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Dear Mr. Madera:

Thank you for contacting me earlier this week to discuss SJRMC's courtesy call to the NRC regarding a process error that occurred during treatment of a brachytherapy patient.

While no harm to the patient occurred and treatment proceeded consistent with the physician's written directive, SJRMC conducted a thorough root cause analysis to emphasize the importance of patient safety and our desire to reduce situations where errors may occur.

Based on our analysis, the following corrective actions will be instituted by February 13, 2006:

1. Amendment of all source nomenclature to reflect the manufacturer's name of the source replacing references to sources as "old" or "new."
2. Brachytherapy policy change to include a verbal and a visual "time out" second check to ensure source consistency with the physician's written directive.
3. Expand the workspace in the hot lab so that the environment does not impede the second visual check of the sources. Additionally, the hot lab will be included in all future Environment of Care rounds for evaluation of the workspace.

SJRMC remains committed to outstanding patient care. If you have any questions, please contact me at (574) 251-8299.

Sincerely,

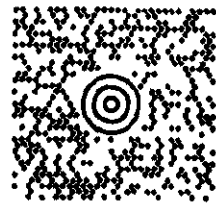
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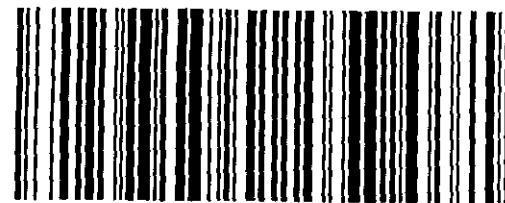
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