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Terry Johnson, CHP
Director of Radiation Safety
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Dear Mr. Johnson

The following measures are taken in order to earlier detect a displaced gynecologic applications:

At the end of the simulation procedure orthogonal films of the application are obtained. The correct position of the caudal end of the applicator is marked on the patients thighs with magic marker ink similar to the one used for external beam radiation treatments. These marks will allow the easy identification of the correct position of applicator by radiation oncology physicians. In addition and in order to shorten the inter-observation time the Gynecology residents and possibly attendings will also be checking the patient 2-3 times daily.

I trust these changes will improve the surveillance system and will minimize the potential of dose misadministration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. Arisade".

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