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Dear Dr. Bettenburg,

We are writing to inform you that the creation of the *Emunctories* Educational Module* is well on its way. After our Fall 2008 *Call for Experts* (wwwFOUNDATIONSproject.com), we interviewed over 20 faculty, clinicians and industry experts from the Naturopathic medical profession and allied health practitioners representing the United States, Australia, Canada and France.

The next part of our project is to form a Peer Review Team. The Peer Reviewers will evaluate the drafts of the educational module and advise on its content, its pedagogical components and its application to the practice of naturopathic medicine. We are inviting the deans and a core/adjunct faculty member from each CNME accredited college of Naturopathic medicine in the US and Canada, and recognized Naturopathic colleges schools in Australia and the UK, to provide us feedback on the module draft.

The objectives of the module will be developed by August 2009, and will be introduced for faculty review to curriculum review committees at NCNM and Southern Cross University during the upcoming academic year. This is a developmental process, and as part of the process there will be an ongoing evaluation of the course offering by faculty and students at those colleges who offer the course. This evaluation process will provide feedback to and revisions to the course. With your support we would like to make the module available to you, to offer as an elective in your respective institutions starting in Winter 2010. We strongly believe that a course on the history, science, assessment and clinical application of the organ systems of elimination (emunctories) will greatly enhance the holistic perspective of healing that is unique to the naturopathic medical profession. This course will be part of an exceptional body of knowledge that defines naturopathic medicine.

This is an exciting new development which could not evolve without incorporating your valuable expertise, input and suggestions. As we all continue to develop this educational module, we invite you to provide us with your input, and critical thinking.

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