

# Southampton Memorial Hospital

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Washington, DC 20555

**Re: Reply to the Notice of Violation Contained in the NRC Inspection  
Report No. 45-18103-01/01-01 (Franklin Hospital Corporation)**

To Whom It May Concern:

During an unannounced safety inspection conducted on June 20, 2001, by the NRC inspector, the door to the hot laboratory in nuclear medicine was observed not to be secure and was left unattended. In addition to being a violation of the NRC, the actions of our two nuclear medicine technologists are in clear violation of all nuclear medicine safety policies of this hospital.

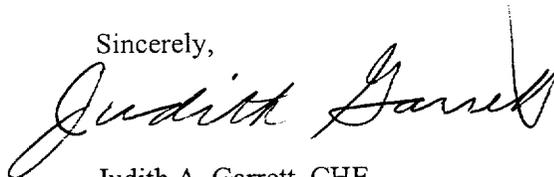
One nuclear medicine technologist was assisting a patient to the waiting area and the second technologist was out of the department to transport a patient for a test. Both technologists failed to follow proper protocols, which has been noted in their personnel records.

Corrective actions taken included immediate re-education of the nuclear medicine staff and notice to building maintenance to install a self-closing appliance and a keypad lock to the door to the hot lab area. In order to convert to the self-closing, automatic lock system, a new door was also ordered.

Corrective action has been completed and random inspections have indicated compliance. Unannounced inspections will be conducted at least once a week and the results will be reported to the hospital's Safety Committee on a quarterly basis. Adherence to all rules and regulations will be addressed with each technologist at their yearly competency assessments and evaluations.

Corrective action plan is attached. Should any further information be required, I am available at (757) 569-6255.

Sincerely,



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**Corrective Action Plan**  
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<b>Reason for Violation</b>	<b>Corrective Actions Taken &amp; Results Achieved</b>	<b>Corrective Steps to Avoid Further Violations</b>	<b>Date of Full Compliance</b>
<p>On June 20, 2001, during an unannounced inspection, the door to the hot laboratory in nuclear medicine was observed not to be secure and was left unattended.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Counseled both technologists on June 20, 2001.</li> <li>2. Requested maintenance install a self-closing appliance and keypad lock on door to hot laboratory. Installed on August 6, 2001.</li> </ol>	<p>Random inspections conducted by Judith Garrett on June 22, 26, and 29, 2001.</p> <p>Random inspections will be conducted quarterly by Safety Officer and reported to the Hospital Safety Committee quarterly.</p> <p>Adherence to all rules and regulations will be addressed with each technologist during their annual competency assessment and evaluation (June 2002).</p>	<p>August 6, 2001</p>