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ThyroidChange Advocacy Group Aiming to End Patient Suffering Due To Insufficient Treatment Guidelines Achieves 10,000 Signatures Worldwide

ThyroidChange Announces 10,000 Petition Signatures In Less Than A Year. Their Success Demonstrates that Current Guidelines Are Insufficient, Leaving Many Patients Suffering.

ThyroidChange was created as a result of the success of the petition, “Endocrinologists: Patients With Thyroid Disease Demand Better Care,” which was launched in May 2012 and hosted on the Change.org website. The achievement of 10,000 signatures in less than a year is an historic success for a petition of its kind, which advocates for guideline changes in the treatment of hypothyroidism. ThyroidChange points out that current treatment guidelines do not reflect current research and, contrary to their function, keep too many patients sick.

The National Academy of Hypothyroidism (NAH), a ThyroidChange supporting organization, elaborates in the article, “Why Doesn’t My Endocrinologist Know All of This,” about the disconnect between current treatment guidelines and current research in the field of hypothyroidism. The NAH states, “A case in point is the recommendation by these societies that a normal TSH adequately rules out thyroid dysfunction, despite massive amounts of literature that demonstrate this not to be the case or that T4 only replacement is adequate for most patients. A doctor who simply follows outdated society treatment guidelines that relies on a simple laboratory test and ignores the clinical aspects of a patient is not practicing evidence-based medicine.” Please see www.nahypothyroidism.org for further information.

ThyroidChange is grateful to receive the support of many medical professionals, advocates and patients in our effort to gain better care for thyroid disease patients and to raise awareness of this widespread problem. **ThyroidChange** also aims to work with medical associations in order to create a unified standard of care for thyroid patients and to increase patient access to effective, modern treatment.

Please help this effort by visiting www.ThyroidChange.org to sign the petition and to share the information for much needed change in thyroid healthcare.