
Sanders, Edward

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Dear Ted,

Did you spend the night here? Regarding your comments, let me add the following:

- 1 - Don has already done this. I have a copy if you want to have a look. His basic conclusion was that very little work had been done, with the only serious researcher (and published research) being Tunstall Pedoe.
- 2 - Peter's second suggestion appears worthwhile. However, as Don is the self-appointed - and probably deserved - expert in the area, I would suggest getting together with both of them to talk this through a bit further.
- 3 - Don is quite adamant about the test/retest study. Its actual format would require further discussion. Do you have a copy of the protocol or proposal? I would suggest sharing it with Don to see what he thinks.
- 3A - The neutral epidemiologist already has a name, and it is Tunstall Pedoe. As you may recall, Don tried contacting him and was rebuffed due to the recent appearance of Phase III. However, Peter seems to know him well, and there appears to be mutual respect. I would suggest seeing if Peter couldn't organize an informal meeting with Tunstall Pedoe, himself, Don and eventually one or two of us, to exchange some ideas as to the extent of the problem, and what - if anything - needs to be done about it.

4 - My own question. Tony appears to be of the opinion that we are no longer interested in ETS, and that all resources will be devoted to the primary issue and litigation. As this would be a serious realignment, do you share this view? It appears to be the case for alleviation of exposure (VTS). Does it also apply to ETS epidemiology?

Perhaps we can take a few minutes to discuss how best to proceed with this. I don't know with what sense of urgency you want me to get things going.

Thanks for the quick turnaround on this.

By the way, I have a proposal from Warburton which I think is very interesting, albeit Warburtonesque. I'll leave a copy with you and perhaps we can discuss it when you have a bit of time.

Regards,
Mitch