

MY RESPONSE TO CCO'S RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM AGENDA

Hello Harrison'

It is as expected 100% ...shall we say fabrication.

There are numerous omissions and for example, they clearly did not mention one of the most condemning published articles by Professor Hicks from JNM 2011...it verifies in much more detail what Dr. Driedger had accused the Ministry of Health and CCO of doing in the 2004 letter to Smitherman. This publication shows exactly how CCO used a poster presentation on two pieces of bristol board claiming PET was not effective in...a poster is an idea someone is working on but not published....was used to stop PET and then in as close a case to fraud as you can get, they 'promote' this to a LEVEL A, highest quality paper...impossible to do...and equally important and confirming Dr. Driedger's accusations that the government experts were deliberately ignoring evidence favouring PET...and they downgraded papers favouring PET that actually met CCO criteria of quality papers and 'demoted them to LEVEL C and D unusable papers.

- **In 2009 Dr. Driedger resigned from PET Steering Committee, and publically stated that what they were doing bordered on immoral.**
- **you will recall that the official motions declaring the PET Trials unethical in 2005 and demanding a panel of Canadian experts in Ethics and Health Policy (not science as there is no science) be put together immediately to determine how this could have happened in Ontario...has still been ignored and when I ask them about it they refuse to respond**

Then, of course, there was the MAJOR report on PET in Canada commissioned by TRIUMF at University of British Columbia by Martinuk published also in 2011 that gave a blisteringly condemning report of how PET was handled in Ontario.

Since May a lot has happened.

- **i have now been threatened by the Senior Executive at Cancer Care Ontario. If I continue to speak about PET to physicians and patients, or use case examples even without identifiers, I will no longer be able to work at Thunder Bay Hospital...where I am writing you.**
- **In September I got a registered letter from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario...the Registrar has initiated an inquiry into my**

competence. Interestingly in spite of my lawyer from CMPA dealing with this.... there has been no investigation yet and I have not heard anything in a month.

- **There is an election coming**
- **I have been reprimanded by the CPSO once before for demanding that Dr. Bill Evans..person most responsible for attack on PET, first Chair of the PET Steering Committee, when I asked him to answer questions about the validity of the HTA assessment tool...(At this point, no one is even trying to pretend there is, and no one has challenged the statement by Dr. Hicks about the "most egregious and politically motivated agenda against PET (read our patients) in the world>"**

I don't think I sent you the case of the retired nurse with cervical cancer that lead to me being threatened by CCO. This case demonstrates numerous things:

1. Why PET has been world standard of imaging management in cancer and other diseases, and for 20 years in lung cancer. (Remember, our indication for lung cancer is the exact opposite of the entire world body of expert opinion. Use of this indication...up to 90% of OHIP funded scans..would lead to charges of medical incompetence in Quebec, or for that matter Paraguay.
2. This woman has without question been a victim and indeed has been assaulted by her doctors who are forced to practice incompetent medicine. She was assaulted as you will see in the case I can show you by radical radiation therapy to her pelvis with severe damage to her bladder and rectum...when the PET, allowed only AFTER her therapy showed that she already was stage IV and THIS WAS A CONTRAINDICATED THERAPY.
3. The unbearable stress on this woman's life from so many levels, not the least of which she realizes that as a nurse she was practicing a lie. She has gone from being told they can cure her with the radical therapy and surgery based on her utterly wrong findings on her CT and MR studies..BUT THE ONLY STUDIES SHE WAS ALLOWED.
4. It is clear that her misery has been dismissed by Ms Wynne, Dr. Hoskins, the Senior Executive of CCO and the Chairman of the Board of CCO..I have all the documentation.
 - **Her misery is clearly seen as a success story, time for high fives around the boardroom: another routine PET scan...in Paraguay...has been blocked.**

I will attach a few key documents and would be happy to share with you numerous others that have resulted since we last emailed.

OH..and Ms. Elliott the Patient Ombudsman.....in spite of being aware of every last detail and development...nothing has happened....I am repeatedly told by her lawyers whom I have given the files to that they will get back to me immediately....when I challenged them in September...the lawyer called me and said she had been off work and so on...but again after maybe a month, not a single email.

ON A PERSONAL LEVEL:

I am about to attend my 40th anniversary from Med school at Western this weekend. What I really struggle with is that how can we as a so called civilized group of educated people, physicians, scientists, and lawyers,...the ones who are not carrying out the CCO mandate of discrediting, delaying and blocking PET better than any group on the planet, sit by idly and let this happen.

There appears literally no way what they have been doing for over 15 years and continue to do can be stopped. I actually called the OPP to say how do you deal with a government that without question is abusing and making victims of some of our sickest and most distressed communities, declared "unethical" and "bordering on immoral". They said I should call the RCMP (Wisely since the OPP is a ministry of government of Ontario...remember I have been dismissed by at least two Attorney Generals in Ontario.)

The RCMP advised me to go to the local police force in Sudbury or Thunder Bay!!!!

As I relay to my colleagues that my very ability to continue to practice in Ontario is under threat for speaking up for patients, there is a lot of sympathy,.....no surprise...and then they move to talk about something else...HOW CAN THIS BE??

I am seen as the problem...Rodney Hicks said to me he had to resign as President of the Nucs in Australia since his colleagues told him he was annoying the government.

Maybe, as a species..we simply aren't capable of any better....I feel like Jiim Carrey's character in the TRUMAN SHOW...I'm the only one not in on it that the whole thing is made up..

As I have said I would be happy to meet with you and show you some cases. I'm in Thunder Bay right now and virtually every case is 'literally a crime' that they have had obscene over exposure to all but useless CT exams and it is the PET scan that gives the answers and repeatedly finds numerous things not detectable by any other technology.

I have told my wife and kids who have mostly grown up without my presence...they went to Carribean holiday again without me this year..that if nothing happens by end of the year...I will finally admit defeat.

Thanks for writing.

Dave