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Dear colleagues,

You have probably already read the Jubilant DraxImage letter of September 9 informing you of a possible shortage in the supply of Macroaggregated Albumin (MAA). If the problem arises, it will take place at the end of September and could last until the end of October. It is due to a change caused by the automation in the making of MAA. The quality of the 'old' method of fabrication is not questioned.

Dr. François Lamoureux and I have had a long teleconference with the direction at Jubilant DraxImage on Thursday, September 12 to look at the situation. They were frank and open-minded when discussing the problem and the search for a solution. We will reconvene on Wednesday, September 18 when we should know more about the real risk of a shortage and its potential duration. I can assure you that all possibilities are being looked at, including importing MAA from abroad, maybe via the Special Access Program (SAP) at Health Canada. I will contact Health Canada early next week to discuss.

We are aware of the impact of a shortage of MAA for our patients. Some of them will not be eligible for a pulmonary angio-CT or certain radiology departments will not be able to process the additional exams.

I will inform you next week of the latest developments. Be assured that all efforts are made by the CANM to resolve this problem.

Very best regards,

Norman Laurin
President, CANM