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Mr. Marc P. Volavka  
Executive Director  
Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council  
225 Market Street, Suite 400  
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Dear Mr. Volavka:

The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania acknowledges and appreciates the commitment and effort of the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council in the publication of the 2000 CABG report.

As the report indicates, only patients with uncomplicated coronary artery bypass surgery were included in the report. Consequently, the volume for this category of patients at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania includes 264 patients. This represents 29.4% of our total 897 open heart procedures or 64.4% of our total 410 coronary artery bypass surgical patients. While coronary artery bypass surgery comprises 45.7% of the total open heart procedures at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, a high volume of surgically complex procedures are performed each year and the hospital serves as a referral center for these complex procedures.

The outcomes for this report as measured by mortality and readmission were extremely favorable for patients at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. The mortality rate for the hospital was 0.8% while the expected mortality rate for this type of surgery is 2.3%. The readmission rate is well within the expected range.

Thank you for this opportunity to respond to the report.

Sincerely,

Garry L. Scheib  
Executive Director

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