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**Re: Endorsement of Clinical Practice Guideline: Acute Otitis Externa**

Dear Ms. Corrigan:

We are writing you on behalf of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). We are pleased to inform you that the AAFP has reviewed your clinical practice guideline entitled, "Clinical Practice Guideline: Acute Otitis Externa (2014) and approved endorsing it.

The AAFP has a stringent process to review guidelines from other organizations, and this review can be a result of an AAFP member serving on the development panel, a request from the guideline organization, or if the AAFP's members or staff believe the guideline is relevant to family medicine.

The AAFP's endorsement process includes review of the guideline on numerous factors including scope and purpose, rigor of development, and clarity (see attached). Upon completion of the review, recommendations can be made to (1) endorse, (2) endorse with qualifications, or (3) not endorse. Recommendations can be made to the Commission on Health of the Public and Science (CHPS) and the AAFP Board of Directors.

Based upon the reviews of the acute otitis externa guideline, the CHPS and the Board Chair have approved endorsing it. As part of our endorsement process, we plan to inform our members that the AAFP has endorsed the "Clinical Practice Guideline: Acute Otitis Externa" through posting the endorsement and a link to the full guideline on the AAFP website and potentially a story in the *AAFP News Now* electronic newsletter or an editorial in the journal *American Family Physician*.

Please notify us by September 19, 2014 if you have concerns about us linking to your guideline and providing a summary of the key recommendation on our website.

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Providing our members with high-level, evidence-based clinical practice guidelines that they can use in patient care is an important part of our strategic plan. We appreciate the work you did to make the acute otitis externa guideline scientifically rigorous and we hope to review more guidelines from your organization in the future. We would be very appreciative of any notifications regarding updates to this guideline.

If you have any further questions about our process, please feel free to contact Janet L. Leiker, RN, MPH, CPHQ at [jleiker@aafp.org](mailto:jleiker@aafp.org) or (800) 274-2237, ext. 3161.

Sincerely,



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