

LETTERS

THE IDOLATRY OF THE SURROGATE

Brave new post-iconoclastic world

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I agree wholeheartedly with the points made by Yudkin and colleagues,¹ especially as they will make my diabetes outpatient letters a lot shorter. Instead of including a list of dubious biomedical measurements (HbA_{1c}, cholesterol, HDL, blood pressure, albumin/creatinine ratio, etc), my letters can just now state the following:

Dear GP

I saw Mr/Mrs X for diabetes review today. He/she is still alive. I do not believe in surrogate end points.

Yours, etc

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1 Yudkin JS, Lipska KJ, Montori VM. The idolatry of the surrogate. *BMJ* 2011;343:d7995. (28 December.)

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