

February 14, 2008

Marc P. Volavka
Executive Director
Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council

Dear Mr. Volavka:

I am writing in behalf of St. Luke's Quakertown Hospital. I would like to thank you for allowing us to comment on the health-care associated infections (HAI) report that is scheduled for release in April of 2008.

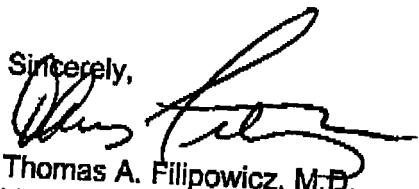
We reviewed the data that was shared with us and would like to make the following clarifications related to the report. We noted the number of device associated infections was inflated due to an error in submission on our part. After review of all cases that were submitted, we would like to clarify the following:

- We reported 14 device related urinary tract infections. Of these, 8 were device related, 6 were non-device related.
- We reported 18 device related pneumonias. Of these, 0 were device related.
- We reported 2 device related bloodstream infections. Of these, 1 was device related and 1 was non-device related.

Because of this error, comparisons to our peer group and the statewide group are difficult. This error has been corrected for future data submission.

St. Luke's Quakertown Hospital is committed to patient safety and reduction in infections. We have implemented many best practice programs to reduce even further our infection rates. St. Luke's Quakertown Hospital continues to support PHC4's work in bringing healthcare associated infection rates to the public. Once again, thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



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