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I am aware that some people have concerns about the safety of water fluoridation. I beg you to utilize peer reviewed scientific studies as you research this topic to make an informed decision. Although you may be presented with articles that appear convincing either for or against water fluoridation it is your job to utilize scholarly articles that have been shown to be conducted in a manner which removes all bias to reveal the true effect of such action.

The research is ongoing regarding the use of fluoride and recently adjustments have been made to reflect changes in our culture. The CDC and the Department of Health and Human Services is constantly reviewing the peer reviewed scientific journals to keep abreast of the research and making public adjustment recommendations to benefit the public.

You have time to conduct some research on your own before the meeting. I beg you to make an effort to become informed BEFORE the public meeting so you can make an informed decision based on sound scientific research.

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