

May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Hi there,

I hope this finds you well.

Did you folks decide when we can schedule an interview with Dr. Dave Webster re the PET scan issue?

Cheers.

Stephen Skyvington

May 9<sup>th</sup> from me.

Hi Stephen

I think we all know the answer to that question.

Thanks for trying though

May 9<sup>th</sup>

Hi Stephen and Dave,

As you know, we're not a daily news show. So, with a few exceptions, we don't jump on stories as quickly as the nightly newscast does. I understand that can be frustrating when you're very concerned about a subject. We do still have this (along with many, many other stories) on our list of items to cover. Thanks for staying in touch.

Hilary

May 9<sup>th</sup> me.

Thank you for replying Hilary.

I should explain that my experience with journalists over the past years has not been very positive. In fact I have contacted just about any major journalist you could name in Canada....sorry I hadn't actually hear about Mr. Paikin till people started talking about him and how impressed they were.....anchor ect...in fact years ago most of what did appear in the press came from me.....but NO ONE has been willing to touch the actual reality of the story....and so after 15 years we have this situation where the medical world at least has been condemning Ontario and Cancer Care Ontario in the most severe and unprecedented ways....

...and just like last week when I had to deal with a patient who underwent completely useless and mutilating radiation therapy and continues to suffer rectal and bladder complications ...when a PET scan which doctors in Paraguay would have know she should of had....was not allowed one.

If she had of had a PET/CT it would have shown she had terminal Stage IV cancer...and absolutely should not have had this therapy..BUT SHE WAS NOT ALLOWED...there is more to the story and I would be happy to share it with you if you would like.

But since I had no response since late February you can understand based on my past experience why I would come to a conclusion of just one more prominent journalist who won't for whatever reason touch the story..

#### DEVELOPMENTS SINCE MY ORIGINAL MEETING:

1. I have met with the Patient Ombudsman, Ms. Christine Elliott and now two of their lawyers. She is shocked and I have sent an enormous number of documents and the lawyers are trying to figure out how to deal with this..The government has structured her job so that SHE CANNOT COMPLAIN ABOUT THEM...but only about the patients physicians and the hospitals...the problem is though that it is the government and CCO that FORCES US TO PRACTICE INCOMPETENT MEDICINE.

2. I started doing consults for Oncologists and their patients in Thunder Bay and applying for patients to get a PET scan that wasn't covered by OHIP..PET ACCESS....after two patients:

- Senior people from CCO called the Senior Administration at Thunder Bay Hospital and told them to shut me down ...or else.
- As it currently stands, that ***if I continue to talk to patients and physicians about PET...I WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO WORK AT THUNDER BAY HOSPITAL.***

3. As part of my response I wrote the Chairman of the CCO Board who is an accountant about what he would be totally unaware of ..but may shortly find himself having to defend that which indefensible. I also wrote the President and CEO of CCO, Dr. Sherar.

- ***Mr. Ralliararam sent me a registered letter saying that senior management is looking into this.***
- ***This was just sent some 2 weeks or so ago.***

4. I don't remember if you have a copy of the letter I received from a chief architect of this travesty, Dr. Andreas Laupacis but when I asked him to defend his use of Health Technology Assessment to evaluate PET when no one from CCO is even trying to pretend there is any scientific basis to justify it his response was not to send me evidence it did work:

- ***He simply stated that he BELIEVED..my emphasis..that there was a role for this HTA in diagnostic imaging, I am proud of what i have done and have nothing further to add.***
- ***In other words solely based on FAITH..as if this was like a religion.***

He did not challenge the statement from Professor Rodney Hicks so what we have now established...with out a single CCO person trying to counter the statement that:

- ***That the evaluation of PET/CT in Ontario by Cancer Care Ontario medical experts is a FAITH BASED AND EGREGIOUS AND POLITICALLY MOTIVATE AGENDA DRIVEN PROCESS....and the agenda is money as I can show you from statements made by Dr. Laupacis back in 2006.***

So my apologies if I sounded inappropriate but given 15 years of complete shutdown by journalists...and me naive enough to think this would a story everyone would want to do....consider the Catholic Abuse issues...horrible in another way.... but the number of patients, like 'Carol' described above, that have been used as pawns and are clearly victims of "unethical and bordering on immoral experiments" and manipulation of the world literature is in the tens of thousands...

In fact almost anyone who has actually had a PET and clearly those denied a PET scan COULD SUE THE GOVERNMENT and virtually be assured of a win...

ALL this with the clear 'blessings of Ms. Wynne and Dr. Hoskins' who are aware of every detail and Dr. Hoskins continues to refuse to get back to me.

THIS TRULY IS:

- **PATIENTS FIRST HEALTH CARE ONTARIO LIBERAL STYLE.**

Consider one last VERY CRITICAL CONCERN WITH THE AGING POPULATION AND DEMENTIA.

I was an invited speaker at a National meeting in Ottawa last weekend on the use of PET in brain imaging and especially dementia....with the aging population.

- ***Cancer Care Ontario physicians are the ONLY ONES IN THE WORLD THAT REFUSE TO ACCEPT THAT THE ONLY WAY TO MAKE THE DIAGNOSIS EARLY AT A TIME WHEN YOU CAN START INTERVENTION IS WITH PET.***
- ***The only way Robin Williams could have known he had Lewy-Body dementia BEFORE an autopsy was with PET.....***

We are the only medical jurisdiction on the planet where you would not be allowed to have a PET scan for this indication.

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## CONCLUSIONS

If you would find it beneficial for me to talk to you Hilary..show you some actual cases...I would be more than happy to do so....as long as I have a sense that there is an interest and a possibility that at some point Mr. Paikin would be willing to present the document backed reality of medicine in Ontario....I will leave it up to you to let me know how to proceed in a manner that works best for you and Mr. Paikin.

Sincerely

Dave