
GRAND VIEW HOSPITAL**MEMORANDUM**

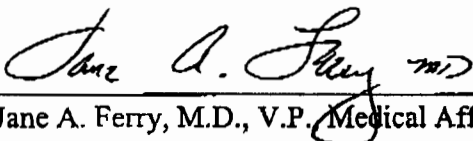
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SUBJECT: Hospital Performance Reports, Formal Comments

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Grand View Hospital remains committed to quality improvement efforts, and toward that end, data such as reported by the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council is regularly reviewed at the Hospital. Such data, however, is only a starting point in our analyses. All such reviews are drilled down to patient-level of detail. In the case of the 2004 Hospital Performance Report, one condition (Blood Clot in Extremities) and one Diagnosis Related Group (Complicated Miscellaneous Lung Procedures) were noted to have greater-than-expected mortality rates. This involved two (2) more deaths than the Performance Report would have predicted. No quality of care issues were identified after detailed review of all cases. Grand View Hospital continues to support the public release of such data, but feels strongly that the process should involve a chart level review and analysis of the involved cases by the Council, prior to report publication.



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