



October 15, 2008

David H. Wilderman
Acting Executive Director
Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council
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Dear Mr. Wilderman,

It is with great regret that we must address our submitted hospital-acquired infection (HAI) data. When the data was analyzed by the Infection Control Team, it was realized the allocation of device and non-device designation for pneumonia, bloodstream, and urinary tract infections were not in agreement with our own internal data. Upon investigation, and after speaking with PHC4 and our Quality department, we discovered the codes were being inappropriately assigned and entered. This practice is reflected very clearly in the 2006 data and partially in the 2007 data. PHC4 attributed the misallocation to our use of an electronic surveillance system, as others have apparently had similar data submitted; however, this misallocation was not intentional. Attached below is our correct allocation of device related infections by aforementioned categories for our 2007 HAI data.

Please be assured that Hamot remains committed to reporting all identified HAIs and we are regretful that our data will be misrepresentative of our actual numbers for the mentioned categories.

The HAI categories without device association (surgical site, gastrointestinal, other, and multiple) are correct as listed in the 2007 published data.



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2007 Infection Type	Device Related	Non-Device Related
Urinary Tract N = 217	124 (7.3)	93 (5.5)
Pneumonia N= 36	19 (1.1)	17 (1.0)
Bloodstream N= 26	7 (0.4)	19 (1.1)

* Total Number (Rate per 1,000 Cases)

Thank you,

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