation, he told me the proper dose was 96 mcg and left the nurse to prepare my injection at .8 ml.	
At this point, the nurse prepared a .8 ml injection derived from <u>Two</u> (2) each med packages of 120 mcg / .5 ml. Meaning I was given a .8 injection of a combined dosage of 240 mcg. or 192 mcg., way more than the original 126 mcg. or the NEW adjusted 96 mcg.	
Now, listen up. <del>The drug manufacturer recommends a dose of 150 mcg for anyone over 85 kilograms.</del>	
The 126 mcg dosage is incorrect, as is the NEW adjusted dosage of 96 mcg, and, certainly, the 192 mcg dose that I received today!	
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(Attach additional pages if necessary)	

I request the following relief (state outcome you are seeking):

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I understand that this grievance must be filed with the grievance coordinator within 30 days of the occurrence or my knowledge of this incident:

Date: 8/17/5 Prisoner's Signature: Anthony J. Brown

I acknowledge receipt of this grievance and have issued the Log Number above for reference. Please refer any inquiries about this grievance to the assigned Log Number:

Date Filed in Compliance: \_\_\_\_\_ Grievance Coordinator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

- Original :** Prisoner File  
**Copies:** Prisoner  
 Grievance Coordinator  
 Grievance/Compliance Administrator

Grievance of Anthony L. Brown 6555  
submitted 8/17/5

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Relief Requested:

- A. Before my next shot, next Wednesday, I want to speak to a real doctor about my proper dosage; I want a record of the medication error as is professionally appropriate; I want someone overseeing this interferon program who, at minimum, knows the manufacturer's recommendation.
- B. Answers to the following Questions:
  1. What Medical Doctor oversees the proper dosage of interferon (Pegintron) injections?
  2. Did the original dose of 126 mcg injection follow the drug manufacturer's recommendation?
  3. Does the NEW adjusted dose of 96 mcg meet the drug manufacturer's recommendation?
  4. Was the 192 mcg dose, injected today, appropriate; am I endangered or is my treatment prognosis diminished?
  5. Is the manufacturer's 150 mcg dose recommendation going to be followed in the future? If not, why?
  6. Who is responsible for the reporting of medication errors, how are they reported, what professional sanctions to medical staff are appropriate?
  7. How many other prisoners are being under- or over-medicated?
  8. How is it possible to run out of this medication?!?
- C. Provide compensatory and punitive damages as deemed appropriate at trial.
- D. Costs and Other sanctions against the State of Alaska, Corrections Corporation of America, their sub-contractors and employees as may be deemed appropriate at trial.

8/17/5

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