

Subj: **RE: AAAAI Mold Position Statement.**
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Hi Sharon.

Here is a copy of my response to the position statement listed above FYI.

I have asked to have my name removed from it.

Jay Portnoy.

Hi Everyone:

I have received numerous E-mails from Sharon Kramer over the last year, ever since I responded to one of her E-mails. She is a pro-mold activist. I have tried to explain to her the difference between scientific evidence and anecdote, but that does not seem to have made a difference. Most of her "evidence" is in fact anecdotal. A positive judgement in a court case, for example, is not evidence in favor of mold health effects.

On the other hand, the "scientific" approach on this topic has been extremely negative. I wrote a blurb about irritant reactions, for example, and was told that it was no good and the section was rewritten to be more negative towards the effect. After that experience I stopped contributing very much because I could see where this endeavor was going. My preference, in fact, is to have my name removed from the article. Jerome- you might see to that please.

I don't recall getting paid \$70,000 for any testimony and don't understand how that would be possible. Whether I receive it or the University receives it is moot since if it goes to the University in my name, I would still benefit from it and that clearly creates a conflict of interest. Anyone with that type of conflict should never be invited to contribute to this type of article.

So I see problems on both sides. Perhaps that is the reason both sides of the debate believe that I side with the other group. I am in the middle and try to keep a truly open mind.

My recommendation is that we invite Sharon, Dr. Dearborn, or whomever else we can find to write a pro-mold paper and turn this into a pro-con article. That would be the fairest way to present this issue.

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Subject: Comments from Sharon Kramer about the Mold Paper

Good Afternoon,

Attached, please find a word version of an email from Sharon Kramer in reference to the Mold Paper. Attached to this email was the Kilian PDF Transcript.

This was brought to my attention by Bruce Kruger, Managing Director of Practice and Policy.

Dr. Wood has asked that I forward this to the authors to determine their comments about how to address this issue.

I am here until 5 PM CT. I will compile all responses tomorrow morning. If you prefer to discuss this in a conference call, please let me know that decision, and I will poll the committee accordingly.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

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-----Original Message-----

From: SNK1955@aol.com [mailto:SNK1955@aol.com]
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Subject: AAAAI Mold Position Statement.

Hi Dr. Portnoy,

Well, as I am sure you can probably already guess, I and numerous others find many shortcomings in your new paper. That document will do absolutely nothing to further the understanding of mold/mold toxin related illnesses. All it will accomplish is to still leave many without proper diagnosis and treatment. It will only serve to further the confusion and contention over the mold issue.

Set up a Google Search for the word "Mold". Look at all the misery the lack of understanding within the medical community is causing all across the US.

Would you care to know what the shortcoming of the AAAAI Position Statement are?

Sharon