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Dear Dr. Bowers:

We have recently obtained approval from the Isotopes Division for human use of P32 and have agreed to the condition that no more than 500 microcuries will be administered to any one patient within a period of six months. Several questions have come up which I would like some help in answering if you have the information

- (1) Have you any advice as to the medical - legal aspects of experimental procedures in the human involving the use of radioactive isotopes when they are being used simply for investigational purposes and not for treatment of disease? I am speaking now of dosage levels, for example of P32, 100-300 microcuries.
- (2) Have any malpractice suits been instituted against individuals or institutions who have used radioactive material simply for investigation? Do you have any advice regarding insurance against such malpractice? If there have been suits, what has been the court ruling in such instances?
- (3) Does your isotope group think it advisable to have the patient sign permission forms for the experimental use so that later medical-legal action is obviated?

I realize I am asking for information in realms where practices are not standard or well established but will appreciate very much any aid you can give us so that our position here is clear and sound.

Very truly yours,

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