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

Dear Mr. Volavka:

I am writing to provide clarification of some data presented in the most recent Pennsylvania Healthcare Cost Containment Council Hospital Performance Report. In the condition of "hysterectomy-abdominal" we cared for 127 cases and received a mortality rating of "significantly higher than expected". It's important to note that there was only one mortality during this time period and the patient was elderly, with other medical conditions. Through our quality improvement process, we thoroughly evaluated the case and determined that the patient died of medical complications, not surgical complications.

Sincerely,

Vincent Glielmi, D.O.
Vice President for Medical Affairs