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Hello.

My name is Geoffrey Tye and I am a 71 year old male living with type 2 Diabetes.

I consider myself to be a very normal individual, but sadly I have 2 phobias.

Needles and blood are my 2 phobias, each of which causes anxiety to the level that I cannot cope with either.

Therefore standard Diabetes finger prick tests are totally out of the question for me.

My G.P. said he cannot manage my Diabetes without the vital information the finger prick test provides.

So, we had a stalemate, he needed the information and even though I tried, I could not do the finger prick tests, much to the amusement of my Diabetic friends!

We later found the Abbott Freestyle Libre patch which I can easily cope with even though it has a tiny needle in it!

This device is costing me around \$105 a fortnight and I am only able to obtain it as I have my doctor's written approval to the company to supply me with it.

Previously the company had advised that Type 2 patients cannot have this unless there is a written GP recommendation.

This patch now provides the data my GP needs and all is well with the world except for the pain my wallet feels paying for these patches.

I would like your Inquiry to consider this as my Submission to the Inquiry.

Thank You

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