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Dear Renee Cruea,

I received your letter of November 1, 2017 that resulted from your recent symposium "Developing the Diagnostic Cockpit of the Future". I agree that we need to continue to explore ways for Industry, Academia, and Government to work together and advance the contributions that Medical Imaging can make to society. A consortium is certainly something that needs to be considered.

NIST is most assuredly interested in convening a workshop that explores some of the issues. We think we could provide a neutral space for open discussion and exploration. Development and implementation of harmonized approaches to image acquisition and standardized data management to provide coherent inputs for AI are key elements to success. The topics of the workshop touch on expertise that is located in several different parts of our organization, and align well with our strategic plan.

We look forward to working with you to design and host the workshop.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard Cavanagh".

Richard Cavanagh  
Director, Special Program Office