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RE:FAITH BASED AND AGENDA DRIVEN ASSESSMENT OF PET IN ONTARIO

Dear Dr. Mester and PET Steering Committee Members

Thank you for your letter dated February 2 2017. The response of the PET Steering Committee [PSC], sadly was predictable. As I contact each of the CCO groups involved with 'assessing/blocking' PET, most are very proud of what has been accomplished. With one recent exception I will include below, no one will address a single question of relevance which of course speaks volumes in and of itself.

However, based on what the committee did not address, or challenge in my letter we all can now can assume the following:

**WHAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED ABOUT THE PSC AND PET**

1. The PPSC, as all other CCO groups involved with assessing PET agree that there is **no scientific basis or validity to using Health Technology Assessment [HTA] to assess roles for PET, yet nevertheless the PSC will continue to use HTA to assess PET.**
2. ***Even though decisions regarding the use of PET in Ontario by the PSC are not based on the usual validated methods of science, the PSC refuses to offer up an explanation or basis of how decisions are made.***
3. Given that how PET is evaluated by the PSC is not based on science, a reasonable position to take is in keeping with the statement of Professor Rodney Hicks of Australia:
  - ***The PET Steering Committee bases the assessment of PET on an 'agenda driven process'. It is also reasonable to assume and to quote Dr. Hicks that this agenda "is the most egregious and politically motivated agenda against PET (ie. Ontario's patients) in the world."***
4. The PSC chose not to acknowledge the unprecedented criticisms leveled at it by

Canadian and International PET experts. In particular there was no mention in the Committee's response of the extraordinary motions passed by the Canadian Association of Nuclear Medicine in 2005 condemning the work of the PSC as unethical and demanding an independent review of the 'ethical actions of the Committee's assessment of PET', but most importantly didn't challenge the statements. Thus:

- ***The PSC is not prepared to voluntarily offer the process by which they have evaluated PET up for formal ethical review.***

These points we have established will be made clear to the physicians, patients and other interested individuals and groups that I will be dealing with.

**THEREFORE:**

What will follow is a series of letters which will address very specific questions about the activities of the PET Steering Committee in the assessment of PET in Ontario. In particular they will be addressing the experiments carried out on cancer patients that lead to not just the unique position of Cancer Care Ontario on roles for PET in the world, ***but most importantly what was done to patients to lead to the severe and unresolved accusations and demands for accountability for the actions of groups like the PSC.***

And for your records the one justification for using the scientifically baseless HTA was the following:

- ***"I believe that there is a role for health technology assessments in the evaluation of diagnostic imaging devices."***

**"I BELIEVE"!** So all that has been done and continues to be done to Ontario patients is, like a religion, ***BASED ON FAITH and how dare anyone challenge the right of those who chose to believe this to be true!***

All communications with with the PSC will be made available to the patients and physicians I am working with along with anyone else who has an interest in how critical medical decisions are made in Ontario by Cancer Care Ontario 'experts'.

Regards

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