



March 1, 2005

Mr. Marc P. Volavka
Executive Director
Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council
Suite 400
225 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Mr. Volavka:

Holy Spirit Hospital appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the *Guide to Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery 2003* that will be released to the public in March 2005.

As reported in this PHC⁴ release, we performed 151 coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) procedures at Holy Spirit Hospital in 2003 and had one death. Our CABG mortality rate of less than 1% is far better than the national and state expected mortality rates.

We appreciate the work done by PHC⁴ to provide a tool comparing outcomes of patients undergoing CABG in hospitals across the state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Charles A. DeLone'.

Charles A. DeLone, MD
Vice President, Medical Affairs