Southwest
Oncology Group
A National Clinical Research Group

SELECT
Selenium and Vitamin E
Cancer Prevention Trial

Dear SELECT Participant:

We are writing to give you important information about SELECT.

The Study leadership now has enough data to be able to tell you to stop taking the Study Supplements, although SELECT will continue. We have found that it is unlikely that selenium or vitamin E will prevent prostate cancer even if you continue to take Study Supplements.

SELECT is not over. There is valuable information to be gained from your continued participation in SELECT. We would like for you to continue to visit your study site and provide health and medical information to study staff. As one of the largest medical studies of men, the study will help us answer many critical questions about men's health and will assist scientists in the future.

The data to date suggest, but do not prove, that vitamin E may slightly increase the chance of getting prostate cancer, and that selenium may increase the chance of getting diabetes mellitus. We want to emphasize that these findings are not proven. We will learn more about the effects of the Study Supplements as we continue to monitor your health. Your safety is our priority.

Here is what we would like you to do: Please stop taking your Study Supplements but keep your Study Supplement bottles. Bring your Study Supplement bottles and any remaining Study Supplements to your next study site visit. You may continue taking the Study Multivitamin.

You will get more information at your next study site visit. You may also visit the SELECT website, http://www.crab.org/select, for more information.

We now know that selenium and vitamin E do not prevent prostate cancer. This important public health finding is a result of your contribution to SELECT. The SELECT National Participant Advisory Board and the leadership of SELECT appreciate your ongoing commitment. We all share the same goal – to reduce the burden of cancer.

Sincerely,

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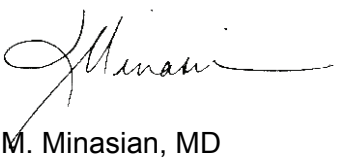
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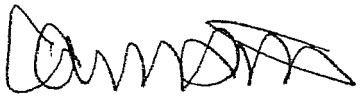
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