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Dear Barney:

I am in the process of assembling a self-teaching slide and tape cassette presentation to replace, in part, my annual course for technician training in coding of ECGs for population studies (Minnesota Code). I train 5 to 10 students a year to replace my usual turnover here of ECG coders reading records from our international studies, the Coronary Drug Project, etc.

Most of my material involves procedures for detailed wave measurements, with overlay ruler devices, for certain criteria, with the detailed criteria and Minnesota Code number below each tracing. However, it would be very useful to put in some of your terrific Tampa Tracings as examples, especially of the arrhythmias.

I may, after modifying the material over the next year or so, want to export 3 or 4 of the completed courses, on a non-profit basis, to the few centers (London School of Hygiene, W.H.O., Japan) which are actively coding mass records for population comparisons.

Could you let me know whether I can include some of your excellent slides and how I might proceed? Would your copyright require that we buy a complete set for each slide I want to include? Can I buy individual slides? Could I get authorization, say on the purchase of one complete set of Tampa Tracings, to make up to 6 copies of the slides strictly for this non-profit purpose, and to acknowledge Tampa Tracings in my slides and verbal presentation? Can you suggest other alternatives?

We continue our empirical studies of the association between ECG findings and prognosis, for the first time having an opportunity to adjust for associations with other clinical variables which also contribute to prognosis. It is not quite as fascinating as your mechanisms, but it's fun and I am convinced that medicine needs more "good empiricism."

I got in a little playing at the New Orleans jazz festival. Let me know if there is ever anything good blowing down your way.

Best regards,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.

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