

## Society for Endocrinology media release



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### **Society for Endocrinology statement in support of the Sense About Science 'Ask for Evidence' campaign**

**Professor Julia Buckingham, President of the Society for Endocrinology said:**

“Asking for and examining evidence is of the utmost importance in science and medicine. In order for us to know whether a medicine is effective and safe to use, we need to make sure it has been properly tested in a rigorously designed clinical trial. If you don't ask for evidence that a company can substantiate its scientific claims, you risk being taken in by incorrect statements and wasting your money. Worse still, untested medical treatments can cause real damage to the body, lead to unpleasant side-effects and may delay a patient from receiving the correct medical diagnosis and treatment.”

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Notes for editors:

**Sense About Science** has launched the 'Ask for Evidence' campaign to highlight that consumers, voters and patients should demand evidence for scientific and medical claims to counter a tide of misinformation. Further details on the campaign can be found at:

<http://www.senseaboutscience.org/pages/a4e.html>

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