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Dear Practitioner,

I am writing to you to reiterate an issue that was addressed in two previous letters (Oct., 2007 and July, 2008).


In September, 2007, the Diver's Alert Network (DAN) wrote to us and demanded that we stop using the acronym DAN! since they trademarked the term 'DAN' in the 1980s.

After consulting with several lawyers, we were advised to comply with the Diver's Alert Network's request and to stop using the term DAN! As a result, we changed the wording throughout our website (www.autism.com) as well as in many of our publications.

Recently, several practitioners received letters from the Diver's Alert Network's legal counsel, Jenkins, Wilson, Taylor & Hunt, P.A. law firm in Durham, North Carolina, telling them to discontinue using the term DAN!

We strongly recommend that you refer to yourself as a practitioner (physician or doctor) who integrates (or incorporates, uses, implements, applies) the Defeat Autism Now! Approach.

Best Regards,



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