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Hugh Straley, MD  
Chair  
Robert Bree Collaborative  
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705 Second Avenue, Suite 410  
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Dear Dr. Straley:

**SUBJECT: Bree Collaborative Oncology Care Report and Recommendations**

We have reviewed the Oncology Care Report and Recommendations and accept this excellent work for use by the Health Care Authority (HCA) and partner agencies. This review of current recommendations and the Bree Collaborative strategy to improve adherence to evidence-based guidelines is important to improve appropriate use (and value) of imaging for cancer screening, diagnosis, and staging. Additionally, we agree with and fully support improved access to and support for early palliative care along with treatment for patients and families to achieve the best outcomes possible when facing difficult decisions.

As you know, HCA is moving forward with new procedures to certify shared decision-making products for use by providers and patients in Washington. We are ready to launch a new web with information on Shared Decision-Making and Certification:

[http://www.hca.wa.gov/hw/Pages/shared\\_decision\\_making.aspx](http://www.hca.wa.gov/hw/Pages/shared_decision_making.aspx)

Thank you and the Collaborative for continuing your outstanding efforts to improve health care in Washington. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact me by telephone at 360-725-1523 or via email at [dorothy.teeter@hca.wa.gov](mailto:dorothy.teeter@hca.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Director