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Dear Mr. Volavka,

We have reviewed the PHCA 2003 CABG Report-Final Outcome Data. We continue to review 100% of cases to identify and improve quality of care issues. The thirty-day post mortality rates are more difficult to assess due to multiple intervening factors that may occur outside of the acute care setting.

It should also be noted that one of the surgeons no longer performs Coronary Artery Bypass Graft cases at our facility.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Austin Cleveland'.

Austin Cleveland  
President & CEO