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Thermographic Findings, Thermographic Impressions and Clinical Impressions

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Purpose: To help Thermographic Interpreting Physicians Differentiate Thermographic Findings, Thermographic Impressions and Clinical Impressions

Materials: American Academy of Thermology (AAT) Guidelines for Neuromusculoskeletal, Breast, Oral-Systemic, and Veterinarian Medicine; and the AAT Physician Member Certification Course.

Numerous medical indications have been described for infrared thermal imaging. These have been thoroughly described in the American Academy of Thermology's Guidelines for Neuromusculoskeletal, Breast, Oral-Systemic, and Veterinarian Medicine and extensively throughout the medical literature in other publications as well. They cross a broad spectrum of medical specialties and clinical settings. As such many physicians within medical disciplines that have not been previously trained in report generation of objective study findings have been challenged in differentiating thermographic findings, thermographic impressions, and clinical impressions. After conducting AAT Physician Member Certification Training Seminars over the last seven years the AAT has decided to add a Physicians Medical Interpretation Course to its offerings in an effort to address this need. While interest by the medical community in this unique objective study is applauded care must be taken to assure that thermographic findings and impressions are not confused with clinical impressions. This presentation will review the differences between thermographic findings, thermographic impressions and clinical impressions.

Results: The AAT has spent the last seven years developing and revising Guidelines for Neuromusculoskeletal, Breast, Oral-Systemic, and Veterinarian Medicine and administering

Physician Member Certification Course with good success in program development and enhanced understanding of the educational needs of the Medical Thermography community.

Conclusion: Additional resources are needed to educate the medical thermology community about the differences between Thermographic Findings, Themographic Impressions, and Clinical Impressions as there is still a significant educational Learning gap. The AAT has now developed a Physicians Medical Thermology Interpretation course and hopes that it will address this unfulfilled need.

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