



November 26, 2014

Robert C. Smallridge, M.D.
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RE: ATA Hypothyroidism Guidelines Announcement and Invitation to Endorse

Dear Dr. Smallridge:

Please accept our sincere congratulations on your assumption of the Presidential gavel! We are looking forward to an exciting collaborative year with ATA under your leadership.

We were very encouraged to receive this request from the ATA staff for the endorsement of the guideline document on hypothyroidism. This initiative by ATA is greatly appreciated, and we hope this starts the process for building a strong foundation for future active collaboration.

The guideline submitted to the American College of Nuclear Medicine for endorsement represents a monumental review of management for hypothyroidism. This aspect of medicine is only indirectly relevant to the Nuclear Medicine practice; therefore, our organization would not be in a position to comprehensively evaluate it nor endorse it. We will make our membership aware of the upcoming publication.

We hope to evolve to the level of inter-societal collaboration that encompasses an active collaboration in the form of guidelines and position statements development with ATA which would offer an equal level of partnership in areas of mutual interest and expertise. Endorsement, on the other hand, is a passive process that does not embody a creative collaboration nor represents a substantive contribution.

We would like to take this opportunity to inquire about our earlier exchange of correspondence with you regarding the 2014 ATA Management Guidelines for Patients with Thyroid Nodules and Differentiated Thyroid Cancer. Please update us on the decision taken by the ATA Board of Directors, and let us know how we can collaborate on the revision process in the spirit of active collaboration.

Respectfully,

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Twyla B. Bartel, DO, MBA, FACNM
ACNM President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bennett S. Greenspan, MD, M.S.". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bennett S. Greenspan, MD, FACNM, FACR
ACNM Member

CC: M. Sara Rosenthal, PhD – ATA Ethics Committee Chair
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