

We recently sent out the following document to all the Endocrinologists in the United Kingdom and look forward to their response which will be posted here

Thyroid Patient Advocacy

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Questions regarding natural desiccated porcine thyroid (Armour)

TPA-UK would appreciate your help by completing the questionnaire below. Please tick the appropriate box and if you have further information that we would find helpful, please continue on another sheet if necessary. This information when collated and published will add to the knowledge available to professionals and patients about the various treatments available for hypothyroidism

We would appreciate return of completed questionnaires to the above address by 30th July 2005.

1. Have you ever prescribed Armour or had any experience of its use?
2. Would you prescribe Armour if it were licensed?
3. There is scientific evidence in the monograph on Armour Thyroid showing that Armour Thyroid meets all the specifications laid down by USP, also that the T4 and T3 content is well within the limits laid down by the USP. Four US laboratories evidenced this.

Would you be prepared to give patients a trial of Armour if they were not regaining normal health on thyroxine if you had sight of this evidence?
4. Do you accept that thyroxine varies in potency from manufacturer to manufacturer?
5. Have you found that patients report that they feel better when taking Eltroxin rather than when they have been taking a generic synthetic thyroid replacement hormone?
6. It has been contended in a formal document within the last four months that recent batches of Armour contain unknown amounts of thyroid hormone. Are you aware of the nature and source of such evidence?
7. Would you agree that Armour could have a useful role in patients with thyroidectomy or radioactive ablation of the thyroid gland as it replaces other hormones, not yet identified, which have been removed.
8. Since Armour was first on the scene and used for 100 years with great benefits, do you think that proponents of synthetic T4 should justify its use over and above Armour?
9. As there has been no formal comparison between synthetic - v natural hormones, do you have documentary evidence to indicate that:
 - (a) Thyroxine works better than Armour - or -
 - (b) Armour works better than Thyroxine?