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As a thyroid cancer patient diagnosed in January, 2003, I have to completely agree with this petition. When I was to receive my 100 mCi of radioactive iodine, I was adamant that I be admitted to the hospital. Fortunately my insurance company agreed and I spent 48 hours inpatient. Patients receiving over 29 mCi SHOULD be hospitalized. Yes, there are more costs involved, but if the average person on the street realized they were in close contact with someone recently given a radioactive treatment, they would be horrified.

I did not end up with nausea, but I did not feel well at all. If a patient truly has a safe environment to return home to right after the RAI administration, then fine, let them go home. But do NOT require all of us to go home. I had children and pets at home. Even when I was released, I still had to take precautions for about a week, but I would have been quite scared if I was sent home immediately.

Prior to my diagnosis, I knew NOTHING about thyroid cancer and certainly did not realize that a radioactive iodine treatment was standard. Innocent citizens need to be protected and those of us who are being treated do not want to risk exposing others to radiation. Many patients also do not want to go home, but since they can't stay at the hospital are instead spending a few nights at a hotel. This is even more dangerous, because the cleaning staff and other customers right next door are being put at risk.

Please reconsider the newest rulings and return to the safer methods of hospitalizing radioactive thyroid cancer patients. Thank you.

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Attached for docketing is a comment letter on the above noted PRM from Leslie Burnick that I received via the rulemaking website on 2/6/06.

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