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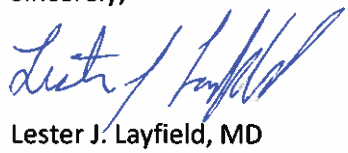
Dear Dr. Howell,

I wish to thank the American Society of Cytopathology for allowing the Papanicolaou Society to review the ASC's Workload Recommendations for Automated Pap Test Screening. The Society deeply appreciates having input into your recommendations. I presented the document forwarded to me by Dr. Young, Dr. Elsheikh and Elizabeth Jenkins. The Board reviewed the document and discussed it both by email and in a teleconference. Following two members of the Board recusing themselves due to conflict of interest, the Papanicolaou Society Board voted unanimously to support the ASC's Workload Recommendations for Automated Pap Test Screening.

Both I and the other members of the Board appreciate the ASC's efforts in establishing recommendations for this important component of the practice of cytology. I and the members of the Board look forward to working closely with the ASC in the future.

Such cooperation is increasingly important and necessary given the current medical economic environment.

Sincerely,



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