Dear SRNT Colleagues,

In August, an article was published by 14 past-Presidents of SRNT calling for measured debate and review of the science of ENDS. Please note that the authors, while SRNT past Presidents, were speaking on their own behalf and not on behalf of SRNT. Any statements released on behalf of SRNT need to be approved by the current member-elected SRNT Board of Directors and would explicitly identify SRNT support and carry SRNT’s imprimatur.

The publication of this article has generated some excellent discussion and debate as well as questions about SRNT’s position on ENDS. To clarify this issue, we will be adding the following text to our website:

SRNT members and others in the field of nicotine and tobacco research continue to have rigorous, healthy debate about the scientific findings with respect to the public health impact of ENDS products. As a global scientific society, SRNT supports this. Rigorous discussion is an important part of the discovery process. Encouraging this debate is consistent with our mission to stimulate the generation and dissemination of new knowledge concerning nicotine and tobacco in all its manifestations. It is also aligned with our values, particularly our commitment to use evidence in support of public policy.

SRNT is not an arbiter of the science, but rather an ardent supporter of the scientific process. We do not take positions on matters for which the science has not yet spoken, particularly when the issues are as complex and nascent as the public health impact of ENDS products. As members, we encourage you to add your voices and knowledge to the important conversations about ENDS through SRNT channels, including Nicotine & Tobacco Research, SRNT Networks, SRNT Listservs, and, of course, the Annual Meeting.

Best wishes,

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