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The Australian Thyroid Foundation Calls for Urgent Correction over Incorrect Medication Information

Australia's leading authority on thyroid health, The Australian Thyroid Foundation (ATF), has today announced its endorsement of research findings relating to the incorrect and inadequate information currently supplied with thyroid medication calling for immediate correction from the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), relevant pharmaceutical companies and health authorities to allay consumer fear and confusion.

The findings, published in this month's Australian Medical Journal, are the result of a study conducted by Professor Jim Stockigt and reveal that doctors may be unknowingly endangering their patients by relying on outdated information that is being supplied with many commonly used thyroid drugs.

Leading Endocrinologist and ATF patron, Professor Creswell Eastman, stated the importance of these findings and the urgent need for these in-discrepancies to be addressed and corrected for the benefit of health professionals and patients.

"The standards set by the Therapeutic Goods Administration, pharmaceutical companies, and other regulatory authorities need to address and correct information in relation to Professor Stockigt's findings, as patients and doctors will be alarmed and confused," Professor Eastman stated.

Professor Eastman continued, "These findings highlight the need for regular reviews by health authorities and pharmaceutical companies of this information and the need for input and consultation with Endocrinologists to ensure the information given to doctors and consumers is consistent with the latest thyroid research and treatments."

ATF President, Beverley Garside, added, "We know these findings may cause consumer concern and confusion and we will do whatever we can to ensure the findings of this study are corrected by the relevant authorities and pharmaceutical companies as soon as possible. For those with a thyroid condition, we would like to stress that if under specialist care, patients are unlikely to be affected by unreliable drug information."

The ATF's website www.thyroidfoundation.com.au currently offers up to date and correct information on thyroid health.

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