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Dear Mr. Martin:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this year's report.

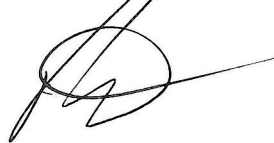
We are very pleased with the results of the data on complications following knee and hip replacements presented to us by the Health Care Cost Containment Council. Our data shows that we are within the expected performance limits.

Our commitment to providing cost-effective, quality health care to our community drives our corporate vision. We look forward to your reports for use as benchmarks in our continuing quality improvement projects.

Yours truly,



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