

25	SOPHIE R. MGH-397951	16mC 4-2-'43	+44	9-28-'44 (-7) 4-27-'45 (+9) 3-20-'46 (+4)	2 YRS+	N(DR J.C.) (AUG)	50	20.6 63.0	750
26	BESSIE W. METAL #25813	12mC 4-6-'43	+39	45 (-8) 1-16-'46 (+2)	2 YRS+	N	45	85	350

when this letter is written and I shall keep you posted
April 2, 1943

Oliver Cope, M. D.
Massachusetts General Hospital
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Oliver:

It was a pleasure to see Mrs. Waldman, whom Doctor Means referred to me with your consent with regard to possible radioactive iodine treatment. I agree entirely that she is a suitable case from several points of view. She has moderate edema of her lids, a problem which may become difficult post-operatively if an operation is done. She is forty-two, and in her menopause. She has a small-sized thyroid which should be readily amenable to radiation therapy, no involutational changes being present.

In view of the results which we have shown to date, I think that we can have a clear-conscience in recommending this form of treatment to the patient who is related to a medical student, or to any other patient for that matter who presents a similar picture. Since she is related to a medical student, I have arranged to have the radioactive iodine necessary for treatment prepared on a free basis. She will cooperate in collecting specimens at home for me, and I think I shall be able to treat her entirely as an ambulatory patient. I take it that finances are rather low in the family, and that moderation in the matter of expenses is in order.

The earliest Baker appointment that I could get for her would be about two weeks hence. By that time she should be feeling very much better after having received radio-iodine on April sixth, as per arrangement with Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and being fully iodinated thereafter.

I shall keep you posted concerning her progress and also shall ask you to see her again if you will at a future date.

It is heart-warming to have your cooperation in the problem of placing patients on radio-iodine whom you think are suitable, and particularly since you are really the surgeon to the thyroid clinic and have been for a good long time.

My sincere best wishes to you. I shall see you soon and talk further with regard to this case, and others, very shortly.

Doctor Aub has also sent us a case for treatment with radio-iodine of late, a Mrs. Reiner, whom I think you are going to see. She is pretty much a duplicate of the patient about

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whom this letter is written, and I shall keep you posted concerning her progress as well.

Sincerely yours,

Oliver Cope, M.D.
Massachusetts General Hospital
Boston, Massachusetts

Saul Hertz, M.D.

Dear Oliver:

SH:jmc

It was a pleasure to see Mrs. Waldman, whom Doctor Hertz referred to in your letter with regard to possible radio-iodine treatment. I agree entirely that she is a very able case from a technical point of view. The history of her illness, a problem which you raised, is not particularly difficult to understand. It is an operation's case. She is forty-two, and in her history she has a small-sized thyroid which should be readily amenable to radiation therapy, no hormonal changes being present.

In view of the results which we have noted to date, I think that we can have a clear conscience in recommending this form of treatment to the patient who is related to a medical student or to any other patient for that matter who presents a similar picture. Since she is related to a medical student, I have suggested to have the radioiodine iodine necessary for treatment prepared by a free clinic. She will cooperate in collecting specimens at home for me, and I think I shall be able to treat her entirely as an ambulatory patient. I take it that finances are rather low in the family, and that subsistence in the matter of expenses is in order.

The earliest better appointment that I could get for her would be about two weeks hence. By that time she should be feeling very much better after having received radio-iodine on April sixth, as per arrangement with Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and being fully iodinated thereafter.

I shall keep you posted concerning her progress and shall ask you to see her again if you will at a future date.

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My sincere best wishes to you. I shall see you soon and talk further with regard to this case, and others, very shortly.

Doctor Hertz has also sent us a case for treatment with radio-iodine of late, a Mrs. Baker, whom I think you are going to see. She is pretty much a duplicate of the patient about

April 5, 1943

Joseph Charles Aub, M.D.
Massachusetts General Hospital
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Doctor Aub:

I thank you very much for the opportunity of treating Mrs. Sophie Reiner in the Baker Memorial who is your patient with Graves' disease.

Confirming our conversation in consultation, I do agree that she is a very suitable case, and was glad to see that Doctor Cope agreed that radioactive iodine treatment might avert operation in her case. She was given a suitable amount of radioactive iodine, two doses, and then collection of specimens of her urine has been carried out. She has been started on potassium iodide and her response to treatment should be good. I shall, of course, be interested in her follow-up, but assume that you will undertake it, and that I shall be in touch with you about the data with regard to BMR's, and the type of result which is obtained on final analysis. I shall speak to you further with regard to the case when I see you, but wish to express my appreciation of your cooperation at this time.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Saul Hertz, M. D.

SH:jmc

April 2, 1943

James H. Means, M. D.
Massachusetts General Hospital
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Doctor Means:

I thank you very much for the referred patient, Mrs. Waldman. I have made arrangements with Doctor Evans at Massachusetts Institute of Technology to obtain radioactive iodine for her treatment. I plan to speak to Mrs. Waldman's nephew, who is a fourth year student in the Harvard Medical School, concerning the theory of our treatment of his aunt, and also will communicate with Doctor Cope concerning the non-surgical treatment of his case.

It is heartening to know that there is such a ready application of our work in the clinic, and also I wish to express my appreciation for your interest, both present and past, in this problem. I hope the future will justify the interest which you have shown in it.

I am sending you a copy of the record which I have made in the case for your own files, and also am returning your own script, as well as Doctor Cope's letter to you. I have copied each into my record, as you see, as a memento for anybody who has to follow the case at a later date, in the event that I am called away to the Navy.

I shall talk to you about the case when I see you.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Saul Hertz, M.D.

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