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From:

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Dear Mr Feinmann

I am most disappointed that you had not sent this document to me.

The only reason I was aware of it was via RCP who then in turn ask for input from the
specialist society. We are already involved with the NICE CSII process and have
submitted experts and feedback as a stakeholder so it is even more concerning that you
did not communicate with us.

In any event I hope that despite not responding BEFORE the weekend that you can take
these comments on board.

Our only concern relates to the pregnancy evidence, in that they have not identified
any of the abstracts we have submitted for the Diabetes UK annual meetings, despite
citing 4 other abstracts from the literature in the last 4 years. Whilst I don't
believe these abstracts would change the conclusion re CSII in pregnancy, namely that
a large RCT is needed - although we did show possible benefit in terms of reduced neonatal hypoglycaemia - it just raises the possibility that important evidence in other areas of pump usage may have been overlooked.
My take on the report would be that the cost-effectiveness evaluation supporting CSII
if HbAlc is reduced by l%/severe hypos by 50% should be used by NICE to define
criteria for success of pump therapy. They could then allow access to pump therapy for
a greater cohort of patients - those suffering frequent severe hypos or those unable to achieve target HbAlc on optimised MDI - but insist on evidence on efficacy in terms
of these parameters for CSII to be continued longterm.

Yours Sincerely

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