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Re: PHC4 Guide to Coronary Artery Bypass
Graft Surgery, 2002 - Comments

Dear Mr. Volavka:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on that captioned report.

These are MCP Hospital's comments:

- **Anemia secondary to chronic GI Bleed**
Pt with significant previous medical history including severe mitral valve regurgitation. Underwent high risk CABG and left ventricular repair (50% mortality risk). Patient did not survive.
Internal review indicated that care of this patient was appropriate.
- **New Onset Bradycardia**
Patient with significant previous medical history. Cardiac catheterization showed multiple coronary artery lesions. Patient reoccluded following CABG. Complications included acute renal failure requiring CVVHD, atrial arrhythmias, hemodynamic instability, organ failure.
Internal review indicated that care of this patient was be appropriate.



- **Myocardial Infarction**

Patient with multiple comorbidities including ESRD with chronic dialysis; CAD; MI; HTN, DM underwent CABG for 3 vessel disease with right ventricular failure postoperatively requiring pressors. Complications from underlying medical issues developed. Family withdrew life support. Internal review indicated that care of this patient was appropriate.

- **Congestive Heart Failure**

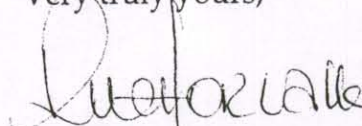
Patient with past medical history significant for chronic renal insufficiency, dialysis for 8 months 4 years ago. Increasing shortness of breath for the past year. 2 vessel disease determined by cardiac catheterization resulting in CABG x 3. Patient did not respond postoperatively. Internal review indicated that care of this patient was appropriate.

- **Iliac Artery Embolism**

Patient with significant comorbid conditions underwent cardiac catheterization that revealed need for emergent CABG x 3. Condition deteriorated postoperatively; culminating in multiple debilitating CVAs. Family made DNR. Physician issues were identified and addressed.

Should you have questions regarding the information provided, please call me at 215-842-7111.

Very truly yours,



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