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Attn: Ms. Leslie Coulter

Dear Ms. Coulter:

We have reviewed the article in the February 1983 edition of your organization's Newsletter and wish to inform you that this College recommends that lead aprons and thyroid collars be used by practitioners in Ontario.

We tend to agree with Dr. Fireman that the risk to the public is small, but it is evident from Dr. Sikorski's study that the use of the thyroid collar can minimize or eliminate this risk which can't help but benefit the public.

At present, there are no regulations requiring the use of the thyroid collar in Ontario, but it is anticipated that this will be dealt with in the new Regulations for the Healing Arts Radiation Protection Act presently under study by the Ontario Ministry of Health.

I would suggest that you pass any concerns your organization might have to the H.A.R.P. Board. Their address is as follows:

The Healing Arts Radiation Protection Board  
7 Overlea Blvd., 3rd floor  
Toronto, Ontario M4H 1A8

Thank you for bringing this article to our attention and giving us an opportunity to comment on it.

Yours very truly,

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