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Marc P. Volavka
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RE: PHC4's Hospital-Acquired Infection Report for CY 2005

Dear Mr. Volavka,

Jameson Hospital continues to support the efforts of the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council in the collection and dissemination of data related to patient outcomes.

In reviewing the PHC4 results for the above time period, Jameson's overall hospital acquired infection data depicts lower rates as compared to state and peer group hospitals. It is noted that mortality rates for these same categories appear slightly higher than the peer groups, however, case analyses revealed seven of the nine patients expired as a result of other serious medical conditions and not because of underlying infection.

Jameson Hospital continues to use similar statistics to identify trends, though, data such as mortality outcomes, and infection ratings must be further analyzed on a case by case basis to reflect patient history, co-morbid conditions, immune status, living arrangements and requests for DNR (Do Not Resuscitate). This analysis occurs as part of our internal quality improvement and medical staff peer efforts. Appropriate physicians and other clinicians regularly review these outcomes through committees such as Mortality Review, Infection Control, Pharmacy and Therapeutics, Utilization and Critical Care and make recommendations for improved medical management when appropriate.

Thank you for contributing information that supports our mission to enhance outcomes and patient education in the same regard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debra M. Perretta RN BSN".

Debra M. Perretta, RN BSN
Director Quality Management Services

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Gilleland MD".

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