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To Ms. Howe,
I read about the NRC meeting on January 21 and that comments were still being accepted by patients or medical professionals. I was a patient who underwent RAI 5 years ago. More than anything else, I would urge doctors to explain the risks and side-effects of RAI explicitly to their patients. My tumour was what my doctor called "border-line" for recommending RAI, but she urged me quite strongly to go that route, which I did. I was unaware of the possibility of my ovaries being affected by the treatment, but as it turned out, they were and I entered premature menopause at 35. My husband and I had been hoping to grow our family a little more (though I am immensely thankful for the two children I already had!) so it was quite a blow to realize we could have no more (on top of the fact that parenting two preschoolers is not easy while experiencing 30 + hot flashes a day!!). When I spoke to my doctor about it, I was told that it was just coincidence as this is not a side-effect of RAI unless one has had 3 or more treatments. My new endo seems to agree with me that menopause was likely hastened by the treatment. I'm not saying I would not have had the treatment if I had known this was a risk, but I may have chosen to delay it. At least I would have been properly informed. Women preparing to go through RAI treatments really need to be aware of ALL the risks, especially if they are planning to start a family.

So there is my two cents...thank you for listening :-)
All the best,

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