TO OUR PATIENTS:

Enclosed are a number of comments that we hope will help you to better understand thyroid disease and its various treatments. Thyroid eye disease can be very distressing for the person who has it, because of discomfort, altered appearance, and the uncertainty of whether the disease will progress to a vision compromising state.

We believe that you are the person who is most in tune with your body and disease. Therefore, the more you know about your disease, the more accurate an observer you will be, and the more you will be able to assist us in helping you.

Some of the things you read here can be frightening. This literature is written for patients with a wide range of disease, and much of this material may not apply to your situation. The most important thing for you to remember is that thyroid eye disease is treatable - all you have to do is be aware of changes in your eyes or vision and discuss them with your physician(s) in a timely fashion.

Most sincerely,

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