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September 2, 2005

Randolph C. Ragland, Jr.  
Senior Health Physicist  
NRC Region I  
475 Allendale Road  
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Re: License Number 08-03604-05

Dear Dr. Ragland:

Washington Hospital Center Corporation d/b/a Washington Hospital Center ("WHC") is the holder of the above-referenced Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") license. I write to advise you of a collaborative arrangement that WHC intends to enter into with Children's Hospital Medical Center ("Children's"). I believe you have had some preliminary discussions with our corporate counsel on this matter.

Children's is a nationally recognized pediatric facility that is located on the same campus as WHC in the District of Columbia. It is not affiliated with WHC (*i.e.* there is no shared ownership or control) but, as you might imagine, given its proximity to WHC there are various collaborative arrangements. Children's and WHC propose to enter into an arrangement under which Children's will utilize WHC's Gamma Knife space and equipment to perform gamma knife procedures on Children's patients. The currently anticipated volume is 10-12 patients per year. Children's and WHC will enter into a formal *Letter of Agreement* and have ensured that all applicable regulatory, accreditation and credentialing requirements are met.

Importantly, the Authorized Users, Authorized Medical Physicists and Radiation Safety Officer identified in the above-referenced license will not change. That is, while Children's will supply the neurosurgeons, anesthesiologists and nurses involved in the pediatric procedures (neurosurgeons and anesthesiologists, whether WHC's or Children's, are not designated as Authorized Users under this license), the currently designated Authorized Users (all of whom are radiation oncologists), Authorized Medical Physicists and Radiation Safety Officer will supervise services for the Children's patients as required by 10 C.F.R. Part 35.

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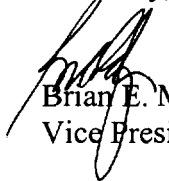
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The Letter of Agreement between WHC and Children's obligates Children's to comply with all applicable terms of WHC's NRC license and related regulatory provisions. Specifically, all Children's physicians or other personnel involved in the procedures will receive training on the applicable provisions of 10 C.F.R. Part 35 and all applicable policies and procedures of WHC involving radiation safety and the gamma knife, and will agree to comply with all applicable conditions of the license.

Because no Children's personnel will be "authorized users" for NRC purposes, and because all contemplated use is consistent with the license conditions and applicable regulations, and will be with the above-described involvement of the Authorized Users, Medical Physicists and Radiation Safety Officer currently approved under the license, we do not believe that any amendment to the license is required.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this letter. I may be reached at 202-877-3903 or [brian.e.mccagh@medstar.net](mailto:brian.e.mccagh@medstar.net) or you may also contact our corporate counsel, Elizabeth Simpson, at 410-772-6844 or [elizabeth.a.simpson@medstar.net](mailto:elizabeth.a.simpson@medstar.net).

Sincerely,



Brian E. McCagh, FACHE  
Vice President, Oncology & Neurosciences

Cc: Miriam Markowitz  
Elizabeth A. Simpson

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter/application dated

9/2/2005, and to inform you that the initial processing which includes an administrative review has been performed.

*NOTIFICATION 08-03604-05*  
There were no administrative omissions. Your application was assigned to a technical reviewer. Please note that the technical review may identify additional omissions or require additional information.

Please provide to this office within 30 days of your receipt of this card

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A copy of your action has been forwarded to our License Fee & Accounts Receivable Branch, who will contact you separately if there is a fee issue involved.

Your action has been assigned **Mail Control Number** 137681.  
When calling to inquire about this action, please refer to this control number.  
You may call us on (610) 337-5398, or 337-5260.