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Dear Ms. Amodei,

I am writing to share my thoughts about the Optos ultra-widefield (UWF) imaging technology and how it has come to be an essential part of my practice. As ophthalmology has become increasingly specialized, many doctors have accepted a narrowing perspective focusing only on our individual areas of expertise. Optos UWF imaging provides detail needed for a specialty exam, while simultaneously delivering an integrated view of the eye. My practice focus is patients with glaucoma and cataracts; optomap gives me an excellent view of findings typical in glaucoma patients, such as cup-to-disc, disc hemorrhages, notching or focal thinning and papillary atrophy. In addition, the UWF image allows me to pick up subtle issues such as retinal nerve fiber layer drop-off which I would not be able to see with a limited-field photo.

When I began using Optos technology, I employed it primarily for patients presenting with flashes or floaters. Examining the UWF images, I picked up more peripheral issues and early indicators of disease. I soon realized it is a waste of valuable time to take zoomed-up, limited-field photos of the nerve when I can simultaneously image the ONH and catch other important findings in the periphery. The more I use the Optos, the more I appreciate this dynamic technology; I now image all my patients this way. While I am very confident in my skills as a Glaucoma Specialist, I find the optomap view reassures me that I am not missing peripheral issues that could be relevant to the disease.

Additionally, I have found that optomap images are almost self-explanatory and greatly facilitate patient education. The device software makes it easy to show the integrated function of the eye and how the nerve relates to the rest of the retina. This helps patients understand complications with their vision and the importance of complying with treatment plans.

Our patients care about a good quality of life, and our role in that is to provide them the best possible vision. As ophthalmology becomes increasingly specialized, technology that provides a broader perspective of the eye, without impeding practice flow, makes practical sense. Optos UWF gives the specialist the hi-res images needed for disease management while also helping us detect possible issues that are beyond our specialized fields. The images can enhance communication between disciplines as well as with the patient. Optomap is an excellent technology, upon which I rely to provide the best quality of care for my patients. I believe every ophthalmic specialist - in fact every ophthalmologist - should consider investing in this technology.

Sincerely,

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