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RE:REFUSAL TO ACKNOWLEDGE OR RESPOND TO LETTER FROM PATIENT.

Dear Dr. McLeod

It is possible that you did not receive my recent emails outlining the approach I will be taking with the CCO executive branch, and in particular forwarding letters on behalf of patients. However, given the pattern of 'stonewalling' from CCO related officials and physicians over the past 15 years, my guess is that your now 'stonewalling' patients is also deliberate. However, if I am mistaken I will be happy to send you the documents.

My original email with the documents was on March 31st. I will assume you have received them and my most recent April 12th email:

Dear Dr McLeod.

It has now been a week since I sent you the email on behalf of Ms. Dunne. When can we expect a response?

Regards

What is the message you are intending to send to Ms. Dunne and the others copied the documents when the Vice President of Clinical Programs and Quality Initiatives refuses to acknowledge or respond to her well informed and reasonable questions about how decisions being made by CCO 'medical experts' regarding her cervical cancer are impacting her? Would you be prepared to offer this up as an example of the claimed 'world-class' status of CCO as an oncological center of excellence, and all

about 'openness, transparency, accountability, and of course 'evidence-based medicine' backed decisions?

She, among others, are fully aware that CCO 'officials' have demanded that Thunder Bay Regional Hospital Administration shut down my efforts to give patients full access and documentation about the roles of PET in her cancer, and the 'unique' position of Cancer Care Ontario.

Therefore, once again, respectfully, I ask that you acknowledge the receipt of my emails and documents, and advise Ms Dunne when she can expect an official response, which of course will be judged against the standards set by Dr. Hoskins. Keep in mind the current dilemma she is facing:

- ***The CCO 'seal of approval' approach for her follow-up with serial CT exams. She has been repeatedly told that she will only be allowed a PET/CT if the CT is not 'definitive'.***
- ***Of course the very nature of CT IS TO NOT BE DEFINITIVE, and is what has created her current dilemma! Indeed her PET/CT, as is so often the case, found disease in 'normal CT nodes'!***

Therefore given her unnecessary stress, and concern about her radiation exposure from diagnostic imaging tests being created directly by the actions of CCO I would ask that you have one of your 'medical experts' immediately at least answer the following question:

1. ***What will the serial CT exams add that follow-up with PET/CT will not provide?***

And again the explanation must specifically offer the appropriate evidence that Dr. Hoskins has outlined, and most importantly:

- ***Outline in detail to Ms. Dunne the benefits of receiving the radiation from serial CT exams as her designated diagnostic imaging follow-up option.***

Regards

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