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Dear Tony,

## BPL Product Recall

Thank you for your helpful discussion today regarding my concerns related to product recall by BPL.

As you know, I was concerned about the line which said the advice from the Lothian Ethical Committee is that the recipients (patients) should not be informed that the product they have received has been recalled for this reason (CJD).

All of the product with which we were issued has long ago been used by our patient group therefore I do not need to ring anyone to return supplies. However, my concern was what exactly should we be telling patients if we ask them to recall the product? Do they expect us to tell a direct lie, or an indirect lie by omission? As far as I am concerned I am a health care provider who is here to give the best possible service to our patients and whilst I would not wish to worry every single patient by informing them of every single product recall, I would certainly feel an obligation to inform them fully on any product recall which related to their own specific treatment.

I had a lengthy discussion with Dr. Hamilton, who is not happy with the content of the BPL fax and informs me that he will be writing to several people expressing his concerns and opinion.

I hope that you do not have too many distressed patients calling your office.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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