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Dear Dr. McLoud,

On behalf of the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) and the members of RSNA's Electronic Communications Committee and RadLex Lexicon Steering Committee, I am pleased to invite to the Fleischner Society to collaborate with the RSNA on the development of a thoracic imaging lexicon. The RadLex Steering Committee, which guides the lexicon development activities for RSNA, has identified thoracic imaging as a potential initial focus. Since your organization has already participated in a laudable effort to create a glossary for thoracic imaging, we are particularly interested in developing thoracic imaging terms that would supplement, rather than duplicate, that work. Nevertheless, the RSNA would be happy to assist the further dissemination of the Fleischner Society Glossary by facilitating its inclusion in web-based terminology resources, such as the National Library of Medicine's Unified Medical Language System (UMLS).

I have enclosed a brief description of how we hope the RSNA can work together with partner organizations such as the Fleischner Society. As you can see, we believe the expertise of Fleischner Society members will be critical to evaluating and refining the terms and concepts that describe the essential clinical anatomy and pathology of the thorax.

We welcome the Fleischner Society's involvement in any and all stages of the process and would be delighted to work with you and your members to design a collaborative process that will be mutually beneficial to our two organizations. We expect the result to be a valuable resource for radiologists for many years to come. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curt P. Langlotz".

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Chairman, RSNA RadLex Steering Committee