FYI – Steve Balter, Rick Morin and I were very active in the writing of this AHA Scientific Statement and would appreciate AAPM’s consideration of endorsement. I haven’t seen the document in a while so have asked for a clean copy to review it once more.

I would be happy to act as the proponent within AAPM (at Science council, I presume).

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Although everyone agreed on the recommendations (and Class and LOE) before the paper was finalized, we have to do a formal ballot. This should be just a rubber stamping of what you have already approved. I will have this out to you this afternoon. And since it should be cut and dried, I will ask for a quick turnaround.

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I wanted to give everyone an update on our AHA paper on Radiation Safety; it has been given final approval by the AHA Science Advisory and Coordinating Committee and the publication process has started. It is supposed to be released within the next couple of months. I will forward any further details on timeline as they become available.

The statement has been endorsed by the ACC and SCAI. It has also been sent out to other relevant organizations for endorsement, including the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology (ASNC), Society of Cardiac Computed Tomography (SCCT), National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP), Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ), American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM), Heart Rhythm Society (HRS), North American Society for Cardiovascular Imaging (NASCI), and the Society for Atherosclerosis Imaging and Prevention (SAIP). This endorsement process is basically a thumbs up or down decision on the part of these organizations and will not involve any further editing of the manuscript.

Thank you all again for taking time out of your busy schedules over the past two years to help put this important document together. The broad spectrum of expertise and perspectives in the group has helped make this a balanced paper that should be useful to all involved in cardiac imaging. Congratulations to all!

Happy New Year.

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