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Dear Joyce,

Thank you for the copies of the progress report on ECT and the preprint on the lithium-ECT study. I found both interesting and useful. If I understand the ECT-drug study, so far the ECT alone, drug alone and combined treatments are equally effective with ~~some~~ advantage for the combined drug-ECT combination. I do hope that these findings are examined further.

The lithium study is quite stimulating. The data are the basis for a prospective study ~~which~~ needs to be done. I found three citations that I missed (Hoenig & Chaulk, Ray, and Remick)-- and I thank you for bringing these to my attention. I believe that the cautions you recommend (not to use ~~lithium~~ and ECT together) are good ones, and I will adopt them, until further data are developed. (While the other combination, ~~lithium~~ and haloperidol [or chlorpromazine] is controversial as to its toxicity, as a therapeutic conservative, I still do not like to use the two together, and so teach my students).

Many thanks. My regards to Iver and my thanks for his help in teaching in the two courses in Chicago.

Sincerely yours,

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